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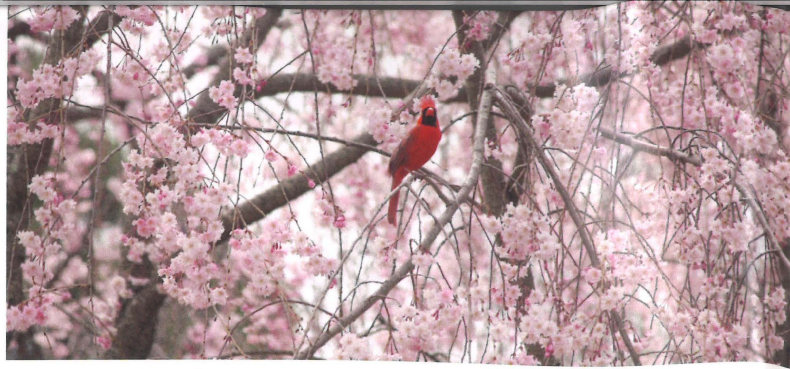


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TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION:

Administration

Building

616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

610-825-3535 (TEL)
610-825-9416 (FAX)

Police Department

616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

610-825-6530 (Non-Emergency)
610-825-5078 (FAX)
911 (EMERGENCY)

Public Works

Department

2015 Joshua Road
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

610-825-3424 (TEL)
610-825-3144 (FAX)

Parks & Recreation

Department

(Koontz Park)

2391 Harts Lane
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

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

Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors:



Amy P. Grossman, Chair



Melissa Sterling, Vice-Chair



Michael Drossner



Laura Boyle Nester



James A. Totten



Spring 2017

Dear Whitemarsh Residents:

My fellow supervisors, Township Staff and I are pleased to present to you the 2017 Spring Edition of the Whitemarsh Living Magazine. In this edition, you will find the annual reports from each department of the Township, providing a comprehensive review of our Township's activities from the past calendar year along with a preview of things to come in 2017.

While looking back on all the activities of 2016, I would like to highlight several promotions that were made in 2016 in the police department (read more on page 16). I would also like to note that the Township promoted Leonard Gricoski from serving as the Assistant Finance Director, for the past seven years, to become the Township's new Finance Director.

Also in 2016, our Township re-organized the fire companies to provide a more comprehensive fire services for the residents of the Township. With the restructure of the fire services map, both Barren Hill Fire Company and Spring Mill Fire Company will continue to provide the highest quality of fire services for the residents of our Township. These are volunteers that provide the services to our communities and they appreciate our contributions and support. You can read more about this improvement in fire services on page 17.

On the topic of improvements, I am pleased to share that the Township was awarded two grants for Miles Park improvement – one grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the PA Department of Natural Resources (DCNR) and a \$196,000 grant from the PA Commonwealth Financing Authority's Department of Community and Economic Development. You can read more about this in the Parks & Recreation Department's annual report on page 32.

Looking back to April of 2016, the Township acquired a new 11+ acre open space property located on Joshua Road. This purchase was funded from the Township's Open Space Fund, which is used for the sole purpose of acquiring real estate for open space preservation. We are proud to have this fund available to make these purchases as open space remains a highly valued resource in our community.

Lastly, don't forget about Township Day on Saturday, April 22 at Miles Park – we are expecting a big turn out with activities for all ages, a variety of good food from around the Township and an interesting variety of vendors. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Amy P. Grossman

Amy P. Grossman, Chair
Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors





A Guide to Recycling Your Electronics

Next Electronic Collection is Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

Leave electronics out on the front curb next to the yard waste for the Township PW crew pick up. Do not leave out earlier than Tuesday night. All electronics for collection must be out by 6 AM Wednesday, March 29



Electronics We Can Accept

- AC Adapters
- Desktop & Laptop Computers
- AV Equipment
- Car Batteries
- Calculators
- Cell & Telephones
- Computer Parts
- Electric Fans, Razors
- Can Openers, etc.
- E-Readers & Tablets
- Game Consoles
- Hair Dryers
- Hard Drives
- Entertainment Systems
- Keyboards, Mice, etc.
- Lamps
- Microwave Ovens
- Monitors &(CRT/LCD)
- MP3 Players
- Printers, Copiers, Scanners, Fax Machines
- Radios
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Space Heaters
- Speakers
- Televisions (intact)
- Toaster Ovens
- Toner Cartridges
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Wires, Cables, Cords, Chargers, Etc.

Electronics We Cannot Accept

- Alkaline Batteries
- Hazardous Waste
- Light Bulbs (any)
- Thermostats (w/ mercury)
- Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Smashed TVs/Monitors
- Pressurized Containers

“ALLE-WASTE ARE **NOT** MADE EQUAL”

Electronics Recyclers are capable of recycling almost anything with an electrical cord or that operates on battery. However, some products are costlier than others to recycle. Cost-effective products help offset the high cost of recycling cost-prohibitive products such cathode ray tubes (CRT) found in old TVs and monitors, which contain harmful toxic wastes like lead and mercury.

Pennsylvania's COVERED DEVICE RECYCLING ACT, which took effect in 2013, outlawed the dumping of electronic waste in landfills. With reduced options for recycling, there is now a high demand for electronic recycling programs.

By recycling your electronics -- especially those cost-effective products such as computers, cell phones, game consoles, etc. that help offset the increasing costs of recycling products like TVs and monitors -- you are helping create a sustainable future for Whitemarsh Township.



2016 Annual Report

MANAGER'S REPORT

A Look Back at 2016

The Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors once again adopted a balanced \$21.9 million dollar budget for 2017 and for the 16th consecutive year there was no tax increase. The budget includes a three-year \$7.3 million dollar capital improvement plan. Last year, this plan allocated funds for our Public Works Department to install a new culvert on Sheaff Lane off Stenton Avenue as well as the construction of a new stormwater detention area in Andorra Creek.

The Township has experienced growth in the past few years as the housing market has rebounded and property values in the Township remain strong. The Township has recognized the need for sound planning in order to balance the housing growth and economic development in our community. As a result, last year the Board of Supervisors formed a committee of residents tasked with reviewing the Township's Comprehensive Plan. This plan is a policy document which guides the future development in a municipality. Through several meetings and reviews of the plan, the committee focused on land use and housing as the two primary components of the Comprehensive Plan which impact growth in the Township. With those recommendations, the Board committed funds in the 2017 budget to update the Comprehensive Plan focused on the two areas identified by the committee to best plan for the future growth and preservation of land in Whitemarsh Township.

Last year, the Board of the Board of Supervisors was pleased to promote Leonard Gricoski to the position of Finance Director. Len has been with the Township for seven years in the role of Assistant Finance Director. In his new position, Len oversees all the financial aspects of the Township and plays a key role in the preparation of the budget. Also, in our Police Department we had several promotions take place. Corporals Amanda Johnson and Michael Kolar were elevated to Patrol Sergeant and Officers Michael Burton and Mark Williams were named Corporals. I congratulate all the promoted employees and look forward to their continued contributions 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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2017 MONTGOMERY COUNTY RESIDENTIAL EVENTS 9:00am – 3:00pm (rain or shine)

DATES:

Saturday, April 22
Indian Valley Middle School
130 Maple Avenue
Harleysville, PA 19438

Saturday, May 13
Lockheed Martin
(enter on Goddard Boulevard)
230 Mall Boulevard
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Saturday, May 20
**Temple University–
Ambler Campus**
(enter at 1431 East Butler Avenue)
Ambler, PA 19002

Saturday, June 24
Abington Junior High School
2056 Susquehanna Road
Abington, PA 19001

Saturday, September 23
Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Road
Royersford, PA 19468

SUNDAY, October 22
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 and ballast, 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
and in case of severe weather:

Please visit MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org or call the recycling line at 610-278-3618. Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.



Pennsylvania Department
of Environmental
Protection

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

2017 MONTGOMERY COUNTY RESIDENTIAL EVENTS 9:00am – Noon (rain or shine)

WHEN:

Saturday, May 6

Saturday, October 14

SUNDAY, October 29

WHERE:

Indian Valley Middle School

130 Maple Avenue, Harleysville, PA 19438

Abington Junior High School

2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington, PA 19001

Lower Merion Transfer Station

1300 North Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley, PA 19072

The Montgomery County Commissioners, in conjunction with Shred One Security Corp., sponsor these **FREE** community paper shredding events.

TIRE COLLECTIONS

2017 MONTGOMERY COUNTY RESIDENTIAL EVENTS 9:00am – Noon (rain or shine)

WHEN:

Saturday, June 10

Saturday, June 17

Saturday, July 1

WHERE:

Montgomery County Community College

340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center

77 Graterford Road, Limerick, PA 19468

Abington Junior High School

2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington, PA 19001

The Montgomery County Commissioners authorize these **FREE** events 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.

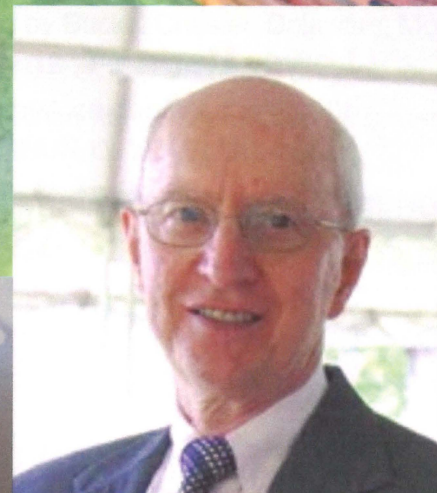
- Montgomery County Residents only - NO BUSINESSES
- Free of Charge, 8 Tires per Vehicle Maximum
- Rims Accepted, No Off Road Tires
- Rain or Shine



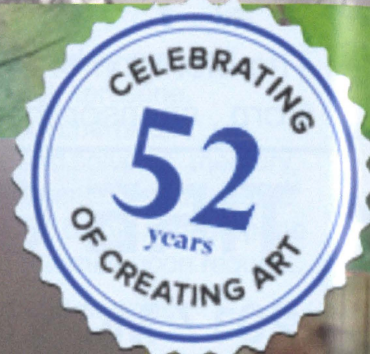
"For 25 years, the enthusiasm of my students has kept me returning to share my knowledge and to learn from them. I am in awe of everyone's potential to express themselves through the medium of clay."



"I love art and I love learning about different ways to express it at the WAC!"



"I've taken both ceramics and painting classes at Whitemarsh. It is a great place to learn the basics, perfect my skills, meet like-minded people, and get started on a satisfying hobby."

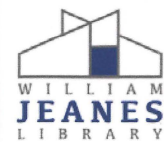


"You get to make whatever you want and there are no mistakes!"



"I have taken classes at WAC for 18 years. I enjoy using and developing my creativity with great students and teachers while also forming meaningful friendships."

www.whitemarsharts.org



William Jeanes Memorial Library and Nicholas and Athena Karabots Center for Learning
4051 Joshua Road • Lafayette Hill • PA • 19444
jeaneslibrary.org • 610-828-0441



**Special Exhibition: Native Voices:
Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness**

Wednesday, April 26 through Wednesday, June 7 Explore the interconnectedness of wellness, illness, and cultural life for Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Visitors will discover how Native concepts of health and illness are closely tied to the concepts of community, spirit, and the land. Check our website for special programs and performances for all ages.

Children

- Reading Round-Up - Six-week buddy reading program for children ages 4-8 beginning Wednesday, March 8th;
- Come Play with Me - Five-week parent child workshop for children ages 1-3 beginning Monday, March 13th;
- Turtle Dance Music – Sensory friendly music and movement show on April 13th;
- Summer Reading Club – Build a Better World from June 17th through August 12th. Check out our website for special events all summer.

Teens

- Board Game Nights – Every Wednesday from 5:00 – 7:45 pm (Use the library's games or bring your own.)
- Prom Dress Drive - Attend the library's first Prom Dress Drive event to receive a prom dress free of charge!
Prom Dress Events: Saturday, April 1st and Sunday, April 2nd from 5:30-7:30pm.
- Harry Potter Escape Room - Friday, April 28th - You and your friends will be locked in the library after hours, and you must solve various clues, riddles, and questions to escape!

Adults

- **Weekly:** Career Networking Meetup - every Friday from 9:30 – 11:30 am (registration required); Yoga – every Tuesday at 2:30 pm; Dropped Stitches - every Tuesday at 6:00 pm; Mah Jongg – open play every Wednesday at 5:00 pm; Canasta – open play every Thursday at 12:30 pm; Tai Chi - every Friday at 10:00 am
- **Monthly:** Movie Matinees of New Releases – 2nd Monday of the month at 1:30 pm; Monthly Book Clubs – 3rd Wednesday at 3:30 pm or 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm

Special Events:

- Thursday, March 2nd at 10:30 am: Coffee with a Cop – Join us for free coffee and the chance to meet and talk with members of our police department.
- Saturday, March 18: Buffy the Vampire Slayer Anniversary Event
- Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm: Live Performance - "The Spirit of Lindbergh" with Neill Hartley

Connecting Exceptional People Socials,

a social series for young adults ages 16+ who have special needs and abilities

- Friday, March 17th - **CEP's Got Talent!**
- Friday, April 21st - **Earth Day Projects Party**
- Friday, May 19th - **Painting Party**
- Friday, June 16th - **Picnic and Lawn Games**

Socials are from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Participants and/or their caregivers are responsible for determining if a participant needs to be accompanied by an aide or guardian.

Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library Booksale

Saturday, April 8th 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and Sunday, April 9th 1:00 – 5:00 pm



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 12, 2017)*

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*
Sharon Harvey, *Vice Chair*
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
Ari Greis
Sherri Petrakis
James Thompson
Beth Waks

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Joanne Boyle
Celine Childs
Jennifer Etkin
Karen Green

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Jonathan Picker, *Vice-Chair*
Monica Gallagher
Gordon Geasland
Deborah Heuckeroth
Deborah Shreero

ETHICAL STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

Nancy Langerfeld
John E. Mitchell
Paul Stanish
Lester Weinraub

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

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

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Kevin Kissling, *Chair*
Joanne S. Crawford, *Vice Chair*
Rachel Bach
Terry Ferris
Thomas J. Manley, Jr.,
Brian D. Rosenthal,
Erin Savarese
Cathy Peduzzi (Colonial SD Appointee)

ZONING HEARING BOARD

William E. Kramer, *Chair*
Marc Weinstein, *Vice Chair*
Robert A. Bacine
James F. Behr
Stanley Casacio
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, *Vice Chair*
John Loughridge
Kenneth A. Parsons, AIA
Alex Pientka
(Plymouth Township also appoints 4 members and the members of the HARB appoint a 9th member)

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

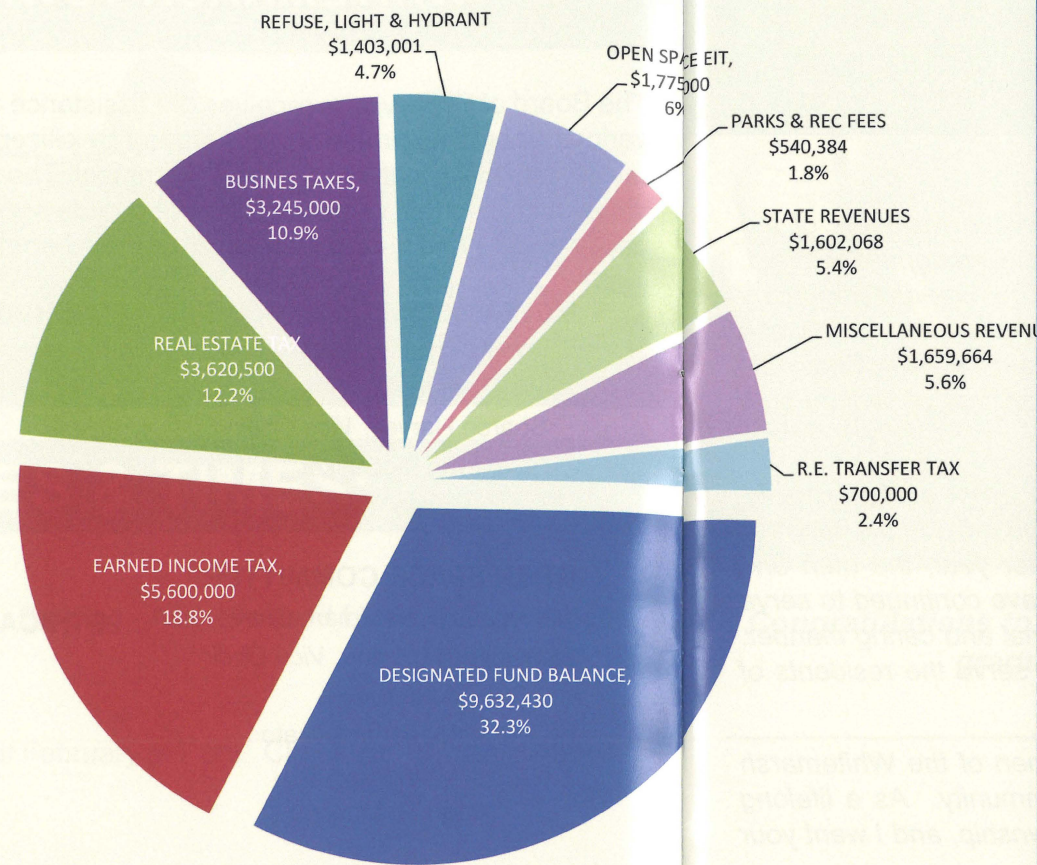
Sue Conicello
Alex DiGiacomo, Jr.
Emily Goldman
John Lukens
Two Fire Companies (Chief + one member of each fire company)
Whitemarsh Ambulance Association (Chief + one member)
Fire Marshal, Scott Lynch
Chief of Police, Christopher Ward
Township Manager, Richard L. Mellor Jr.

FINANCE

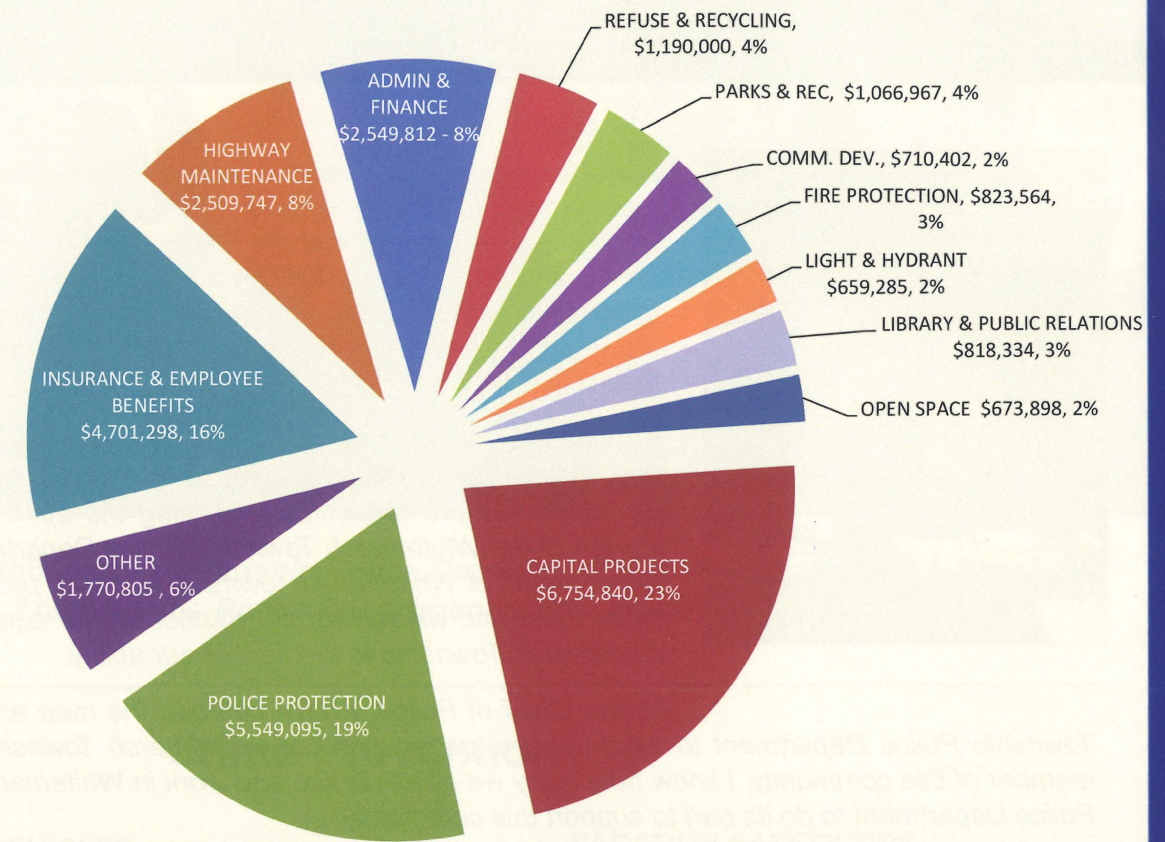
2016 Highlights

- Whitemarsh Township ended the 2016 budget year with a General Fund Balance of \$4,027,350, exceeding the projected carryover to the 2017 Budget by \$809,345. The increase in carryover funds is due to favorable budget variances for all Township departments and expenditure categories as well as favorable revenue results.
- 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 2016 increased by \$442,052 from 2015 levels. The majority of increase due to \$329,792 increase in Earned Income tax collections including Open Space as well as increases in Compliance Audit and Mercantile Tax Revenues.
- On April 1, 2016 the Township acquired a new open space property located on Joshua Road for \$2,009,675. The open space purchase from Joshua Hill, Inc. was funded from the Township's Open Space Fund, which is used for the sole purpose of acquiring real estate for open space preservation.
- The Township Road Paving Program for 2016 included the repaving and repairs to several Township streets totaling \$815,481. The Township utilized \$206,879 contributions from Aqua in lieu of milling and paving plus \$100,000 from the Whitemarsh Township Authority. The Township also used \$495,481 of State Liquid Fuels Funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to fund the remainder of the costs. This funding enabled the Township to reduce the financial impact to the General Fund.

2017 BUDGETED REVENUE \$29,778,047



2017 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES \$29,778,047



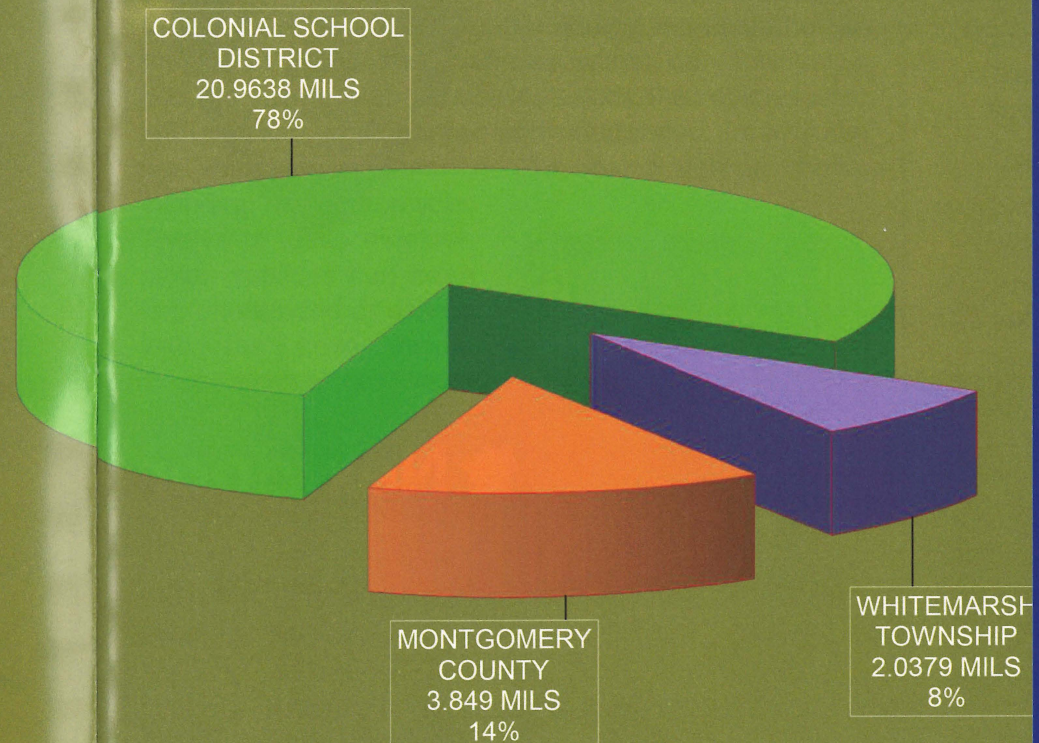
Township Tax Rates

The rates on which real estate taxes are paid are 2.0379 mills for Whitemarsh Township. One mill of real estate tax is equal to one dollar for each \$1,000 of a property's assessed value. All real property in Montgomery County is assessed by the County's Board of Assessment at a rate of 100% of each property's assumed market value.

To calculate the real estate tax owed for a given year, multiply a property's assessed value by the millage rate (expressed as mills x 0.001). Thus, the owner of a median assessed property of \$173,190 would owe Whitemarsh Township \$352.94 (\$173,190 x 0.0020379), Montgomery County \$689.70 (\$173,190 x .003849) and the Colonial School District \$3,630.72 (\$173,190 x .0209638).

Whitemarsh Township has continued to maintain the real estate tax rate at a steady 2.0379 Mills with no rate increase since 2001.

2017 TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES MEDIAN ASSESSED VALUE \$173,190. TOTAL R.E. TAX \$4,650



DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

March 1, 2017
Township Real Estate Tax Bills mailed out

May 1, 2017
Tax payment due to get 2% discount

June 30, 2017
Payments after this date will be assessed an additional 10% late fee

POLICE



In last year's Annual Report, I advised Whitemarsh Township residents of the promotions of Lt. Jeffrey Nowak, Lt. Greg Keenan and Chief Christopher P. Ward. Residents were advised that the Police Department would be experiencing many more promotions and some hiring during the 2016 calendar year. As you will see as you read further, we have promoted two new Sergeants and two new Corporals and we have hired one new police officer to serve the citizens of Whitemarsh Township.

Through time, all organizations experience change, which is not a bad thing, as long as that organization continues to perform the duties and provide the services for which they are responsible. During the 2016 calendar year, the men and women of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department have continued to serve the residents of Whitemarsh Township in a very professional and caring manner. It has been and will remain the mission of our agency to serve the residents of Whitemarsh Township to the best of our ability.

As the Chief of Police, I have charged the men and women of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department to become re-engaged with the Whitemarsh Township community. As a lifelong member of this community, I know how lucky we all are to live and work in Whitemarsh Township, and I want your Police Department to do its part to support this community.

In 2017, the Whitemarsh Township Police Department will be seeking our third re-accreditation from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. As one of only 107 law enforcement agencies to gain accreditation status in Pennsylvania, we strive to remain recognized as one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the state. Through the support of the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors and the Township Manager Richard Mellor, we will maintain the credentials that prove that Whitemarsh Township is doing the right things in order to keep our community safe.

I hope that everyone has a safe and healthy 2017.

Chief Christopher P. Ward



facebook

Social Media

Nextdoor

Moving into 2017, the Whitemarsh Police Department realized the need for social media as a platform to reach our residents. As a continuously progressing police department, social media is a vital way to quickly reach a large number of people with important information. Please be sure to find the Whitemarsh Township Police Department on Facebook (www.facebook.com/WhitemarshTownshipPD) and Nextdoor (nextdoor.com-Whitemarsh Township Police).



Congratulations to the Whitemarsh Township Police Department's 2016 Citizens Police Academy graduates. This was the Police Department's 12th graduating class!!!

Crime Prevention

LOCK YOUR VEHICLES

While we were fortunate to have a relatively low rate of serious criminal incidents within Whitemarsh Township in 2016, many of our residents did become victims of thefts from vehicles.

In this past year Whitemarsh Police took nearly 100 reports of thefts from vehicles within our Township's borders. In nearly all of these instances, the vehicles were left unlocked while parked and unattended. In addition, our residents experienced 19 motor vehicle thefts, including a motorcycle. Twelve of these nineteen stolen vehicles had been left, unattended or parked with the keys inside. Whitemarsh Police would greatly appreciate the residents' assistance in fighting this type of crime by simply locking their homes and vehicles, and not leaving items of value in plain view inside of their cars. The fraction of time it takes to secure your valuables may make the difference.



VACATION SAFETY TIPS

Before leaving for vacation consider the following:

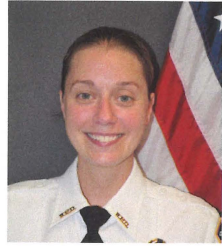
- All windows and doors are locked
- Lock any cars that would be left on the premise and don't leave valuables purses, wallets or electronics in plain view even if the car is locked.
- Set Timers for your interior lights
- Use motion light sensors for your exterior lights
- Never allow mail or other deliveries to be left on your property including the newspaper
- Arrange for a trusted friend or relative to check your home
- Make sure the police department has a reliable phone number to contact you or a trusted friend or relative at in case of an emergency.

Whitemarsh Township Police Department also has an Vacant Home Notification Form (available on the Township website) for residents to complete.

Simply print out the form and drop it off at the station.

PROMOTIONS & NEW HIRES

Sergeant Johnson



Sgt. Johnson is an 11 year veteran of Whitemarsh Police. She began as a patrol officer and also served with the bicycle unit and as a Field Training Officer. She was promoted to the rank of Corporal in June of 2012 and served as a patrol corporal until her promotion to Sergeant.

Sergeant Johnson graduated from Delaware Valley College with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration, and she obtained a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from St. Joseph's University.

Sergeant Kolar



Sgt. Kolar is a 12 year veteran of Whitemarsh Police and started with the patrol division. Since his hire, he helped develop the Department's Motorcycle Unit and is currently one of the departments Self-defense and Taser instructors. He is also a police sniper assigned to the Montgomery County SWAT team (Central Region). He was promoted to Corporal in 2012 and served in that capacity until his most recent promotion to Sergeant.

Sgt. Kolar is a graduate of Norristown Area High School. He received his Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Montgomery Co. Comm. College and his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Chestnut Hill College.

Sgt. Kolar is a life member of the Norristown Dive Rescue Unit and was the Assistant Fire Marshal for the Norristown Fire Department.

Corporal Burton



Corporal Burton has with the Whitemarsh Township Police Department for 8 years. During his time with the department, he has been a patrol officer along with serving on the bicycle unit, the Montgomery County Drug Task Force and the Montgomery County Major Incident Response Team. Cpl. Burton also serves as a Field Training Officer, our lead First Aid/CPR instructor and as a Taser instructor. He is also currently the President of the Whitemarsh Police Officers Benevolent Association. Along with being a police officer, Cpl. Burton is active in

his community as a volunteer firefighter, having served with the Plymouth Fire Company No. 1 since 2000 and currently holds the rank of Fire Chief.

Cpl. Burton graduated from PW High School and attended West Chester University where he obtained his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He is also currently in the process of obtaining his Master's degree in Public Safety Administration through St. Joseph's University.

Corporal Williams



Corporal Williams has been a Whitemarsh Township Police Officer for 12 years. Cpl. Williams is assigned to our patrol division. He has served as a Field Training Officer for 9 years and a squad OIC (officer in charge) for the past three. He also serves the department as a Taser instructor. Cpl.

Williams is a member of the Montgomery Drug Task Force, and is certified by the FBI as a Crisis Negotiator.

Corporal Williams graduated from of Bishop McDevitt High School, then obtained a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from West Chester University.

Officer Bates



On November 1, 2016, Officer Bates, Jr. was hired by Whitemarsh Police. Ofc. Bates is a graduate of Malvern Preparatory School and a graduate of Georgetown University, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree. Officer Bates is a United States Marine Corps 1st Lieutenant, currently serving in the USMC Reserves. He is a 2016 graduate

of the Delaware County Police Academy.

Officer Bates is currently assigned to our Field Training program in our Patrol Division with "C" Squad.

Sgt. Mack

Sgt. Mack, a 17 year veteran of the Whitemarsh Police Department, has been assigned to the position of Community Policing Sergeant. He will oversee Public Relations, Social Media, the school based programs and grants, the Cop Camp Program, the Citizens Police Academy and many other community interactive programs. Sgt. Mack has spent the last eight years as a patrol sergeant and serves as the department's lead instructor for self-defense and Taser training.

The Whitemarsh Township Office of Emergency Management team consists of the Fire Marshal, Police Department, two local fire companies (Barren Hill and Spring Mill), Whitemarsh Community 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 November, 2016, the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors implemented improvements to the Township Fire Services by re-drawing the fire services calls map (map on next page). The changes to the fire services call map implemented a fire services improvement plan to achieve the following:

- Improve fire protection to the residents and businesses of Whitemarsh Township
- Reduction of response time to the coverage areas for the Barren Hill and Spring Mill Fire Companies
- Increase in career staff (full time staff) at the two fire stations
- Improvements to the existing Mutual Aide agreements between the emergency responders, which allows for the emergency services resources that is closest in proximity of the emergency to be dispatched and arrive on site. This improvement allows for a more cohesive planning and working relationship for the Spring Mill and Barren Hill Fire Companies with other area fire companies located in Conshohocken Borough, Plymouth Township, Whitpain Township, Upper Dublin Township, Ambler Borough, and Springfield Township.
- The two fire companies operating in Whitemarsh Township would adhere to Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) already in place set forth by the Township's Emergency Services Board (ESB) to require minimum staffing on all emergency call responses.
- Appropriate background checks and clearances to be implemented by the State and ESB for all participants.
- The Barren Hill and Spring Mill Fire Companies will continue to have education and training opportunities together as well as individually, and maintain certifications for the Fire Fighters.
- The Barren Hill and Spring Mill Fire Companies will continue to maintain and participate in their respective community outreach programs

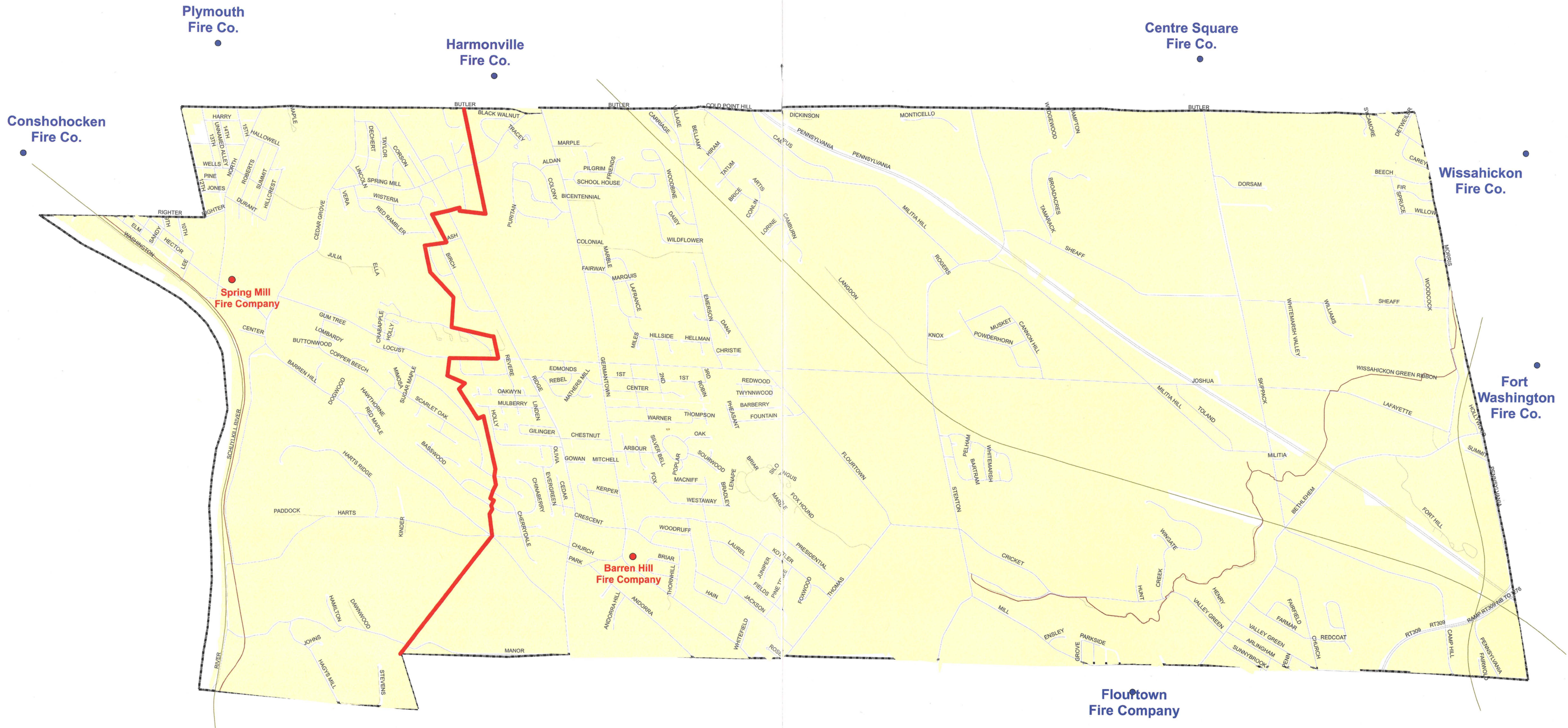
READ MORE ABOUT THE BARREN HILL FIRE COMPANY, SPRING MILL FIRE COMPANY, AND THE WHITEMARSH COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION ON PAGES 20-23.

Emergency Services Board

The Emergency Services Board assists in the provision of primarily volunteer emergency services in the township, proposes amendments to the Fire Prevention Code, regulations and other codes and reviews and makes recommendations to the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors concerning any proposed changes to the code or its regulations, and advises the Board of Supervisors from time to time on all matters involving the provision of volunteer emergency services in the township.

Membership on the Emergency Services Board consists of 4 representatives from Township Residents (1 from each Fire District, who may not be a member of a Whitemarsh Township volunteer emergency service agency plus 1 at-large representative), the volunteer emergency service agencies, the Whitemarsh Police Department, Board of Supervisors and Township Staff.

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP FIRE RESPONSE MAP



Spring Mill Fire Company Report

1210 E. Hector St. Conshohocken, PA 19428

610-825-1164

<http://www.springmillfire.com>

2016 was another busy year for the Spring Mill Fire Company. We celebrated our 93rd year serving Whitemarsh Township and the surrounding communities. During the year, we responded to 183 calls for service; attended 76 special services and participated in 50 training sessions. Our volunteers spent over 303 hours serving Whitemarsh Township and the surrounding communities. Additionally, we had three (3) members attain 'National Firefighter 1 Certification' and three (3) members attain 'National Firefighter 2 Certification'.

2016 also saw improvements to our water rescue capabilities. We had seven (7) members attain 'Water Rescue Certification' to increase our number of certified water rescue personnel to 25. We also upgraded our fleet with the purchase of a new water rescue boat. The new boat and increase in certified water rescue personnel allows us to better protect the Schuylkill River and the rest of the Township.

2017 is off to a very busy start as well. As a result of the new Fire Services Plan adopted by the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors, we are now responsible for a larger response area and have seen an increase in calls for service. Our members have risen to the challenge and the level of service to the Township has greatly improved. We look forward to another successful year serving the residents of Whitemarsh Township.



Whitemarsh Community Ambulance Association Report

Whitemarsh Community Ambulance Association (WCAA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a history of over 60 years of service to Whitemarsh Township and neighboring communities. WCAA's service lines include advanced life support 911 ambulance service, non-emergency and emergency transports, bariatric ambulance transports, and wheelchair van service. Tours of the ambulance facility and equipment are available upon request by calling 610-828-0955. WCAA recently restructured the organization in an effort to support an ongoing growth plan, and is seeking volunteer members for the Board of Directors with financial, legal, business, and medical professional backgrounds. Interested candidates should send a letter of intent to nancy.finnigan@gmail.com for consideration.



SPRING MILL FIRE COMPANY CONT:

Are you looking for a way to serve your community?



The Spring Mill Fire Company is always looking for new volunteers to join our team. You do not need to be a firefighter in order to serve, as we also have a need for volunteers to serve as fire police officers, as well as in administrative roles. Stop by the firehouse

for more information and to pick up an application!

2017 Spring Mill Fire Company Officers:

- Chief – Chris Heleniak
- Deputy Chief – Bob Shoemaker
- Assistant Chief – Wayne Masters, Jr.
- Battalion Chief – John Pierce
- Captain – John Warner
- Captain – Mike Stoddard
- Lieutenant – Jon Drozd
- Lieutenant – Jeff Heil, Sr.

<http://www.springmillfire.com/>

Our Ballroom is available for Rent.

Looking for somewhere to host your next event? Whether you're planning a wedding, birthday party or corporate event, the Spring Mill Ballroom is the perfect place for any occasion. You can seat up to 225 guests in our recently renovated 3800 square foot ballroom. Enjoy our large dance floor, full bar and state of the art kitchen.

Spring Mill Ballroom still has openings for 2017, so call (610) 283-2371 or email us at springmillballroom@gmail.com or visit www.springmillballroom.com for more information.





Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company Report

Proudly Serving Whitmarsh Township and our Neighboring Communities Since 1915

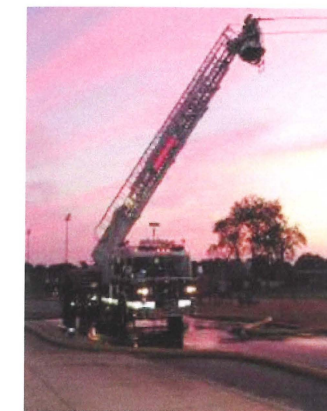
647 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444 610-825-2250

www.barrenhill.com



The Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company is always looking for new volunteers to join our Team and become a valuable asset in the community. Checkout our website (www.barrenhill.com/volunteer) or stop by any Monday night at 7pm for more information. Even if being a firefighter isn't your thing, there is a job for everyone on our Team. Our Volunteers come from all walks of life; but most importantly, we are your neighbors!

In 2016, the members of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company spent more than 8,300 hours providing volunteer service to the Whitmarsh Township Community.



- 471 Calls for Service - 4,595 Member Responses - Est. 4,595 Volunteer Personnel Hours
- 47 Monday Night Trainings - 98 Training Participation - Est. 2,994 Training Hours
- 100 Special Services - 511 Members Participated - Est. 766 Volunteer Personnel Hours



The Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company is looking forward to a rewarding and fire safe 2017. Our Volunteers are humbled by the support of the Township's Administration and

look forward to continuing to provide the first class service that our Community deserves. With the implementation of the new Township Fire Services plan in November 2016, our Volunteers will work hard and volunteer more to make Whitmarsh Township the envy of the Fire Service.

Our Hall is available for Rent.

Call the Hall Rental Manager at 484-362-9123 or checkout the website www.barrenhill.com/hallrental for information on rates and availability



The Volunteers of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company are proud to be part of the Whitmarsh Township Community. Our Volunteers have honorably served the Whitmarsh Township Community since 1915. Adjectives commonly used to describe our Volunteers are PRIDE, HONOR, TRADITION & INTEGRITY. In fact, these exact words are the centerpiece of our newest Engine and serve as reminders of the hard work and high professional standards that each Volunteer is held accountable for.

Many aspects of the Fire Service have changed since the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company got its start in 1915. Turnout gear affords a greater amount of protection, radio and dispatching communications have been modernized to our smart phone devices and other electronic means, our operational tactics have evolved to a more efficient process

and our equipment and apparatus have become stronger and more efficient. However, what remains constant in more than 100 years of service is the dedication of each of our volunteers to continuously provide the first class fire and rescue service that our Whitmarsh Township Community has come to expect and deserves.

The members of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company are committed to and have a vested interest in the Whitmarsh Township Community. In addition to responding to Fire and Rescue Emergencies in the Township and neighboring Communities, our Volunteers are invested in many other non-profit organizations. In 2016, our Volunteers participated in the Walk-A-Mile in Her Shoes event to benefit the Laurel House Domestic Violence shelter, the CHOP Buddy Walk raising money for the Trisomy 21 Program at Children's Hospital and the



Company went PINK for Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Volunteers of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company take great pride in doing more; always striving to go the extra mile.

There is more to being a volunteer than just riding a fire truck to an emergency scene. Whether it is spending the day at Whitmarsh Township Day, visiting one of our Schools for a Fire Prevention activity or visiting a child's birthday party to make their day that much more special, our Volunteers are Committed to not just the fire service, but making the Whitmarsh Township Community better.



Adoption of The Riverfront Plan



On June 9, 2016, the Board of Supervisors adopted The Riverfront Plan as an amendment to the Township's Comprehensive Plan. This is a joint plan with Conshohocken Borough and was prepared with a Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant which the Township secured in 2014 from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC); the grant covered 80% of the cost; the remaining cost was shared by Whitmarsh and Conshohocken. The Plan presents a 'vision' for future development and redevelopment for an area which runs generally between the Spring Mill SEPTA station in Whitmarsh and the Conshohocken SEPTA station, and extends inland for approximately one-half mile.

The Plan's goals are the following:

- Goal 1: Improve Access to the Riverfront
- Goal 2: Connect Our Trails
- Goal 3: Make Our Riverfront a Destination
- Goal 4: Meet Recreation & Open Space Needs
- Goal 5: Provide for Economic Development
- Goal 6: Incorporate Sustainable Development

The Township will now begin to implement recommendations contained in the Plan to accomplish these goals, by including some of the projects and actions it recommends in upcoming annual budgets and in the capital budget. While the Plan anticipates that some future projects may also be undertaken jointly by the Township and Conshohocken, the Borough will make decisions separately for projects identified that only impact Conshohocken.

Montgomery Awards for The Courts at Spring Mill Station Development



The Courts at Spring Mill Station received a 2016 Montgomery Award from the Montgomery County Planning Commission. This project, completed in 2015, is a two building, 385-unit luxury rental apartment complex fronting on E. Hector Street, adjacent to SEPTA's Spring Mill regional rail station. It was the first project completed under the Township's Riverfront Development Overlay (Zoning) District (RDD).

As an example of transit-oriented development, *The Courts* provides easy access to regional rail transportation; the project is also adjacent to the very popular Schuylkill River Trail, and it affords views of the Schuylkill River. The Award was given in recognition of creative site planning, the provision of pedestrian amenities and enhancements, and for its contribution to positive community reinvestment. The almost 8-acre tract had previously been the site of a 200,000 square foot two-story outmoded industrial building.

In addition to the new development, this project includes the preservation of a miller's house, dating back to 1770; this house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The house was refurbished and converted into a bike shop and café; its location on Station Avenue makes it ideal for commuters and trail users alike.



PLANNING & ZONING

Subdivision and Land Development (LD) Approvals for 2016:

Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless; 5175 Campus Drive, Plymouth Meeting

A10,000-square foot addition to the existing Verizon Wireless building at this location and the addition of two back-up generators. (BOS granted conditional preliminary/final plan approval on Jan. 28, 2016. PC recommended approval on Oct. 13, 2015.) The building is used to provide regional switching capabilities for mobile phones to the national telephone network. The applicant obtained two variances from the ZHB, required due to the existing site conditions. The site is in the CLI-X, Modified Campus-Type Limited Industrial District.

505A Germantown Pike Associates; 505A Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill

The Applicant requested that the boundary of the VC-1 District be extended to allow the construction of nine townhouses (townhouses are allowed by Conditional Use in the Village Commercial 1 District). The frontage along Germantown Pike was already zoned VC-1 with the area behind zoned A-Residential. The application was a request that an additional contiguous area of approximately 1.45 acres, be rezoned to VC-1. BOS approved the rezoning, following a public hearing, on Feb. 11, 2016. (PC recommended the rezoning in January, 2016, conditioned upon a restriction that the VC-1 portion of the site could only be developed with townhouses, and no other permitted uses in the VC-1 district. This was guaranteed via a declaration of restrictive covenants recorded subsequent to the BOS approving the conditional use for townhouses, which approval was granted Sept. 22, 2016.) The sketch plan for this tract also includes 4 single-family homes in addition to the 9 townhouses; the area in between is proposed as open space. The applicant also obtained three variances from the ZHB required due to the existing site conditions, two of which are related to the townhouse portion of the plan.

Germantown Academy; 340 Morris Road, Fort Washington

The Applicant received final plan approval for Phase 2A of the Master Planned redevelopment of the school's campus. Previously, preliminary plan approval had been granted for the entire Master Plan and final plan approval had been granted for Phase 1, which had been

completed. Phase 2A, a portion of the larger Phase 2, consists of a field house expansion, and a new turf baseball field, in addition to related site improvements. (BOS approved the final plan for Phase 2A on Mar. 10, 2016, following a PC recommendation made on Feb. 23, 2016.) The school is zoned B – Residential and AA – Residential, with the Institutional Overlay District over the entire campus, governing the school's development.

The Hill at Whitemarsh; 4000 Fox Hound Drive, Lafayette Hill

'The Hill at Whitemarsh', Phase II, received approval for a revised Preliminary Plan for the entire continuing care retirement community and for a Final Plan for Phase II. Phase II includes five multi-family buildings of independent units (total of 54 dwellings), with parking within each building, as well as additional surface parking. Phase II also includes a new club house for this section and a swimming pool. Phase II was originally going to be developed as cottages and attached cottage units but with market preference changes, 'The Hill' changed the dwelling type for this phase. As a result, the previously approved Preliminary Plan for the entire development was amended and the Final Plan for Phase II (never previously approved) was approved. The total number of approved dwelling units for the entire development has remained constant at 352. (BOS approved the revised preliminary plan and the final plan for Phase II on May 26, 2016, following a PC recommendation made on Mar. 22, 2016.) 'The Hill' is zoned CCRC – Continuing Care Retirement Community District.

A group of neighbors has appealed the Township's approval of the Phase II development due to the location of the temporary construction road. That appeal is pending at the Commonwealth Court level at the time of publication of this report.

Frank J. Mastroni, Jr.; 735 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown

Preliminary and final land development plan approval was granted for redevelopment of this property at the corner of Bethlehem Pk and West Valley Green Rd in Flourtown. It is the site most recently occupied by the 'Rusty Schooner Seafood House' (which had been closed for a number of years). The original building has been razed and a new mixed use building has been approved. The building has a 3,750-square ft. footprint,

and a second floor of 2,100 square feet. The first floor will be leased to office tenants (and possibly a retail tenant); the second floor will contain two residential apartments. Conditional use approval was also granted for the following: to allow the apartment use; to allow a reduction in parking (acknowledging shared parking with the adjacent Sherwin Williams Paint store property); to allow minor modification of the architectural standards of the Village Commercial District (allowing two sections of flat roofs); and to allow the installation of two monument signs (one at each vehicular entry). Preliminary plan approval was granted on Sept. 8, 2016 and final plan approval was granted on Dec. 1, 2016 (following recommendations of the PC from Jul. 26 and Nov. 22, 2016, respectively). The site is in the VC-3 District. This is the first total redevelopment of a site to be undertaken in the Village Commercial District.

DJB Properties, LLC; 737 Spring Mill Avenue, Conshohocken

Preliminary and final land development plan approval was granted for the development of 7 townhouse units; this is an in-fill site formerly occupied by a house previously converted to apartments. The site, located at the corner of Spring Mill Ave. and Righter St., is split between Whitemarsh Township and Conshohocken



737 Spring Mill Ave. Rendering

PC: Planning Commission; **BOS:** Board of Supervisors; **ZHB:** Zoning Hearing Board

Borough, with the majority of the development in Whitemarsh; one townhouse is completely within the Borough. The developer secured a variance from the ZHB to allow a small reduction in the lot area required for each dwelling unit; some relief was also required and received from the Conshohocken Borough ZHB. The preliminary and final land development plans were approved by the BOS on Jun. 30 and Sept. 22, 2016, respectively, following PC recommendations on Jun. 14 and August 23, 2016. The site is being developed under the Riverfront Development Overlay District, sub-district 2 (RDD-2).

American Legion Post 10 Building Expansion; 493 S. Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington

The BOS granted a waiver of land development to the Veterans Home Association of Whitemarsh Valley PA on Aug. 25, 2016 to allow renovations to the American Legion Post 10 Building, and some related parking improvements. (PC recommended granting the waiver at their Jul. 26, 2016 meeting.) The Association planned to remove poorly constructed additions to the main existing (historic) building and add new additions totaling approximately 3,000 sq. ft. One addition is proposed to be a fitness center; the emphasis, in general, is to have a facility that is attractive to recently returned veterans

and to assist in their transition back to civilian life. A future phase of development will be the construction of some residential units on the site to provide temporary housing for returning veterans. The site is in the VC-1 District.

DJB Properties, LLC; 903 Spring Mill Avenue, Conshohocken

Preliminary land development plan approval was granted on Dec. 15, 2016 for the development of 8 townhouse units. (PC recommended approval at their Oct. 25, 2016 meeting.) The tract, at the intersection with Sandy St., had been the site of a former non-conforming auto mechanic's garage. The developer secured a variance from the ZHB to allow a small reduction in the lot area required for each dwelling unit; a variance was also secured for regrading a minor area of steep slopes. The site is being developed under the Riverfront Development Overlay District, sub-district 2 (RDD-2).

The Oaks at Lafayette Hill; Cedar Grove Road

This project received approval in 2015. The 49+-acre site is under active development for 159 townhouses. As part of the development, a parcel of approximately 7½ acres, adjacent to Kline Park, was dedicated to the Township for open space. At the end of 2016, 17 townhouses were under construction; no units were yet occupied. The developer is expecting to deliver 25 to 30 homes by the end of 2017. Total build-out is expected in about five years.

There are four different base models with two and three bedrooms; options are offered, including additional bedrooms, finished basements, lofts. Homes range in size between 1700 and 2250 square feet with prices ranging from \$424,995 to \$484,995. The project is being built by Toll Brothers, Inc.

Reserve at Creekside; Stenton Ave. (between Joshua and Cricket)

This project received approval in 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 54.5-acre former quarry site is actively being developed with a 30,000-square foot office building (completed) and 223 carriage homes. At the end of 2016, 64 carriage homes were occupied and 27 additional homes were either under construction or under contract to purchase. The club house has also been completed.

Eight different models ranging from 2,652 to 3,250 square feet are offered, priced from \$609,900 to \$699,900. The next phase of development is expected to open in the Spring of 2017. The project is being constructed by Judd Builders.



Oaks at Lafayette Hill Rendering

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 2016, Whitmarsh Township received and processed a total of 1,894 permit applications.

RESIDENTIAL		NON-RESIDENTIAL	
New Dwelling	75	New Construction, Roofing, Siding	12
Roofing & Siding	156	Alterations/Additions	55
Sheds, Decks, Patios	66	Fences & Signs	5
Fences	63	Use & Occupancy	36
Pools	3	Demolition	14
Alterations/Additions	176	Misc. Temporary Permits	13
Zoning Permits	313	Zoning Permits	111
TOTAL	852	TOTAL	246

In addition to the above listed residential and non-residential permits, the Township received and processed 796 permit applications for plumbing, electrical, mechanical, fire marshal, and others.

Get your child started in the Colonial School District!

Make an appointment to register for kindergarten now

The Colonial School District is now accepting kindergarten registration appointments for students beginning school next September. Parents must call 610-834-1670, ext. 2150, to schedule a registration appointment. They will need a completed registration packet which should include their child's birth certificate and immunization records. They will also need to provide a valid ID and proof of residency within CSD. If parents own their home they may provide one of the following: a tax bill, deed or settlement papers. If the family rents, they must provide all of the following: a Notarized Lessee Affidavit, copy of current lease and letter from landlord stating who resides at the residence. Registration packets are available online and in the Central Registration Office in Colonial Elementary School.

By Colonial School Board policy, children entering kindergarten must be five years old by September 15.

CSD will again hold kindergarten registration at each of its four K-3 elementary schools this spring. The dates are as follows:

- Plymouth Elementary School - March 20-24 & April 24-28
- Conshohocken Elementary School - April 3-7
- Whitmarsh Elementary School - March 27 - April 31
- Ridge Park Elementary School - April 17-21

Make your appointment now by calling 610-834-1670, ext. 2150!

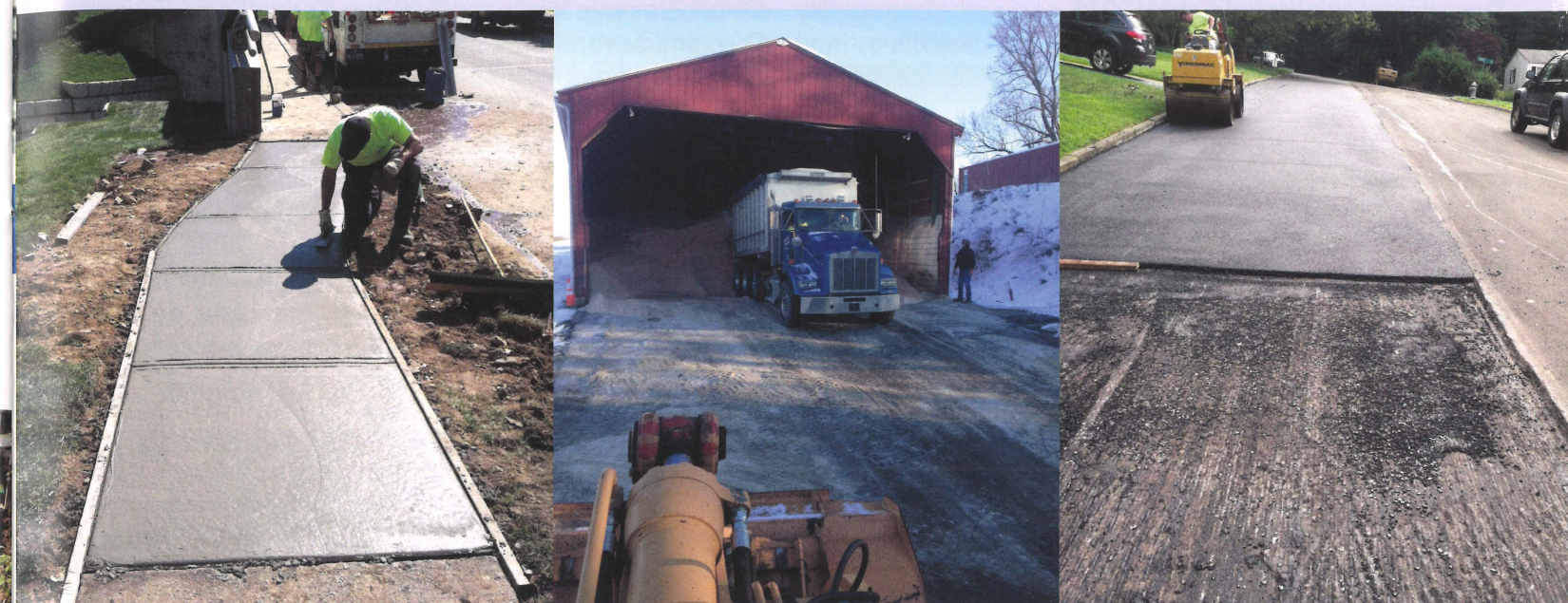
PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

- **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. The construction of the project was completed by Scott Contractors, Inc., who was selected by the Township's Bid Process. This project is now substantially complete.
- **Sheaff Lane Culvert Project** - An existing culvert near the intersection of Sheaff Lane and Stenton Avenue required improvements to repair aging infrastructure. The project involved replacement of the existing 8 ft. wide, 42 ft. long stone arch box culvert (a bridge under a roadway to allow a waterway to go through) under Sheaff Lane that allows Lorrain Run Creek to run underneath, with a 16 ft. wide, pre-cast concrete culvert. The pre-cast concrete is manufactured with extensive rebar, which is a round metal with 1 inch pieces of steel tied together, making the culvert stronger and less susceptible to cracks. The Township Public Works Crew completed the entire project in 7-weeks over the summer in order to avoid having to shut down roads during the school year.



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



2017 Road Improvement Program:

- Fountain Green Road (Flourtown to Pheasant)
- Barbary Road (Fountain Green to Pheasant)
- Pheasant Lane (dead end to dead end)
- Redwood Road (Flourtown to dead end)
- Twynwood Road (Redwood to dead end)
- Susans Way (Redwood to Twynwood)
- Fairway Road (Germantown to Marquis)
- Fairway Road (Marquis to dead end)
- Marble Lane (Fairway to dead end)
- Indian Guide Road (Marble to Marquis)
- Marquis Road (Fairway to dead end)
- LaFrance Road (Fairway to Marquis)
- Hillside Road (Fairway to dead end)
- Miles Road (Hillside to dead end)
- Marianne Road (Hillside to dead end)
- Golf View Road (from Hillside to dead end)
- Fairwold Lane (from Camp Hill to dead end)
- Crescent Avenue (from Germantown to Hain)
- Woodruff Road (from Crescent to Hain)
- Kottler Drive (from Crescent to Kottler)
- Thornhill Drive (from Germantown to Crescent)
- Briar Lane (Thornhill to Thornhill)
- Jackson Drive (from Hain to Thomas)
- Hain Drive (from Jackson to Fields)
- West Mill Road (from Stenton to Ensley)
- West Mill Road (from Ensley to Grove)
- Ensley Drive (from West Mill to cul-de sac)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
2015 JOSHUA ROAD
LAFAYETTE HILL, PA 19444
610-825-3424
JERRY BREITMEYER, DIRECTOR

PARKS & RECREATION

The Whitmarsh Township Parks and Recreation Department celebrated a great year with residents in 2016. The year saw the community enjoy a wonderful array of programs, activities, and special events for people of all ages and abilities. From the creation of a Children's Adaptive Social Club for our special needs elementary age students, to the wonderful staple Eat and Enjoy Social Series for our older adults, to the signature family highlight Township Day with an innovative "Food Court", the 2016 year brought familiar joy and new smiles with each season.

The department began the year with the fantastic news that National Label, Inc. agreed to be the "Official Partner of the Parks and Recreation Department" for 2016. Their generosity served as a framework for teamwork and great events throughout the year. The inaugural meeting of the Whitmarsh Athletic Association (WAA) was held in February with the leadership of the youth and sports organizations in our community coming together to share common goals, address mutual concerns, and cultivate ideas to foster best practices for the athletics in our region. The new program Little Kickers indoor soccer was a great success. The Koontz Park Building used the winter months to perform some handy maintenance including painting the doors, trim, and walls in the older adult card room, program room, and public areas. In addition, a new stormwater drain was installed courtesy of the Public Works Department in the Miles Park lower parking lot near the concession stand.

Spring saw the green grass and the beginning of our popular Eat and Enjoy Socials with lunch and entertainment provided monthly for the older adults in our community. The department continued our successful partnership with the William Jeanes Memorial Library by co-hosting the Connecting Exceptional People program, which provides monthly themed activity parties for the young adult special needs population and their families. The Township purchased the Joshua Hills Tract, an 11 acre parcel located near Andorra Woods, with Act 153 Open Space Funds in April. Environmental activities and special events blossomed with a Children's Earth Day program, the Dixon Preserve Walk and Talk, the Spring Fling, Township Day, and several park area clean-ups. The purchases of a Multipurpose Utility Vehicle and a Portable Outdoor Grill have served as great assets with special events. In addition, the grounds crew received an infield 3-wheeler to assist with ballfield maintenance. Courtesy of the Whitmarsh Girls Softball League, Cedar Grove Park was reconfigured to create "Little Field" for our youngest female players. Finally, the Colonial Soccer Club worked with the Township to formulate an annual maintenance plan for the Miles Park lower soccer field.



When the temperature heated up, the summer season brought lots of excitement to the Whitmarsh Community. The department continued the Movies in the Parks Series at Miles Park, and expanded successfully to hold a film in Leeland Park. The season saw well over 1,000 people enjoying cinematic fun in beautiful park settings. The department partnered with the Whitmarsh Youth Basketball League to host a summer basketball clinic at Miles Park under the lights. The annual 4th of July Parade was held in conjunction with the Lions Club of Whitmarsh and featured the Brian Boru Pipes and Drum Band leading the charge. The Miles Park, Teen Extreme, and Cedar Grove Park summer programs had enthusiastic campers enjoying games, arts and crafts, and fun excursions daily. Due to popular demand, a variety of specialty camps were held throughout the summer including cheerleading, tennis, cooking, and theatre, offering a myriad of recreational opportunities to residents. All the summer campers enjoyed the installation of the new water fountain at the Miles Park Building which reduced costs from the water supplier and assisted in our green efforts with the ability to fill participant water bottles and reduce plastic containers.

As the leaves began to change color, autumn signaled many special events for residents to enjoy. Over 500 participants marveled at the sizes and shapes of the different trucks at the September Touch-A-Truck event. The Environmental Education and Clean-Up Day was held with our dedicated and growing group of "Enviroteers". They performed trail repair, cleared invasives, and planted native shrubs at the Wells Street Open Space in October. Shredding Day demonstrated how the environment is a priority in Whitmarsh. This past fall, residents donated over 9.25 tons of paper that was recycled. The environmental impact for our community equates to saving 157 trees, 37,000 kilowatts of energy, 27.75 cubic yards of landfill space, and 64,750 gallons of water. The annual Haunted Barn received a boost in 2016 thanks to the creation of a *Community Partner Pass* for the many groups and organizations that assist our department throughout the year with their positive work. An eye-popping and record breaking 226 people attended Family Night for pumpkin decorating, games, snacks, and ghoulish fun. Some improvements were made at the park facilities with safer energy efficient lighting on the exterior at the Cedar Grove Barn and environmental friendly and money saving ballasts and bulbs being installed at the Parks and Recreation Miles Park Building.



The winter season ushered in the continued warm greeting of the community Holiday Displays at Miles Park. The department extends our gratitude to Bill Koelewyn (Holiday Menorah) and Bob Puksta (Holiday Nativity Scene) for their efforts to continue this wonderful community tradition and helping us to make Whitmarsh Township a great place to live. The department sold-out the excursion to the Radio City Christmas Spectacular in New York City and participants loved the holiday spirit in the Big Apple. The Gingerbread House Decorating Party in was a great success with 28 families constructing gingerbread houses, drinking hot cocoa, and enjoying holiday music. No December would be complete without the Annual Parks and Recreation Dance Recital which saw over 75 participants from our dance programs perform in front of over 350 delighted family and friends at the Colonial Elementary School Auditorium. The winterization of the parks program was implemented to close the park bathrooms from the cold and save taxpayer dollars by preventing freezing pipes.

In 2016, the department assisted in the completion of the Riverfront Plan and the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee. In addition, Whitmarsh Township was fortunate to be selected as a grant recipient from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation and Partnership Program in the amount of \$200,000 and also from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$196,000. Both of these awards are earmarked for a grant request project that will take place through 2019. The project will improve stormwater and environmental concerns, foster better ADA accessibility, and address athletic field issues at the Miles Park upper field complex. The Commonwealth recognizes the significance and excellence of Miles Park as a regional signature park with over 200,000 annual visitors and a vast spectrum of programs and special events that highlight the health and welfare of the surrounding community.



As the seasons change, the department would like to thank our many great corporate and community partners in 2016 for serving as a foundation for our success throughout the year. In addition, we would like to thank the Police, Public Works, Finance, and Administration departments at the Township as it takes a complete team to execute our Parks and Recreation year-round events. We appreciate the guidance of the Parks and Recreation Board to achieve our goals. Most importantly, we extend our gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for their leadership and support to allow our department to carry out our mission and enhance the quality of life to our residents through Parks and Recreation.

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2017! Be sure to check out some of the upcoming recreation opportunities on the following pages!

-The Whitmarsh Parks and Recreation Team

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP 9-WEEK CAMPS

Cedar Grove Camp

Ages: 5-6 **Registration Fee: AM-Only: \$99 WTR / \$114 Non-Res**
Site: Cedar Grove Park **Full-Day: \$174 WTR / \$189 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: \$163 WTR / \$186 Non-Res**
Site: Miles Park

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, events, and more! There's a trip every Wednesday, and on Tuesdays & Thursdays, there is swimming. 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: 6/19 - 6/23	Week 2: 6/26 - 6/30	Week 3: 7/3 - 7/7
Week 4: 7/10 - 7/14	Week 5: 7/17 - 7/21	Week 6: 7/24 - 7/28
Week 7: 7/31 - 8/4	Week 8: 8/7 - 8/11	Week 9: 8/14 - 8/18

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: 7-14
Fee: \$102WTR / \$116NR
Location: Koontz Park (B)

Do you have a budding young chef at home? If the answer is yes, this is the camp for them! The young chefs will learn basic cooking skills and as well as how to have fun in the kitchen!

Mon-Fri 6/26 - 6/30
9:30am - 11:00am

Moore Brothers Basketball Camp

Ages: 6-13
Fee: \$125WTR / \$140NR
Location: Miles Park Courts

Lead by Moore Brothers Basketball, participants will focus on the fundamentals of basketball, teamwork, and of course having FUN! This camp is perfect for all skill levels!

Mon-Fri 7/31 - 8/4
9:00am - 12:00pm

Engineering For Kids: Electronic Game Design

Ages: 8-12
Fee: \$249WTR / \$275NR
Location: Koontz Park (A)

Want to create your own video game?! From start to finish, camp participants will design the game storyboard, rules, and characters and then will bring their creation to life!

Mon-Fri 6/26 - 6/30
9:00am - 12:00pm

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 through yoga.

Mon-Fri 8/7 - 8/11
9:30am - 11:30am

Theater Horizon Summer Camp

Ages: 6-11
Fee: \$180WTR / \$205NR
Location: Koontz Park (B)

Young actors will spend the week creating an original play - full of drama, comedy, and suspense. At the end of the week, the original play will be performed for an audience!

Mon-Fri 7/10 - 7/14
9:00am - 3:00pm

Last Chance Camp

Ages: 6-11
Fee: \$120WTR / \$138NR
Location: Miles Park

Does your child hate to see camp come to an end? Looking for another week of childcare before school starts? This camp is an abbreviated version of our 9-week camp program.

Mon-Fri 8/21 - 8/25
9:00am - 4:00pm

Camps, programs, and other events are continually added! Visit www.whitemarshparks.org for a full list of all of the wonderful camps, programs, and events we have to offer!

Eat & Enjoy Social Series

Whitemarsh Residents and Non-Residents Welcome!

Join friends, new and old, for an afternoon filled with good food, great friends, and outstanding entertainment! Our Eat & Enjoy Social Series is a string of luncheons that include a fully catered lunch by a local establishment, followed by some awesome entertainment! For only \$10.00 per social, this program provides a great opportunity to get out of the house and share in a wonderful afternoon of food and fun.

Sponsored By: Spring Mill Presbyterian Village

Tuesday, March 21st
12:00 - 2:00pm
4021 Joshua Rd, 19444

Wednesday, April 19th
12:00 - 2:00pm
4021 Joshua Rd, 19444

Thursday, May 25th
12:00 - 2:00pm
4021 Joshua Rd, 19444

Entertainment:

Neill Hartley Presents:

Woodrow Wilson and the Great War

Call the Parks & Recreation office at (610) 828-7276 to reserve your seat today!

Great entertainment being scheduled soon!
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Connecting Exceptional People

Connecting Exceptional People is a social series for young adults ages 16 & older who have special needs and abilities. Created to connect young adults with each other and their community, these socials provide an environment to help achieve positive, productive, and meaningful adult lives. This program is offered jointly by the William Jeanes Memorial Library and the Whitemarsh Township Parks & Recreation Department.

Friday, March 17th
6:00 - 9:00pm
4051 Joshua Rd, 19444

Friday, April 21st
6:00 - 9:00pm
4051 Joshua Rd, 19444

Friday, May 19th
6:00 - 9:00pm
4051 Joshua Rd, 19444

Theme:

CEP's Got Talent

Have a talent? We want to see!

Pre-registration is not required! Questions? Call the Parks & Recreation Department at (610) 828-7276.

Theme:

Earth Day Projects Party

Help us celebrate Earth Day!

Theme:

Painting

Join us for a guided painting project!

Environmental Programming

In partnership with the Environmental Advisory Board, the Open Space Committee, the Shade Tree Commission, and the Greenhouse Program, the Parks & Recreation Department offers programs and events throughout the year to educate, improve, and enhance the environment of Whitemarsh Township. Below are some of the upcoming environmental based programs & events!

Shredding Day

Saturday, March 11th
8:00am - 12:00pm
(or until both trucks are filled)

Lower Parking Lot at Miles Park

Donations benefit Whitemarsh Community Ambulance and WTPR.

Sponsored By: Horizon Waste Service

All About Veggie Gardening

Tuesday, April 11th
7:00 - 8:00pm
@ William Jeanes Memorial Library

Learn vegetable gardening tricks and tips from Master Gardener Susan Doblmaier.

This is a free event, but pre-registration is required. Call (610) 828-7276 to register!

Gambone Tract Cleanup

Saturday, April 15th
8:00 - 11:00am
Located across from Cedar Grove Park on Wells St.

Volunteer your time and efforts to learn about environmental education and to assist in a hands-on cleanup of the Gambone Tract in an effort to create a natural park and trail system for all to enjoy!

Questions on how to get involved?! Call the Parks & Recreation Department at (610) 828-7276 for more information!

Whitemarsh Township's Movies in the Parks

Wed., June 14th @ Miles Park



Wed., June 28th @ Miles Park



Wed., July 12th @ Leeland Park



All movies begin at dusk!

NEW LOCATION!

In the event of rain, movies will be held the following evening

Wed., July 19th @ Highlands Mansion
7001 Sheaff Ln, 19034



Sponsored By: **SLAWEK ORTHODONTICS**

Wed., July 26th @ Miles Park



Wed., August 9th @ Hope Lodge
553 S. Bethlehem Pk, 19034



Wed., August 16th @ Miles Park



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Whitemarsh

TOWNSHIP DAY

Local Businesses • Crafters • Food • Games • Rides • Prizes • Entertainment & More!

VENDORS, CRAFTERS, FOOD TRUCKS, AND BUSINESSES WANTED!! FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP DAY, CALL THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 610.828.7276.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS EVENT, AND OTHER WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP PROGRAMS & EVENTS, ARE AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND. CONTACT THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR INFO ON AVAILBLE OPPORTUNIITIES.

Saturday April 22* • 12 - 5 pm • Miles Park

Shuttle service is available from Colonial Elementary School to Miles Park from 11:45am - 5:00pm



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Sponsored by:



***Raindate is Sunday April 23rd**



MINI SPRING FLING

Tuesday, May 2nd
12 - 2 PM

@ the Parks and Recreation Building
4021 Joshua Rd, Lafayette Hill

AGES 5 & UNDER!

\$5.00 WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

\$7.00 NON-RESIDENTS

Pay at the Door!

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A Guide to Recycling Your Electronics

**Next Electronic Collection is
Wednesday, March 29, 2017.**

Leave electronics out on the front curb next to the yard waste for the Township PW crew pick up. Do not leave out earlier than Tuesday night. All electronics for collection must be out by 6 AM Wednesday, March 29