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WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP DAY

Victory Fields

201 E. Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Saturday, April 27th, 2019
12 PM - 5 PM

GAMES

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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)

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Whitemarsh Residents,

As we look ahead to the spring and summer seasons, I am pleased to share with you the 2019 Whitemarsh Living Annual Report. This report provides a comprehensive review of the Township's activities from the past year, and a preview of the year ahead. Enclosed are details spanning the various Township departments, as well as activities, events, and programs to share with your families and neighbors.

As I begin my first year serving as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, I would like to start by thanking Supervisor Grossman for her dedication as Chair over the past three years. I would also like to welcome several new staff members to Whitemarsh Township including Jim McGuire (Parks), Stephen Dunning (Police), Tara Forsythe (Police), and Sean Halbom (Administration). Tragically, we also lost a member of the Whitemarsh Family, Len Gricoski, our Finance Director, who passed away late last year. Len was an outstanding employee for Whitemarsh, and was an even better person. He is sorely missed by all.

We are excited that the renovation project at Miles Park is nearing its completion, which is anticipated this spring. This project provides valuable improvement for our largest park's safety, drainage, and ADA accessibility. The Township was awarded nearly \$400,000 worth of grant funding by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to complete these renovations. Miles Park will

also soon be home to one of three new electric vehicle charging stations located throughout the Township. The charging stations were made possible by grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

With spring quickly approaching, Whitemarsh Township Day is just around the corner. Township Day will once again be held at Victory Fields on Saturday April, 27th from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. The event features local businesses & organizations, rides, entrainment, food trucks, raffles, and much more! I look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, Whitemarsh Township's website will be getting a makeover in 2019. Be sure to visit us at www.whitemarshwp.org to access information about Township news & events, community events, and Whitemarsh TV programs. The redesign is expected to be completed in the 3rd quarter of 2019. Don't forget to like us on Facebook (@whitemarshwp) and follow us on Twitter (@whitemarshwp) for important announcements!

Sincerely,

Melissa S. Sterling

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Chair



YOUR WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Melissa S. Sterling,
Chair



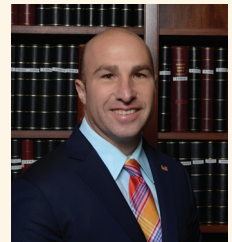
Amy P. Grossman,
Vice-Chair



Laura Boyle Nester



Michael Drossner



Fran McCusker



Whitemarsh Township
Parks & Recreation

WELLS ST OPEN SPACE CLEANUP

Saturday, April 13th

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

LOCATED ON WELLS ST, ACROSS FROM CEDAR GROVE PARK

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Come and join our team of “*Enviroteers*” and help continue to restore this naturally beautiful area to a space that everyone in Whitemarsh Township can enjoy!

All “*Enviroteers*” will be provided with a Whitemarsh Township “*Enviroteer*” shirt, tools, trash bags, and gloves. Please wear long pants & long sleeves.



**2019
MANAGER'S
REPORT**



The Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors once again adopted a balanced \$21.8 million dollar budget for 2019, and for the 18th consecutive year there was no Township real estate tax increase. The millage remains 2.0379 and there is no change to the refuse, light and hydrant fees this year. The budget includes a three-year \$8.1 million dollar capital improvement plan.

We are excited to be completing a capital project at Miles Park which greatly enhances recreation, ADA accessibility, and stormwater for the park. The project, with a cost of approximately \$800,000, was made possible by receiving grants from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resource and Commonwealth Financing Authority totaling about \$400,000. Also, work was completed by the Whitemarsh Township Public Works Department who installed the large retaining wall on the upper field, storm pipe, and concrete pads for the ADA accessible bleachers as well as other improvements. Their ability to complete this work in a highly professional manner saved a significant amount of tax dollars toward the project's overall cost. Please visit Miles Park during the spring and summer months to see and enjoy the new improvements!

The Whitemarsh Township family was saddened last year with the passing of our Finance Director, Leonard Gricoski. Len was an employee of the Township for almost 9 years serving as the Assistant Finance Director before being promoted to the Finance Director in 2016. Len was great financial mind but, even better, a person who would greet everyone with a smile. It goes

without say but he is greatly missed. I am excited to announce the following new employees who joined the Whitemarsh Township organization in 2018; Sean Halbom, *Assistant Township Manager*, Tamara Forsythe, *Communications & Administrative Assistant in the Police Department*, Stephen Dunning, *Police Officer*, and Jimmy McGuire, *Facilities Manager in the Department of Parks and Recreation*.

Also, the following employees received promotion in 2018; Nathan Crittendon, *Interim Finance Director*, Emily Labowitz, *Program Coordinator in the Department of Parks and Recreation*, and Jackie Bender, *Recreation Services Associate in the Department of Parks and Recreation*.

Welcome Sean, Tammy, Jimmy and Officer Dunning to the organization and congratulations to Nate, Emily and Jackie on their promotions. I look forward to their contributions to the Whitemarsh community.

As always, my staff and I are here to assist you with any Township concerns. To all the residents and businesses in Whitemarsh Township have an enjoyable and safe spring and summer seasons!

Sincerely,
Richard L. Mellor, Jr.

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Township Manager





A Guide to Recycling Your Electronics

Next Electronic Collection is Monday, April 15th, 2019

Electronics should be left out on the front curb for pick up by the Township Public Works crews. Do not put any electronics out for collection earlier than Sunday evening. All items meant for collection must be out on the curb by 6:00am on Monday, April 15th.



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.



FINANCE

The Township continues to maintain its real estate tax rate at a steady 2.0379 mills with no increase since 2001. This continued achievement makes 2019 the 18th straight year without an increase, which has been a direct result of the Townships conservative spending, proactive approach to financial planning/budgeting, and continued Township Growth. The Township in its latest efforts to maintain conservative budgeting has managed to reduce overall General Fund Budget Expenditures by 4.7% from 2018 levels. Also, the continued growth and development of the Township has shown directly in the continued growth of the Township's Annual Assessed Value, which has averaged 2.17% over the past three years with the majority of the increase resulting from new construction.

In 2018, The Township sought additional methods of financing to cover the expenditures applicable to the Creekside HMI project for Right of Way Acquisitions, Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvements, to cover cost based upon the 2018 Right of Way acquisitions and traffic signal payments along with bids received for the next phase of intersection improvements. Accordingly, a 2018 General Obligation Bond was issued to provide additional financing of the remaining Creekside HMI costs.

Proceeds from the Whitmarsh Township 2018 General Obligation Bond are invested in the PLGIT ARM Program to earn interest until drawn down for the Creekside HMI project. As a result of a Triple-A rating from Moody's, the 2018 General Obligation Bonds issued at a \$515,293 premium resulting in additional cash included in the proceeds. Also, the Township received favorable interest rates on the refinancing of the remaining 2009 General Obligation Notes. The Township used \$3,900,000 of available Open

Space Fund to prepay a portion of the 2009 Notes. When the prepayment is coupled with the refinancing at fixed interest rates, reduced future debt service requirements for the Open Space as well as the General Fund resulted. Even after the \$3,900,000 prepayment of the 2009 Note, the Open Space Fund continues to be financially viable as \$2,046,204 Open Space Earned Income Tax was transferred in from the General Fund at the end of the year.

As a reminder tax season is quickly approaching. Please be advised of following cutoff dates & Changes:

- Discount due date is 04/30/2019
- Face due date is 06/30/2019
- Penalty start date is 07/01/2019
- Our bill numbers are now seven digits

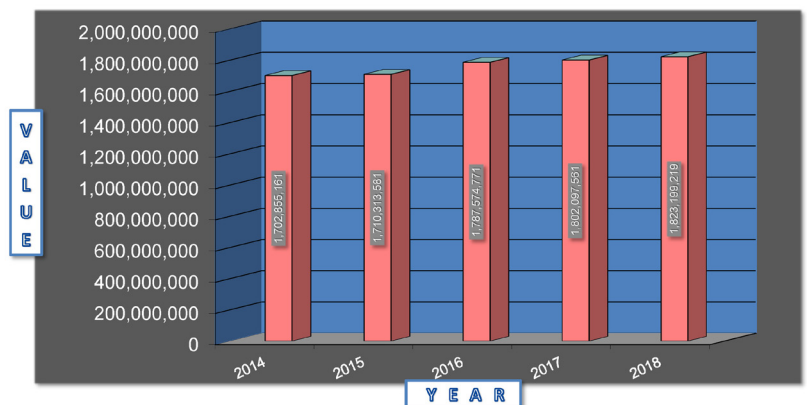
E-Collect will be responsible for administering and collecting Business Privilege/Mercantile tax for and on behalf of the Township. All business returns for the year ended December 31, 2018, is to be submitted to the business tax administrator E-Collect.

In the event you need assistance with any matters relating to Business Taxes, please direct inquiries to E-Collect at:

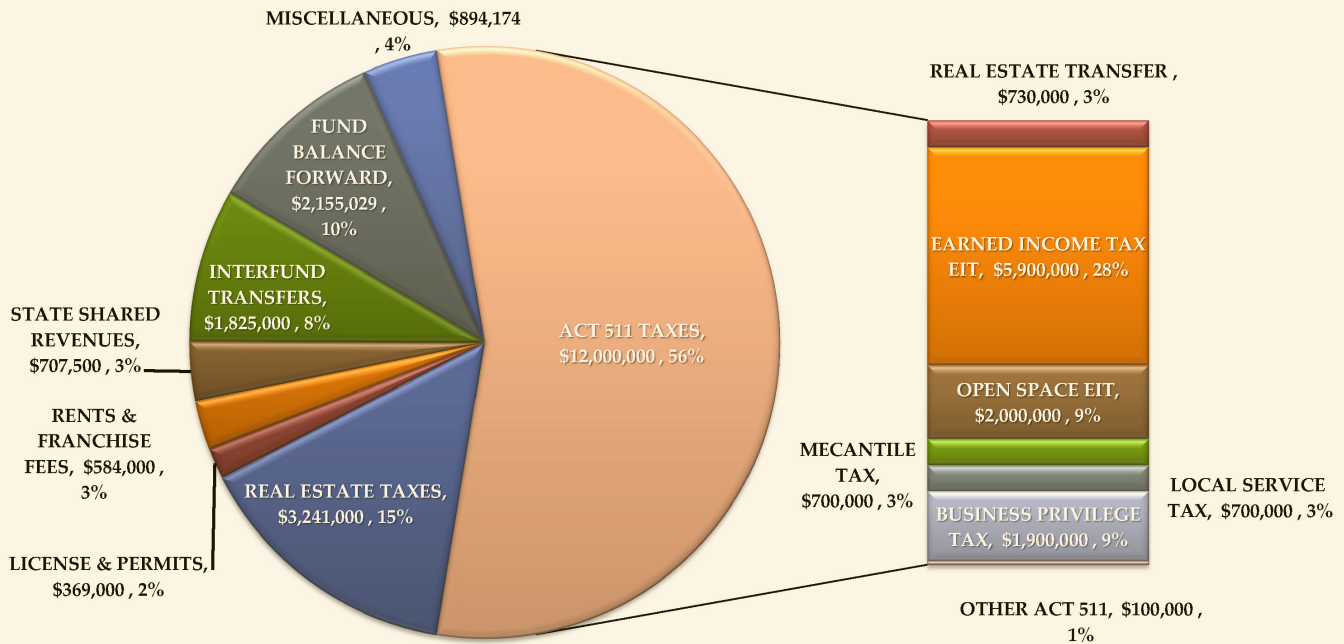
E-Collect
804 Fayette Street
Conshohocken, PA 19428
866-225-0033

ANNUAL ASSESSED VALUE 2014 – 2018

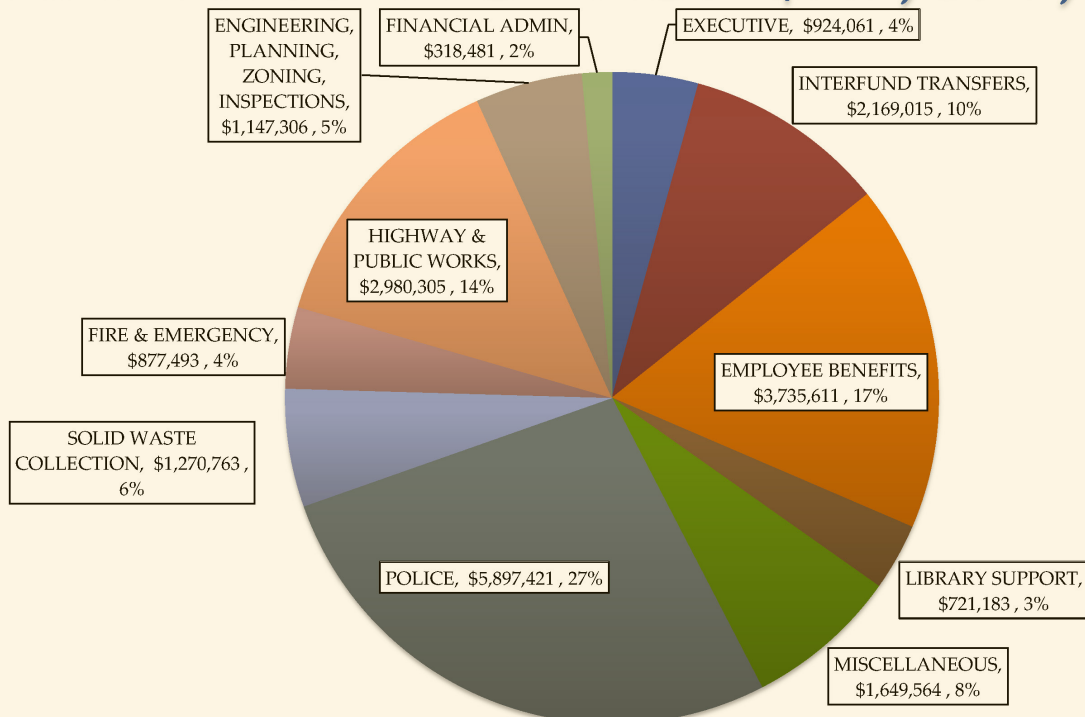
Average Annual Increase of 2.17% Over Prior 3 Year Period



2019 GENERAL FUND REVENUE: \$21,820,703




2019 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: \$21,691,203



Whitemarsh Township Parks & Rec.



PARKS AND RECREATION

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The Whitemarsh Township Parks and Recreation Department had a stellar year with programs and events in 2018. The community enjoyed a wonderful array of programs, activities, and special events for people of all ages and abilities. From the creation of a new Annual Fundraising Clothing Drive on Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Weekend, to the wonderful program staple Eat and Enjoy Social Series for our older adults, to the signature family highlight Township Day at the new location at the Colonial School District PWHS - Victory Fields, to the autumn fresh community event – “Spooktacular” at Cedar Grove Park, the 2018 year brought fabulous joy and a wealth of smiles with each season.

The year began with a season of giving back. The Department held our first ever Annual Fundraising Clothing Drive on Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend and residents generously donated 215 bags of clothing with the proceeds benefitting Township Day. The Whitemarsh Athletic Association (WAA) held their annual meeting in March at the PWHS library 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 group was fortunate to have Darren Sudman from Simon’s Heart on hand to educate the group and raise awareness about sudden cardiac arrest among student athletes. Also, a new program kicked off the year with a successful Indoor Soccer activity at Whitemarsh Elementary. The Koontz Park building used the winter months to perform some nice improvements including the installation of a new highly efficient hot water heater and painting in the Afternoon Cards room.

Spring saw the blossoming of flowers and trees, and the start of our popular Eat and Enjoy Socials with lunch and entertainment provided monthly for older adults in our community. The Department continued the successful partnership with the William Jeanes Memorial Library by co-hosting the Connecting Exceptional People (CEP) program, which provides monthly themed activities for the young adult special needs population and their families. We were thrilled and honored to learn that the CEP Program won an award for “Excellence in Parks and Recreation Programming” presented by the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society. The Environmental activities thrived with Spring Shredding Day and the Arbor Day Ceremony at Whitemarsh Elementary. Kona Ice sponsored a FREE Kona Ice in April on “Play in The Parks” Day. We also held our Mini- Spring Fling and beloved Township Day at the new location at Victory Fields. Once again the community embraced the Township Day special event and we were fortunate to have a visit from the Eagles Super Bowl Champion “Pep Band”. Once again, the Department participated in the Montgomery County Senior Games in May – a highlight for the region’s older adults each year.



When the temperature heated up, the summer season brought lots of excitement to the Whitemarsh Community. The department continued the Movies in the Parks Series at Miles Park, and expanded successfully to hold a film in Cedar Grove Park. The season saw well over 1,000 people enjoying cinematic fun in beautiful park settings. The annual 4th of July Parade was held in conjunction with the Lions Club of Whitemarsh and featured the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry leading the charge on mounted horses. The Miles Park, Teen Extreme, and Cedar Grove Park summer programs had enthusiastic campers enjoying games, fun, daily excursions, and arts and crafts. Due to popular demand, a variety of specialty camps were held throughout the summer including cooking and theatre, offering a myriad of recreational opportunities to residents. All the summer campers were extra safe this summer with the installation of security cameras on the exterior of the Miles Park Building. The Koontz Park building received a cool new addition with two first floor wall HVAC units.



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 Whitemarsh 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 was a great success with a record 37 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 100 participants from our dance programs perform in front of over 350 delighted family members and friends at the Colonial Elementary School Auditorium. The Boy Scouts of America Barren Hill Troop 12 celebrated their 100th Anniversary in the community and were honored along with Scout Matthew Symnoski (attaining the rank of Eagle Scout by performing a park project at Wells Street Open Space) at a Board of Supervisors meeting. In addition, the Boy Scouts of Troop 12 held the first ever “Camp Out” at the Wells Street Open Space and they plan on doing them annually.

Lastly, the year-long Miles Park Grant Project, with funding from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Commonwealth Financing Authority – Department of Community and Economic Development, entered the final phase with the completion of the installation of the sod and fencing at the ballfields and the completion of several of the ADA accessible pathways. There is tremendous excitement for the opening of the fields in April and the completion of the project in 2019!

We are happy to announce that in 2018 the Department was fortunate to firm up our base with the promotion of Emily Labowitz to the vacant Program Coordinator position, the hiring of Jimmy McGuire to the vacant Facility and Park Maintenance Manager position, and the hiring of Jackie Bender to the vacant Recreation Services Associate position. These diligent professionals are great additions to the Whitemarsh Team.

As the seasons change and the years move forward, the Department would like to thank our many great corporate and community partners in 2018 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 2019! Be sure to check out some of the upcoming recreation opportunities on the following pages!

Best always,

The Whitemarsh Parks and Recreation Team



**Register
By Week!**

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP

9-WEEK SUMMER CAMPS

JUNE 17TH - AUGUST 16TH

CEDAR GROVE



AGES 3-6

MILES PARK



AGES 6-11

TEEN EXTREME



AGES 12-15

Outdoor games & activities, creative crafts, exciting special events, awesome trips, entertaining visitors, great friends, and so much more!

REGISTER NOW <https://register.communitypass.net/whitemarsh/>

For more info: (610) 828-7276 | Visit us: www.whitemarshparks.org

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

TOUCH



A



FREE
HANDS ON
EVENT FOR
KIDS!!

TRUCK



Jolly Green Giant
Landscaping



MILES PARK
LOWER PARKING LOT

374 E. GERMANTOWN PIKE
LAFAYETTE HILL, PA 19444

11:00am - 2:00pm

Children are allowed to touch their favorite vehicles, jump behind the wheel to get a view from atop the seat, and learn about all the people & vehicles that help build, protect, and serve our community!

Food will be available for purchase during this event.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

CALL OR VISIT FOR MORE INFORMATION

(610) 828-7276 or WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG

2018 SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

**SLD #07-17: Jose and Lisa Ramos
7033 Sheaf Lane, Fort Washington**

The Applicants received Conditional Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plan Approval for a Lot Line Change, adding 3.4 acres from the adjacent State-owned Highlands Property at 7001 Sheaf Lane. The Applicants' resulting tract was increased in size to 9.5 acres. The area conveyed was already being maintained and used by the Applicants. The plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 25, 2018, following a Planning Commission recommendation on January 9, 2018. The site is zoned AAA – Residential (with the portion transferred from the Highlands also having a Recreational District Overlay).

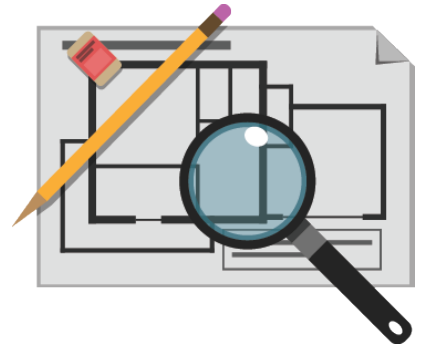
**SLD #01-18; Provco Pineville
Fayette, LP
1201 Butler Pike, Conshohocken**

The Applicant received a Conditional Land Development Waiver for development of the 39-foot wide portion of the site of a proposed Wawa Food Market and Fueling Station located in Conshohocken Borough. A portion of the parking and one access drive is located in Whitemarsh with the building and fueling stations located entirely within the Borough, along with the remainder of the parking and two additional access drives. The Waiver was granted by the Board of Supervisors on April 12, 2018, following a Planning Commission recommendation on March 13, 2018. The portion of the site in Whitemarsh Township is zoned B – Residential (however, the uses of the land within the Township are legally nonconforming uses, since commercial parking and access served the previous automobile dealership located on the site for many years).

**SLD #03-14: 505A Germantown Pike
Associates, LP
505 Germantown Pike, Lafayette
Hill**

The Applicant received Conditional Final Land Development and Subdivision Plan Approval for 9 townhouses and 4 single-family detached homes, with open space separating the two housing types; the total site is 5.3 acres. An existing office building and office/apartment building will be retained on Germantown Pike. Conditional Preliminary Plan approval had been granted in August, 2017. The front portion of this site nearest Germantown Pike (the townhouse portion) is zoned VC-1 and the rear portion with the single-family homes (accessing Westaway Drive), is zoned A – Residential. The boundary line between the two districts on this site was adjusted by the Board of

Supervisors in early 2016. A subsequent Zoning Hearing Board application for several variances, and a Conditional Use application to allow the townhouses in the VC-1 District, had been approved later in 2016, paving the way for the land development plan. The Final Plan approval was granted by the Board of Supervisors on May 24, 2018, following a recommendation from the Planning Commission on April 10, 2018.



**"Westaway"
505 Germantown Pike**

Rendering Created By: Builders Digital Experience **BDX**

SLD #02-18: Joseph E. & Norma Jean Loughran
6112 Sheaff Lane, Fort Washington

The Applicants received Conditional Preliminary and Final Minor Subdivision Approval for a 3-Lot Subdivision of this almost 28-acre site. This plan is for subdivision purposes only with no additional development proposed at the time of approval. The largest lot, approximately 14.1 acres, contains the existing estate home; an 11.3-acre lot with an existing pond was also created, as was a 2.7-acre rear (or flag) lot. Variances were granted by the Zoning Hearing Board to permit the creation of the rear lot. The Board of Supervisors approved this plan on May 24, 2018, following a recommendation by the Planning Commission on April 10, 2018. This site is zoned AAAA – Residential.

SLD#04-18: Jason Catania
249 Hillcrest Avenue, Conshohocken

After receiving several variances from the Zoning Hearing Board, the Applicant received Conditional Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plan Approval for a 3-Lot Minor Subdivision. After removal of the vacant existing buildings on the site, one single-family detached home will be built on each 8,204-square foot lot. The Board of Supervisors approved the plan on June 14, 2018, following an April 24, 2018 recommendation from the Planning Commission. The site is zoned B – Residential.

SLD #10-06: Squires Ridge, LLC
Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill

The Board of Supervisors granted Amended Conditional Final Minor Subdivision Plan Approval involving

a 2.65-acre portion of a 31.8-acre, age-qualified residential development of 34 dwellings, proposed on adjacent land in Springfield Township. The Board originally approved this plan in 2007; the approval was necessary because a portion of the site is in Whitemarsh; the 2.65-acre piece is adjacent to Masonic Village and will remain undeveloped, with all development and land disturbance occurring in Springfield. The Board granted the amended approval on July 19, 2018. The portion in Whitemarsh is zoned AA – Residential with an Institutional District Overlay.

SLD #06-17; Laurel Holdings Group, LLC
633 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill

The Applicant received Conditional Final Land Development Approval for a 2-story office building with a total of 6,326 square feet at the former site of Farmer’s Auto Repair at the corner of Crescent Avenue. After receiving several variances from the Zoning Hearing Board, the Board of Supervisors had granted Conditional Preliminary Land Development Plan Approval in April, 2018; Conditional Final Approval was granted on August 16, 2018, following a Planning Commission recommendation on July 24, 2018. The site is zoned VC-1, Village Commercial Sub-district 1. This will be the first new building to be constructed in the Village Commercial District along Germantown Pike.

SLD #03-18: RockCorp 509S, LP
509 & 515 S. Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington

The Board of Supervisors granted

Conditional Preliminary and Final Minor Subdivision Plan Approval for a lot line change between 509 and 515 S. Bethlehem Pike, resulting in the enlargement of the lot at 515 to allow for the construction of one new single-family detached home on that lot. The total site is 2.49 acres, with the enlarged lot being approximately 35,550 square feet. The existing dwellings and accessory buildings on 509 S. Bethlehem Pike will remain; the driveway serving that lot will be extended to the new home on 515 S. Bethlehem Pike to avoid a second driveway onto Bethlehem Pike. The Board granted the approvals on September 13, 2018, following a Planning Commission recommendation on August 28, 2018. The site is zoned VC-1, Village Commercial Sub-district 1.

CU #06-17 K Hovnanian PA Acquisitions, LLC
4006 & 4046 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting

The Board of Supervisors granted Conditional Use Approval for the construction of up to 67 townhomes on approximately 11.25 acres of this 13.7-acre combined tract. The historic Abolition Hall and Hovenden House would remain on a separate lot as would a small home on Marple Lane. Full Land Development Plans are required to be submitted and processed following the Conditional Use Approval. The approval, granted on October 25, 2018, followed a series of Public Hearings beginning in March 2018, and contained 22 conditions to be met by the applicant. The site is zoned VC-2, Village Commercial Sub-district 2; it is also within the Plymouth Meeting Historic District.





**PLANNING
& ZONING**

UPDATE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Township Comprehensive Plan (adopted in 2003 along with subsequently adopted specific plan documents) is a policy guide for future development of the Township. It is a crucial document to guide recommendations and decisions of the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, as well as for decisions made by private developers, Township businesses and residents.

After reviewing the current documents, the Board of Supervisors determined that the Land Use and Housing Elements (plans) within the 2003 Plan needed to be updated. Many decisions have been made, developments proposed and built, and zoning changes have taken place in the period since the Plan's adoption, making revisions necessary. Demographic changes have taken place and development preferences evolved, contributing to the need to update the Plan.

The Township issued a Request for Proposals in February 2017 and selected Bergmann, a planning, engineering and design firm, to prepare the Land Use and Housing Element updates. A Steering Committee was established to work with Bergmann in developing the Plan Update. Members of the Steering Committee include representatives from the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Open Space Committee, Zoning Hearing Board, as well as business owners, developers, a golf course manager, a realtor, and Township Staff.

Components of the Policy Framework



The work on the Update began in August 2017 and continued throughout 2018. Major tasks included in the Update, are the following:

- Updated demographic profile of the Township.
- Establishment of a future vision and associated goals and policies in four key areas:
 - Land Use
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Quality of Life
- Recommended strategies for open space preservation including the Township's golf courses with contingency recommendations should any golf course become nonviable in the future.
- Preparation of a Housing Element that addresses housing types, diversity, affordability, and density.
- Preparation of a Land Use Element that includes a recommended Future Land Use Plan that addresses land use type, location, and intensity, in addition to addressing community character.
- Development of an 'Action Plan' which will prioritize the various recommendations throughout the Update document, indicating responsible parties for implementing them, as well as possible funding sources. The Action Plan will indicate which projects should be considered for upcoming operating budgets or for the Township's capital program.

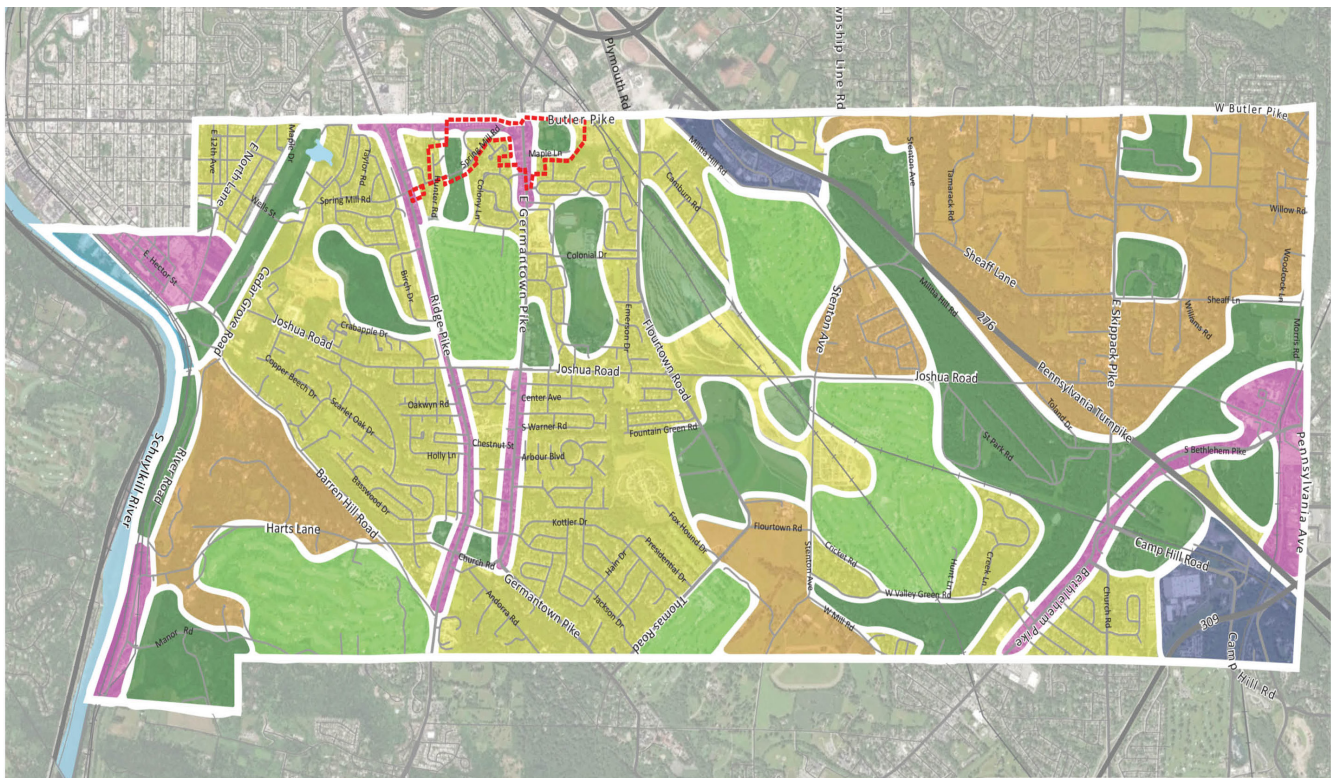
During 2018, Bergmann met with the Steering Committee on three occasions, and conducted two Public Workshops. The focus of the first Public Workshop was to review a draft proposed Land Use Plan. The focus of the second Public Workshop was to review revisions made to the draft Land Use Plan based upon comments received at the first Public Workshop and subsequent review by the Steering Committee. Bergmann also met with the Township Planning Commission to review the Update and hear their questions and comments. Before year's end, Bergmann completed a draft of the entire Update document. Staff review of the draft extended into the new year.

Completion of the Update is anticipated during the first half of 2019. Prior to its adoption, an advertised Public Meeting will be held by the Township Planning Commission at which time they will make a recommendation on its adoption; that will be followed by an advertised Public Hearing held by the Board of Supervisors, after which adoption of the Update will be considered.

LEGEND

- Parks and Open Space
- Conservation District Residential
- Residential
- Golf Course
- Mixed-Use
- Waterfront District
- Research and Development / Business
- Historic District

Draft Whitemarsh Township Future Land Use Plan (2018)



Design by Bergmann

PLANNING & ZONING

UPDATE OF THE RIDGE PIKE PROJECT



RIDGE PIKE
Improvement Project



Whitemarsh Township continued working with the Montgomery County Planning Commission, their consultants, and Springfield Township during 2018 in providing information and reviewing progress on final engineering plans for Phase 1 of the Ridge Pike Improvement Project, also known as ‘Section D’. This section is located partially within Whitemarsh Township and partially within Springfield Township, and extends from approximately Crescent Avenue on the west, to the Philadelphia City Line on the east. (The Whitemarsh portion extends from Crescent Avenue to Manor Road, with the remainder in Springfield.)

is almost completely within Whitemarsh Township; it includes a short segment within Plymouth Township (beginning at Harmon Road) to allow for improvements to all legs of the Butler Pike intersection. This section extends to Crescent Avenue on the east, to join the boundary of Section D.

During 2018, the Township also began working with the County Planning Commission and another consultant team conducting preliminary engineering for a section known as ‘Section C’. This section

The goal for both sections is to provide two continuous through lanes in both the east and westbound directions, new and coordinated traffic signals, improved turning movements at key intersections, better overall alignment of the roadway, stormwater management improvements, as well as a continuous sidewalk along the eastbound side of Ridge Pike. Final engineering design for Section D and preliminary engineering for Section C are both anticipated to be completed during 2020. A Public Information Session for this Section C will be held on April 30th.

CODES

2018 PERMIT SUMMARY REPORT



Prior to starting any new building project, residents are encouraged to make an appointment with the township to review the permitting process.

Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by Code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

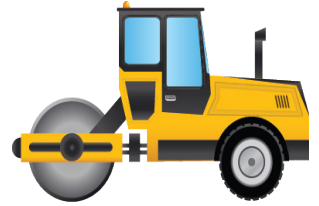
RESIDENTIAL	
PERMIT TYPE	2018
Alterations / Additions	130
Cell Tower Equipment	1
Covered Patios / Decks	13
Driveways / Walkway / Steps / Retaining Walls	31
Fences	56
Misc. Temporary Permits	2
New Dwellings	82
Pools	5
Roofing & Siding	135
Sheds / Accessory Building / Pergola / Gazebo	11
Sheds, Decks & Patios	34
Solar Panels	1
Temporary Dumpster / PSU / Trailer	32
Uncovered Patios / Decks	30
TOTAL	563

NON-RESIDENTIAL	
PERMIT TYPE	2018
Alterations / Additions	31
Cell Tower Equipment	14
Covered Patios / Decks	1
Demolition	4
Driveways / Walkway / Steps / Retaining Walls	2
Fences	3
Misc. Temporary Permits	16
New Construction	1
Pools	0
Roofing & Siding	7
Sheds / Accessory Building / Pergola / Gazebo	1
Sheds / Accessory Structure / Windmills	1
Signs	11
Solar Panels	0
Temporary Dumpster / PSU / Trailer	0
Uncovered Patios / Decks	1
Building Permit	0
Electrical	320
Fire Protection	126
Mechanical	256
Plumbing	286
Use and Occupancy	129
Zoning	14
TOTAL	1,224

UPDATE OF THE ROAD PAVING PROGRAM



- Pear Tree Lane from Sugar Maple Lane to the Bridge at Andorra Creek.
- Spring Mill Road from Black Walnut Lane to Butler Pike.
- Spring Mill Road from Hunter Road to Black Walnut Lane.
- Spring Mill Road from Ridge Pike to Hunter Road.
- Lincoln Lane from Cedar Grove Road to Spring Mill Road.
- Carey Drive from Butler Pike to Morris Road.
- Crescent Avenue from Ridge Pike to Germantown Pike.
- Sycamore Lane from Butler Pike to end of Cul-de-sac.
- Vera Lane from Spring Mill Road to end of Cul-de-sac.
- Detweiler Lane from Butler Pike to Township Border.
- Sheaff Lane from Stenton Avenue to Skippack Pike



UPDATE OF THE LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

This fall, the Whitemarsh Township Public Works Department collected 1,107 tons of leaves during the annual Curbside Leaf Pick-Up Program. The collected leaves were then run through the township's tub grinder and set in windrows at the Township Public Works facility. In about a year's time, the ground up leaves will become a viable product called leaf compost. Once the leaf compost has reached its completion stage, residents of the township are able to place an order and have the compost delivered to their homes for a nominal fee.

Over the years, the leaf composting program has grown popular with Township residents. The Public Works Department carefully times & monitors the process so that by the time spring arrives, the finished product is ready to be delivered to the residents for use in their spring gardening!

Township Compost Prices

The Township charges \$36.00 per 3 yards of leaf compost and \$45.00 per 3 yards of wood mulch. The Township Public Works Department delivers compost in 3 yards or 6 yards per order. Delivery is scheduled for Fridays. Orders for Friday delivery MUST be placed by 10 AM on Thursday.

Residents who would like to order delivery of compost must place the order in person at the Township Building and pay by cash or check - no credit cards accepted.

The Compost Program is open to Whitemarsh Township residents only.

Compost delivery orders subject to availability.





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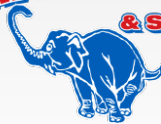
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POLICE

This year I am happy to report that Whitemarsh Township remains a safe place to live and work. The men and women of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department strive to keep it that way. There are, nevertheless, incidents that occur that can make us question our safety here, but those occurrences are rare and usually explainable.

During 2018, there were three major events that drew media coverage. In early January, we investigated a trash truck accident that claimed the life of a sanitation worker. This accident was highly unusual and cannot be blamed on a preventable or predictable problem in our community. Then, in August, Whitemarsh experienced its first homicide in 17 years. This domestic violence-related crime occurred during the early morning hours in a commercial/industrial area of the township. The suspect was located and arrested within hours. Finally, in November, we experienced the deaths of two elderly residents outside their homes. When the police initially responded, the uncertainty of what had occurred made us proceed with an abundance of caution. Investigators ultimately determined that these deaths were not the result of any criminal act.

In all of these cases, good and innocent people lost their lives and we mourn them. These incidents do not place anyone in future danger, however. Each occurrence was isolated and, with the exception of one pending prosecution, ended at the conclusion of our investigation.

For the last three years I have emphasized three main topics in my annual letter: crimes of theft, our country's opioid crisis, and local traffic issues. Theft from unlocked vehicles and unlocked homes continues to account for at least 95 % of these crimes. I therefore ask everyone again to please lock your doors and windows in both your cars and homes. Also, please don't leave your keys in your vehicles. This

accounts for at least 90% of our vehicle thefts.

Last year there were at least 18 incidents in Whitemarsh Township that involved opioid-related issues. I am sure that there were more incidents where opioids were not identified or the police were unaware of the incident because it was not reported. We experienced 15 reported overdoses, almost all heroin-related or, in many cases, they thought it was heroin but it was actually fentanyl, a more potent and deadly drug. Of those overdoses, only one was fatal, which, while one too many, is a reduction from the five in 2017. Through the use of Narcan, our officers, with the assistance of the Whitemarsh Community Ambulance and, at times, private citizens carrying Narcan, were able to reduce the number of overdose deaths in Whitemarsh Township.

The final topic that I have discussed for the last three years has been traffic. In the past my emphasis has been on the way people drive in our community and how we can help to control some of the driving issues that we observe by driving correctly ourselves and leading by example. That message has not changed, but I think more people are now concerned about our local traffic and the issues that have arisen from closures, detours, and construction. The first thing I need to emphasize on the topic of traffic is that the Police Department is not responsible for, or the cause of, the traffic issues that we see every day here in Whitemarsh. We too have to deal with the traffic coming to and from work just like every other member of the motoring public, but we also have to deal with the traffic all day while we work and these issues do not make our jobs any easier. Yes, there are times when we are responsible for emergency closures or detours, but these are normally short-term incidents that are caused by emergency situations that we did not create. The long-term road closures that we have experienced on West Valley Green Road and Butler Pike are unfortunate and unplanned. We recognize that these closures create much inconvenience and additional congestion on already crowded roadways, especially during the rush hours; however, road and bridge conditions that have endangered public safety have dictated that the closures remain in place. As the Police Department, we cannot change these

conditions, so we try to help manage them the best we can. As for the short-term road closures that are caused by road work, road improvement, and utility repair or improvements, we have no control over these events happening, but we do work very closely with the entities responsible for these closures to plan the safest and shortest closures possible.

The short-term closures that are non-emergency related, are planned before they occur and the input of many township organizations is considered. In most situations, the Traffic Safety Unit of the Police Department is requested to assist with the planning and execution of these scheduled road closures and detours and they represent the Police Department in trying to keep the detours as short in time and least impactful as possible. Unfortunately, there is no way to keep progress through repairs or improvements occurring without some inconvenience along the way.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy 2019! Please remember to lock your cars and houses and be aware that the opioid crisis does affect our township. Please also be patient with the traffic issues that we all face every day. The men and women of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department thank you for your support and we look forward to serving the citizens of Whitemarsh Township in 2019.

Sincerely,

Chief Christopher P. Ward

Christopher P. Ward
Chief of Police



2018 NEW HIRE

Officer Stephen Dunning



On August 13, 2018, Officer Stephen Dunning was hired by Whitemarsh Police. Stephen Dunning is a graduate of Essex High School, located in Essex Junction Vermont. Stephen attended Champlain College in Vermont. Stephen graduated from the Vermont Police Academy in 2009 and has successfully challenged the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission certification examination for police officers in Pennsylvania.

Stephen Dunning is a nine-year veteran of the Essex Police Department in Essex Vermont.

Stephen has successfully completed our Field Training Program and is now assigned to our Patrol Division with "A" Squad.



RECORDS MANAGEMENT

In July of 2018 the Police Department switched from our own, self-contained, records management system to a records management system that is being sponsored and supported by the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety. This new records management system was designed by CSI Technologies from New Jersey and is called ALEIS RMS, Advanced Law Enforcement Intelligence System.

The Whitemarsh Township Police Department will be one of 33 law enforcement agencies in Montgomery County that is joining the ALEIS Network in the County. This new system will allow us to share information with the other 32 agencies involved and it will allow us to access their data and information on people, vehicles, locations, etc. in real time. This new system will greatly enhance the information and resources that are available to our officers 24-hours a day.

2018 NEW ASSIGNMENT

Officer Vincent Mundy



Ofc. Vincent Mundy, an 8 year veteran of the Police Department, has been assigned as the newly created Special Assignment Officer position that will began January 1, 2019. Ofc. Mundy is a member of the Montgomery County SWAT, Central Region and the Whitemarsh Township's Bike Unit. Ofc. Mundy is a Field Training Officer, a member of the District Attorney's Drug Task Force, a contributor to the Citizens Police Academy and a lead instructor for our

Cop Camp Program.

Ofc. Mundy's assignment will involve assisting the Detective Division, Traffic Safety Unit and the Community Policing Division with special projects and at times of higher than normal call volume for these divisions.

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Police

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All township residents are encouraged to sign up for the ReadyMontco notification service. Whitemarsh Township frequently utilizes these notifications to get timely information out to residents during storms, flooding, traffic incidents, and other important events.

Visit www.ReadyMontco.org to sign up today!

WHITEMARSH COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION



In 2018, WCAA responded to the most calls in the history of the company; **over 4,200!**

Whitemarsh Community Ambulance Association (WCAA) is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that has been providing emergency (911) ambulance services to the residents of Whitemarsh Township since 1956. In 2014, WCAA expanded our services to non-emergency transports, bariatric ambulance transports, and paratransit services to further aid the community.



Did you know a full equipped ambulance can cost over \$275,000?!

- Life Support Equipment: \$10,000
- Cardiac Monitor: \$42,000
- Stretcher: \$26,000
- Communication Equipment: \$15,000
- Stair Chair: \$3,500
- Ambulance Vehicle: \$175,000
- EMT/Paramedic: **PRICELESS!!!**

If you would like to volunteer for WCAA please contact us at WCAA318@whitemarshems.org, or visit our website www.whitemarshems.org.

If you have any questions about or services, do not hesitate to reach out to us!

FIRE MARSHAL



The Whitemarsh Township Office of Emergency Management team consists of the Fire Marshal, Police Department, two local fire companies (Barren Hill & 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.

2018 FIRE MARSHAL CALLS DISPATCHED

Type of Call Dispatched	#
Accident stand-by	3
Appliance	7
Asst. Emerg. Medical Srvc.	10
Asst. Fire Marshal	1
Asst. Twp. Company	42
Asst. other Twp.	49
Asst. PD	2
Automatic Fire Alarm	328
Building Fire Commercial	8
Building Fire non-commercial	13
Building Investigation	16
Carbon Monoxide Detector	29
Cover-up relocate	5
Dumpster	6
Electrical Fire-outside	68

Type of Call Dispatched	#
Elevator Alarm	1
Fire other	1
Gas Leak-inside	33
Gas Leak-outside	16
Hazardous Materials Incident	1
Helicopter Landing	17
Officer's Investigation	2
Rapid Intervention Team	23
Rescue	15
Special Service	5
Unknown	5
Vehicle	6
Vehicle leaking fuel	2
Water Flow Alarm	3
Woods	11

TOTAL CALLS: 728

TIRE COLLECTIONS

2019 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS 9:00 am – Noon

WHEN:

Saturday, May 11

WHERE:

Green Lane Park

2298 Green Lane Road, Morrow Pavilion, Green Lane, PA 18054
(near the tennis courts)

Saturday, June 8

Montgomery County Community College

340 DeKalb Pike, enter at 1313 Morris Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422
(in the Central Lot, 1D)

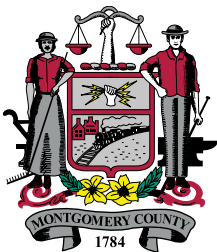
Saturday, June 29

Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center

77 Graterford Road, Limerick, PA 19468

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 for civil engineering and playground material.

- Montgomery County residents only
- No businesses!
- Free of charge
- 10 tires per vehicle maximum
- Rims and tires on rims accepted
- **Accepted:** passenger, light truck, motorcycle, ATV, bicycle, wheelbarrow, and lawn mower tires
- **Not accepted:** farm equipment or construction vehicle tires



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For additional information and in case of severe weather:

Please visit MontcoPARecycles.org, email recycling@montcopa.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.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.

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647 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

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Proudly serving Whitmarsh Township and our Neighboring Communities since 1915

The members of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company remain committed to providing the first class Fire and Rescue services that our Community has become accustomed to and deserves. We are always looking for new, able volunteers to join our team. There are many opportunities to volunteer in addition to being a Firefighter such as fund raising and fire police.

Check out www.barrenhill.com/volunteer for more information.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The 2019 Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Fund Drive is underway. Our annual fund drive helps offset day to day operational costs as well as the maintenance and upkeep of our facility and apparatus. Our annual Fund Drive asks for just \$50.00. We appreciate the community's consideration of less than \$1.00 per week to support your local Volunteer Fire Company.

Meet Our Officers

Operations Officers

- Fire Chief Chris Schwartz (1998)
- Deputy Chief Renard Rose (1999)
- Assistant Chief Tim Tygh (2003)
- Assistant Chief Scott Yoder (1995)
- Battalion Chief Joseph "Bucky" Swider (1997)
 - Captain Jamie Viall (2003)
 - Captain Chris Hummel (2009)
 - Lieutenant Chris Breish (2013)
 - Lieutenant Shaun Maher (2000)
 - Lieutenant Dave Cox (2005)
 - Safety Officer Pat DiCicco (1993)
 - Chief Engineer Mike Gaffney (1999)
 - Fire Police Captain Scott Rotenbury (1974)

Administrative Officers

- President Renard Rose (1999)
- Vice President Joseph "Bucky" Swider (1997)
- Secretary Gene Langerfeld (1969)
- Treasurer Paul Stanish (1977)

Board of Trustees

- Shel Klein - Chairman (1991)
- Tim Tygh (2003)
- Scott Yoder (1995)
- John Lynch (2001)
- Pat DiCicco (1993)
- Shaun Maher (2000)
- Chris Breish (2013)

The Operations Officers of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company have been serving Whitmarsh Township and our neighboring communities under Fire Chief Chris Schwartz since 2008. The twelve (12) operational officers bring more than two hundred years of volunteer service and experience to the operational leadership of the Fire Company.

The Administrative Officers of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company have served under President Renard Rose since 2014. The administrative officers have more than one hundred and thirty five (135) years in the Emergency Services.

The Board of Trustees of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company have served under Chairman Shel Klein since 2013. The Board of Trustees have more than one hundred and thirty five (135) years of service to the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company.

By the numbers in 2018...

When the alarm sounds, our VOLUNTEERS leave their families and everyday lives to respond to our Community's call for service. In addition to calls for service, our VOLUNTEERS attend weekly and certified training classes as well as special service events such as block parties, fire prevention activities, Santa Runs, Township Day and many others. The numbers below represent the recorded activities of the Volunteers of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company in 2018. These VOLUNTEER activities equate to nearly **10,000 VOLUNTEER** hours to our Community in 2018.

- Calls For Service:** 508
- Training Nights:** 48
- Special Services:** 58
- Fire Police Callouts:** 32
- Certificate Trainings:** 274



If your smoke detectors are more than 10 years old and / or your carbon monoxide alarm is more than five (5) years old, it is strongly recommended that they be replaced. The Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company is an annual participant in the Operation 6ABC Save-A-Life Smoke Detector Program. In need of a smoke detector or an evaluation of your home's smoke / CO detectors, call 610-825-2250 to make an appointment.



We're Expecting!!!!



2019 Spartan Rescue Pumper!!

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The Cost of Firefighting...

Personal Protective Equipment to Outfit one (1) Firefighter: **\$3,085.00**

Class A Fire Engine for Fire Company Operations: **\$450,000 - \$500,000**

Rescue Truck / Squad Rescue Pumper: **\$650,000 - \$750,000**

Tower Ladder for Fire Company Operations: **\$1,100,000 - \$1,300,000**



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SPRING MILL FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP - MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA - STATION 45

1210 EAST HECTOR STREET CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428

(610)825-1164 • www.springmillfire.com

Spring Mill Fire Company has proudly protected and served the residents, businesses and visitors of Whitemarsh Township and our surrounding communities, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week since 1923. We provide protection and assistance for firefighting, rescue operations and fire police operations. In 2018, our volunteers spent over 5,525-man hours on training, responding to emergency calls for service as well as participating in several community events.

CELEBRATING 95 YEARS

The Spring Mill Fire Company No. 1 recently, celebrated its 95th Anniversary serving the residents of Whitemarsh Township with our awards banquet dinner. This is a proud milestone for us, during this very difficult time to recruit and maintain volunteers. Below are the pictures of the award recipients.



Firefighter of the Year
Josh Pierce



Award of Gratitude
Gary Davis



Fire Chief's Award
Chuck Gallagher



Chief Engineer's Award
Joe Heil



Fire Police Officer
of the Year
Marvin Haines



Junior Firefighter
of the Year
Hunter Masters



Rookie of the Year
Michael Donovan

ACTIVATION OF UNDERWATER DIVE RESCUE & RECOVERY UNIT

The Spring Mill Fire Company Water Rescue & Dive Unit has recently been recognized as a first response team by Montgomery County. It supports water rescue and recovery efforts in our first due area which includes the Schuylkill river from the northern edge of Manayunk over to the Gladwyne section of Lower Merion up to the Conshohocken/West Conshohocken border. We have a fleet of 3 boats for Swift Water Rescue & Dive Rescue Operations, along with a unit trailer that can be transported to incident scenes. The Dive Trailer contains essential gear including; air cylinders, wet and dry dive suits and crew member kits. This unit is complimented with over 2 dozen water rescue and dive team personnel.

With the recognition of this unit by Montgomery County as a recognized dive team, SMFC's first response area is capable of being expanded to any water related emergency call both within and outside the boundaries of the county as a support unit, highlighting the County's trust in the SMFC organization.

This appointment is the result of our dedicated service, a commitment to the surrounding community and a standard of excellence facilitated by the growth of our skilled dive team. SMFC's Dive Team capabilities and certifications include but are not limited to Advanced Open Water Diving, Rescue Diving, Mixed Gas Diving, and specializations in Dry Suit Diving for cold weather and contaminated environments. Additionally, individual members of the team maintain expertise in a variety of technical diving environments including low visibility and drift diving, especially important with the presence of rivers in our local area.

SMFC's Dive Team will continue to focus on maintaining high levels of readiness, unit training and a specialized capability to support the expanded scope of responsibility to the Montgomery County communities and beyond.

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HELP US, HELP YOU. YOU ARE HELPING YOUR FAMILY & YOUR COMMUNITY!

Whether you were born and raised here or recently relocated, you've made a great choice and we are happy to be your neighbor. It always amazes people to learn that our fire company is VOLUNTEER, no we are not paid! We are proud when we hear this because we are providing the highest level of service to our area! We are the same volunteers that have been at the heart of America's first fire service founded by Ben Franklin.

The first residents of the Spring Mill section of Whitemarsh Township began to discuss the need for a local fire company over 95 years ago. In 1923, the Spring Mill Fire Company No. 1 was chartered by neighbors just like you to organize a Fire Company on our nationally recognized historical property.

As volunteers, we share a spirit of dedication and professionalism that leads to providing the best community service possible. Our volunteers respond from their homes or jobs to give their time to respond to your emergencies. Our volunteers put even more hours into training, to ensure that we are prepared to serve you whenever you call upon us for help.

If you are interested in getting involved, we have options for you to Join, Donate or Follow us.

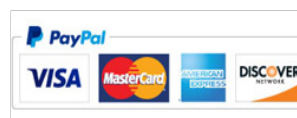
- **Join:** Join as a Firefighter, Diver or Fire Police officer to respond to emergency calls. Volunteers are not required to respond to calls and can provide administrative support through committees or the Ladies Auxiliary. Every skill fulfills a need!
- **Donate:** In addition to being volunteer, we are majority self-funded and rely heavily on the financial support of the community. These funds provide state of the art equipment, gear and apparatus so we are as prepared as possible to respond to an emergency.
- **Follow:** Follow us on social media to stay in touch. We can be found as @SpringMillFireCo on both Facebook and Instagram.

None of what we do would be possible without the support and generosity of the community through thousands of hours spent volunteering and the community's financial contributions.

If every household could just donate \$25, less than a single tank of gas for most, you can make a tremendous difference. We are 96% volunteer, which means most of our personnel are on call 24 hours a day 7 day a week. These men and women drop whatever they are doing at a moment's notice to respond to emergencies in Whitemarsh Township and to provide mutual aid to our surrounding communities. We have 1 full-time Driver/Firefighter who works daily Monday thru Friday as well as part-time staffing that provides evening and weekend coverage.

As a volunteer organization, we are always looking for new members. There are many duties that can be performed in addition to firefighting and responding to emergencies. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please visit www.springmillfire.com or stop by the station any Monday evening from 7pm-9pm.

VOLUNTEER
you can make a difference!





WHITEMARSH FOUNDATION

It was a brisk morning in early October and the parking lot at the Whitemarsh Foundation Dixon Meadow House was bumper to bumper. Collections of people gathered along the nearly two thirds of a mile boardwalk throughout the Dixon Meadow Preserve (DMP). The crowds had not assembled for a planned event, yet some of the license plates were from as far away as Maryland. A day prior, one of the faithful birders to whom the Preserve is a local observation spot, had seen something never before seen in Pennsylvania. Then through a viral birding network word spread: the Rock Wren, a small brown bird indigenous to the Western United States, had landed at the Preserve.

As Whitemarsh Foundation continues to evolve as a mainstay in the conversation about land preservation it is proud to call other community pillars such as the Morris Arboretum, Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association and the Whitemarsh Township valued partners in education. Join the Foundation and Township Parks & Recreation Department for an Evening Walk through the Dixon Meadow for a discussion about the migratory nesting species and residential birds: June 18TH 2019 at 5:15 PM.



Other programs in July and August include Monarch Butterfly Repopulation Efforts and Drone Videography.

To some faithful birders, this was worth the multi-hour drive from Maryland or the flight from Pittsburgh. And so, together with Whitemarsh Township locals, they sat vigil for hours waiting for this special visitor to return. These birding enthusiasts had come from near and far with a common purpose; a community of passionate birders leveraging one of the areas gems.

To register for the June 18TH Evening Walk please visit www.whitemarshparks.org. To view other programs at the Dixon Meadow Preserve visit www.whitemarshfoundation.org or contact Kim Sheppard at the Whitemarsh Foundation at (610) 828-5351.



This is one of the missions of the Dixon Meadow Preserve, and furthermore, one of the primary focuses of the Whitemarsh Foundation; building community. Since 2001 when the Foundation began assembling donors and educating those in the area on the preservation of open space, they have seen interest for their work grow, and the positive community response along with it. Now as a fully formed preserve with mature flora and fauna, the DMP's 14 acres play an integral role as host to more than 150 species of migrating birds and traveling animals. And sightings like the Rock Wren are proof that this community building is thriving.





HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2019 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

DATES:

Saturday, April 27

Boyertown Middle School East

2020 Big Rd. • Gilbertsville

Saturday, May 4

Indian Valley Middle School

130 Maple Ave. • Harleysville

Saturday, May 18

Temple University–Ambler Campus

enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike • Ambler

Saturday, June 15

Norristown Area High School

1900 Eagle Dr. • Norristown

(enter at Whitehall Rd.)

Saturday, June 22

Abington Junior High School

enter at 2056 Susquehanna Rd. • Abington

Saturday, September 28

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center

400 South Lewis Rd. • Royersford

SUNDAY, October 20

Lower Merion Transfer Station

1300 N. Woodbine Ave. • Penn Valley

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

For additional information and in case of severe weather:

Please visit MontcoPARecycles.org, email recycling@montcopa.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.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.



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ADULT EVENTS

WEEKLY

Open Game Play, Tuesdays 4:00 - 7:30 pm
Drop in for mah jongg, canasta, bridge, or your game of choice. Free. No registration required.

Dropped Stitches, Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:45 pm
Experienced crafters welcome at this self-guided group. Free. No registration required.

Gentle Yoga, Tuesdays 2:30 - 3:30 pm
Postures, meditation, and more. See website for cost and schedule. Drop-ins welcome.

Qi Gong, Thursdays 10:00 - 11:30 am
Slow moving form of meditation. See website for cost and schedule. Drop-ins welcome.

Tai Chi for Health, Fridays 10:00 - 11:30 am
Gentle, flowing and challenging exercise. See website for cost and schedule. Drop-ins welcome.

Career Networking, Fridays 9:30 - 11:30 am
Support and networking group for those who are unemployed or in transition. Registration required, group size is limited. Free. See website for details.

MONTHLY

Book Clubs come together on the **3rd Wednesday at 3:00 pm**, and **3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm**. Visit the website for a schedule of books and discussion guides.

Movie Matinees are held on the **2nd Monday and Last Wednesday at 1:30 pm** for a screening of a new release DVD. *Program sponsored by the Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library.*

SPECIAL EVENTS



One Book, One County Readings & Book Signings on April 11

Bestselling author Adriana Trigiani will discuss her books, including the recent *Tony's Wife's*, and sign books at **Ursinus College at 2:00 PM** and **Keneseh Israel Synagogue at 7:00 PM**. Tickets are on sale now at montcolibraries.org

And look for special, related bookclub, WWII music, and Cookbook Club programs in March and April at the Library!

For additional information, dates and times of monthly and special Adult events, please visit our website at jeaneslibrary.org or contact Adam Gilbert-Cole, Adult Services and Reference Librarian, at 610-828-0441 ext. 103 or acole@mclinc.org.

TEEN EVENTS

MONTHLY

Youth Advisory Board (YAB) meets on the **1st Friday from 4:30 - 6:00 pm**. Teens grades 6-12 help create, plan, and implement programs for the William Jeanes Memorial Library.*

The Q-Crew meets on the **2nd Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:30 pm**. LGBTQ+ teens and allies are invited to join the Library's Q Crew! Come discuss past and current topics, issues, and events in a safe space. Plus, snacks and a craft.*

Anime Club happens on the **4th Monday from 6:00 - 7:30 pm**. Do you enjoy anime and manga? If so, join our Anime Club! Bring your friends (and make new ones) as you watch and discuss your favorite anime.*

The Middle Grade Book Club meets on the **3rd Monday of every month from 6:15-7pm**. Anyone in grades 6 through 8 is invited to join us for good discussion of great books.

SPECIAL EVENTS

At our **Prom Wear Drive Giveaway** we are giving away donations of new and gently-used men's and women's formal wear, including dresses, shoes, jewelry, evening bags, suits and suits separates, ties, and more!

Our Giveaway Days will take place over four days, Thursday April 11th through Sunday April 14th at various times:

Thursday, April 11th from 5-8pm

Friday, April 12th from 5-8pm

Saturday, April 13th from 10-5pm

Sunday, April 14th from 1-5pm



For additional information, dates and times of monthly and special Teen events, please visit jeaneslibrary.org or contact Sara Huff, Teen Librarian, at 610-828-0441 ext. 113 or shuff@mclinc.org.

*Indicates programs sponsored by the Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, 12-8:00 PM * Tuesday-Thursday, 10 AM - 8 PM * Friday & Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM * Sunday, 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Closed Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21; May 25-27;

Summer Hours: Saturdays 10 AM-2 PM and closed Sundays, from Memorial Day through Labor Day

CHILDRENS EVENTS

WINTER/SPRING CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES*

January 7—March 28 & April 23—May 30

Babes & Books (0-18 mos.)

Tuesdays, 11:00 & 11:30 am

Mother Goose (18-36 mos.)

Wednesdays, 11:15 am & Thursdays, 10:15 am

Tales for Tots (3-4 yrs.)

Wednesdays, 10:15 am & Thursdays, 11:15 am

Sensory Storytime (3 yrs. & up)

Tuesdays, 10:00 am

Registration required.

Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:15 PM.

Mar 20, Apr 10, May 8

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS*

Enjoy a family-friendly screening of a recently released or favorite movie!

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:45 pm,

Mar 27, Apr 24, May 22

SPECIAL EVENTS

Paws and Read

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1

Kids practice reading with a certified therapy dog.

Minutes with Misty

Friday, 11:30 am - 12:00 pm —see monthly calendar for dates

Families are invited to interact with a registered therapy Goldendoodle dog.

Free Build

Mondays, 2:00 - 7:00 pm

Mar 18, Apr 15, May 13

Drop in and explore building activities! For babies to big kids, we'll have LEGO®, Magna-Tiles, and more!



StoryUP!*

Saturday, March 23 11:00 AM—12:00 PM

Inspiring confidence and creativity, StoryUP! team members will perform interactive improv shows based on stories from participants. In this unique program, kids will watch their stories and ideas come to life on the spot!

Registration required.

For additional information, dates and times of monthly and special Kids events, please visit jeaneslibrary.org or contact Rachel Fecho, Children's Librarian, at 610-828-0441 ext. 104 or rfecho@mclinc.org.

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SAVE THE DATES

WINE & CHEESE (& CHOCOLATE) TASTING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 6, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Early bird tickets through March 17: \$40 per person

An Evening with the Community to Benefit the William Jeanes Memorial Library!

Join special guest Robert Peters, wine expert and Main Line Night School instructor, who will discuss locally available wines and make recommendations. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older. Purchase tickets at the library or at www.jeaneslibrary.org.

PLANT SALE

ORDERS IN MARCH AND APRIL

PICK-UP DATES: **SAT-SUN, MAY 4-5**

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE

April 27, 10:00 am—3:00 pm

April 28, 1:00—3:00 pm

Stop by for great prices on used hardcover and paperback books, from fiction and biography to children's and everything in between! All proceeds from the sale benefit the library.

CONNECTING EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

a monthly social series for young adults with special needs and abilities

Ages 16+: 3rd Fridays, 6 - 9 pm

March 15, April 19, May 17

***NEW* Junior High (gr 6-9): 2nd Fridays, 4:30 -6:30 pm**
March 8, April 12, May 10

Registration in the program is required. For additional information, dates and times of monthly and special events, please visit our website at jeaneslibrary.org or contact Deborah Moore, Operations and Public Relations Manager 610-828-0441 ext. 107 dmoore@mclinc.org.

CEP is held in partnership with Whitmarsh Township Parks and Recreation, and is partially funded by a grant from CCRES.

THE SLEEPING MAT PROJECT

Thursdays through March, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Drop in to work on our project weaving plastic bags into sleeping mats for the homeless. No experience necessary ~ All hands welcome!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

A UNIVERSE OF STORIES!

Kick-off Day Saturday, June 22

Check back for all the exciting events at the library for kids, teens and adults this summer!

CHECK US OUT!

*New collections to browse, new devices coming soon!

*Sign up for our monthly newsletter—ask our staff for information.

*Sign up for Wowbrary, our weekly newsletter featuring all of the new items added to the Collection in the previous week. See our website for details.

*Our complete Calendar of Events is available on our website and at either Check-Out Desk

*Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram—news, events, and fun!

www.jeaneslibrary.org

Community Events

“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up.”

~ Pablo Picasso

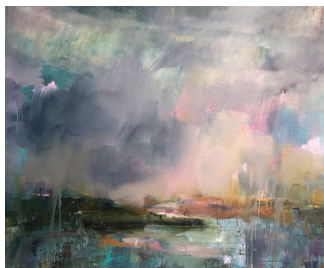
Art Around the World - Lecture Series



Friday, March 29, 6-8PM and April 26, 6-8PM (at the Barn)

The Art Around the World lecture series is a lively forum for the exchange of ideas among speakers, students, teachers, and the public. The series provides a space for exhibitions, performances, and conversations addressing intercultural exchanges between artists and performers. Presenters will discuss how traveling and the experience of other lands, cultural patterns, and aesthetic traditions have impacted their artistic work and empowered them as individuals.

Enter our 5th Annual Plein Air Paint Out Day



Win cash prizes! Saturday, May 5th, 8AM - 4PM

Painting Drop-Off at 5PM

Reception and awards announced at 6:30PM

Juror: Georganna Lenssen

Paint anywhere in Whitemarsh, the Borough of Conshohocken, Maple Acres Farm, the Morris Arboretum and the newly added Dixon Meadow Preserve.

For More Information on Classes and Events

Visit us online at whitemarsharts.org or contact us at (610) 825-0917 | office@whitemarsharts.org.

First Friday Art for Ages 60+



April 5th and May 3rd, Noon - 2 PM

Free and open to the public

Join us the First Friday of every month for an afternoon of creativity and fun. Projects vary from month to month and can cover painting, drawing, ceramics, and mixed media. All materials included. Register on our website early as spaces fill up quickly.

Art in the Park



Saturday, June 8th, Noon - 3PM

Join us for a celebration of the arts and creativity at our annual Art in the Park event. There will be food, music, and a variety of art projects for all to enjoy throughout the day. This event is free and open to the public.

Birthday Parties for Ages 4+



Create the themed birthday party of your dreams.

Our two-hour birthday parties feature an hour of class-led instruction in a project designed in co-operation with the birthday family and a second hour hosted by you with the refreshments of your choice. Extended family and friends are always welcome to join the refreshment hour. Contact us to schedule your party today.

BYOB Painting Parties

Gather your friends for an evening of painting, music and libations. We will supply the teacher and the materials, you and your friends bring drinks, fun and creativity. Contact us to schedule today.

Volunteer Your Time

Do you have a few hours a year? A month? A week? The Whitemarsh art Center might be a great place for you to share your time. Contact us today or visit us online to learn more.



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TUESDAY, MAY 7TH
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