

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2004



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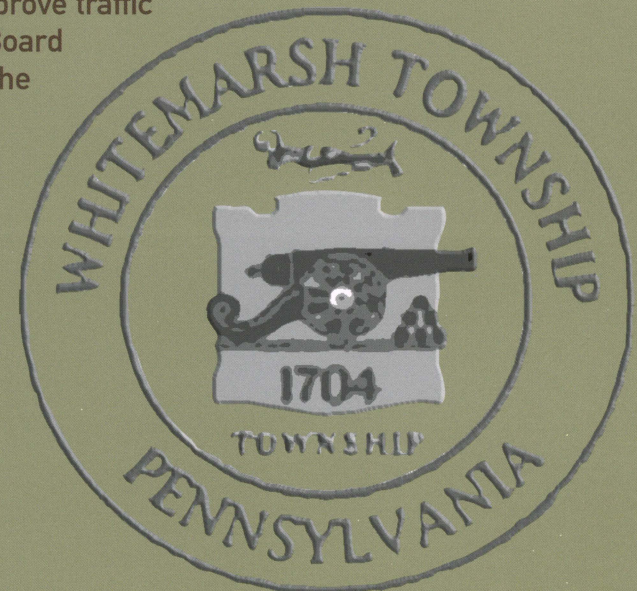
The Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to present the Annual Report for 2004. We hope that it gives you insight into your local government, the work and planning that took place in 2004, and our vision for the future of Whitemarsh.

Whitemarsh Township is a great place to live, and the Board of Supervisors, our volunteer committees, and Township employees are striving to make it even better. It is your Township and your government, and we look forward to working together to achieve both our short-term and long-term goals.

We took decisive action on many significant issues over the past year. In January 2004, the new Board recognized that revenues were greater than had been anticipated by the prior Board, so we repealed a tax increase enacted in 2003. During 2004, we voted to enact and strengthen a series of ordinances that will help prevent poorly planned development, reduce flooding, improve traffic flow, protect open space, and fund park improvements. The Board moved on a number of other initiatives that will help improve the quality of life in Whitemarsh.

We hope you find the Annual Report for 2004 to be useful, and we invite your comments and ideas for 2005. We would like to recognize and thank all of the people we work with, staff and volunteers alike, whose time, energy, and creativity help keep Whitemarsh Township alive.

Respectfully Submitted,
The 2004 Board of Supervisors
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Whitemarsh Township's 300th Birthday

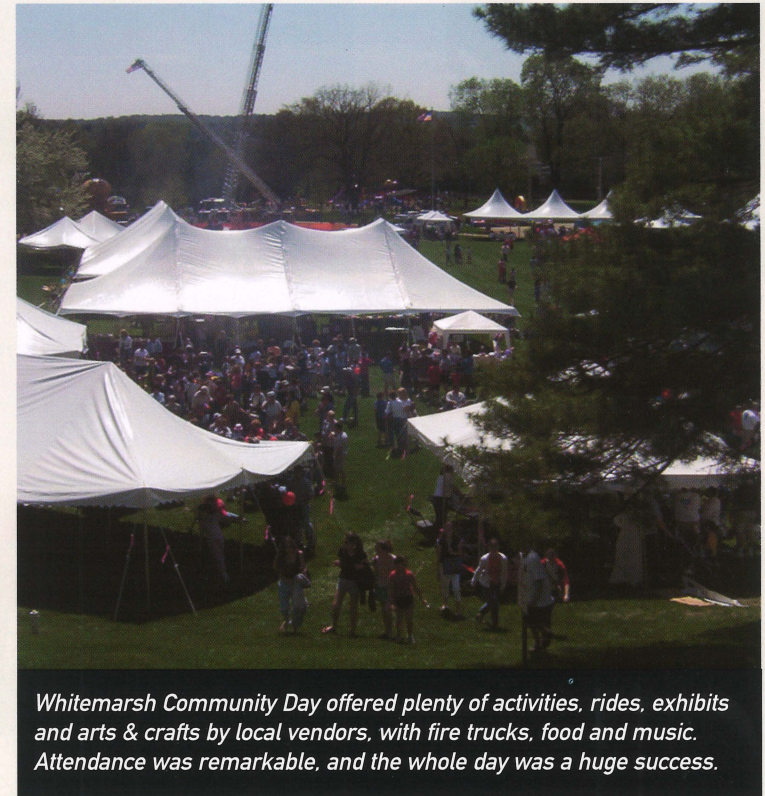
Our living past. Our growing future.

A chance conversation started it in the Spring of 2003. "Have you noticed that 1704 was 299 years ago?" This led to a phone call, a meeting, more calls, more meetings, and the decision that Whitemarsh must celebrate the 300th anniversary of its founding.

The "300 Committee" set some goals: Use the year to build community spirit, cultivate neighborhood pride, and teach ourselves about the heritage of this place we call Whitemarsh. Have some fun!

Converting those dreams into a yearlong stream of fun and events was no easy task. There was little time to plan. Yet, to the credit of everyone who joined in the effort — fundraisers, volunteers, sponsors, community organizations, neighboring communities, school district, and Township employees — Whitemarsh Township had its birthday party.

And we loved it!



Whitemarsh Community Day offered plenty of activities, rides, exhibits and arts & crafts by local vendors, with fire trucks, food and music. Attendance was remarkable, and the whole day was a huge success.

April 24th marked Whitemarsh Community Day. A new tradition, the 3K Walk — 5K Run, drew 165 participants and kicked off the biggest Whitemarsh Community Day ever.





The annual Independence Day Parade sponsored by the Lions Club was the best in recent memory, attracting larger than usual crowds of floats, marching bands, bikes, and flags. Township financial support allowed the Lions to book extra entertainment, with enthusiastic participation from emergency services, local churches, schools, civic organizations, and neighboring communities.

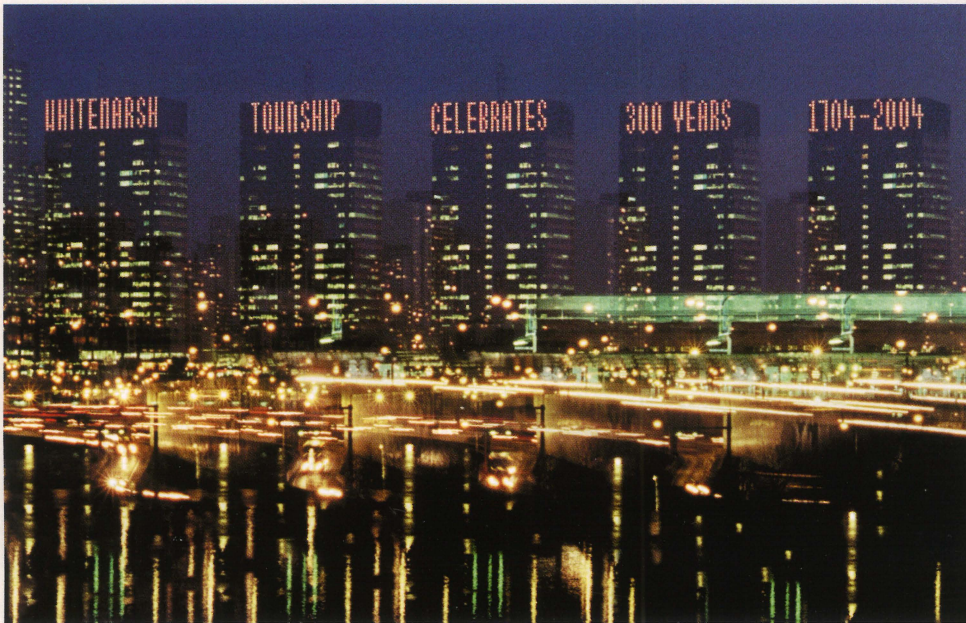


The Heritage Gala was held on October 30th. This elegant black tie event was attended by 146 guests at the historic Highlands Mansion and Gardens. The gala allowed Whitmarsh to recognize Mr. & Mrs. F. Eugene Dixon, Jr. for their stewardship of Erdenheim Farm, and their many civic contributions.

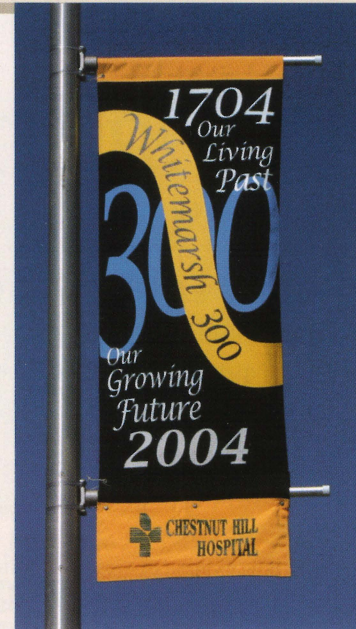


Heritage Day was held on September 19th at Victory Field. While delayed a day, courtesy of Hurricane Ivan, the games and crafts, along with a huge ferris wheel, musicians, and a spectacular fireworks display set to music, made the event memorable and historic. Thanks to the army of volunteers and Township employees, and support from neighboring communities and the Colonial School District, Heritage Day was a great success.





On behalf of Whitemarsh and its residents, the Board of Supervisors recognizes "Whitemarsh 300" co-chairs Irene Webster & Duane McCarthy, and all the volunteers, committee members, and Township employees who made the 300th Anniversary celebrations so meaningful, memorable, and fun. And special thanks to our Citizens of the Month, who contributed so much of their time to the community throughout the year.



Mr. Paul Henkels of Henkels & McCoy, and Whipain Township assisted with installation of the commemorative banners throughout the Township.

The 300 Committee would like to thank the major sponsors of The Whitemarsh 300th Celebration: McNeil Pharmaceuticals, National Label Company, Kappa Publishing, Mr. & Mrs. F. Eugene Dixon, Jr., Erdenheim Farm, Chestnut Hill Hospital, Karamoor Farm, and Preferred Real Estate Investments. Our thanks also to the many others who contributed to the tri-centennial.

Citizens of the Month:

- January - Charles Hough
- February - Madeline Moser
- March - Bruce Ferguson
- April - Julia Cattrell
- May - Shel Klein
- June - Kay Speers
- July - Joe Spare
- August - William Carmint
- September - Bernadette Biasi
- October - Ann Davis Waters
- November - Donald Mattson
- December - Jack Loughridge

Better Planning For Smart Growth

2004 marked a deliberate change in the way Whitemarsh Township approaches its mission. The focus is to better understand and respond to the concerns of Township residents, and to plan for the future.

New Ordinances

- *Stormwater Management*
- *Impervious Coverage Limits*
- *Tree Protection*
- *Traffic Impact Fees from Developers*
- *Stream Corridor Protection*
- *Parkland Funding from Developers*

New Initiatives

- *Stormwater Improvements*
- *Traffic Improvements Planning*
- *Open Space Planning*
- *Parks & Recreation Planning*
- *Multi-Municipality Planning*

In the area of zoning and planning, the Board of Supervisors has led a concerted effort to implement recommendations that will help achieve the vision outlined in the Township's 2003 Comprehensive Plan.

The Board relies on the talents and efforts of Township staff and the volunteers who serve on the Shade Tree Commission, the Environmental Advisory Board, the Planning Commission, the Zoning Hearing Board, and other boards and commissions. Whitemarsh encourages developers to revise their plans to incorporate the recommendations of these groups. Commercial zoning applicants are asked to appear before the Board of Supervisors in order for the Board to determine whether it should support or oppose the requested zoning relief.

The Township will continue to change, and we are working to improve the quality of life in Whitemarsh through new policy, ordinances, and initiatives (i.e., infrastructure, upgrades, proactive planning). Following are just some of the highlights from 2004.



DID YOU KNOW...

Accidental open space, i.e., the land under and around power stations and lines, is valued by its neighbors, and costs the residents of a municipality nothing. Most municipalities can't afford to buy this kind of space, but can fight to keep it open

Implementing the Comprehensive Plan

The Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and other Township boards worked throughout the year to implement the recommendations of the 2003 Comprehensive Plan. That plan calls for action in a variety of areas, including development of new ordinances, rezoning to ensure that smart growth principles are followed throughout the Township, and the improvement and expansion of our park and trail system. Several new ordinances were adopted, including measures to restrict development, protect natural resources, and require new development to fund traffic improvements and parkland preservation.

Finding Traffic Solutions

The Board spent time in 2004 working with neighboring municipalities to explore solutions to our common traffic issues. These discussions continue.

Improvements were made to the intersection of Joshua Road and Ridge Pike and, in early 2005, a left hand turn lane and sidewalks will be added at the corner of Germantown Pike and Joshua Road. Other improvements are in the



planning stages, and a comprehensive traffic study has been initiated. Finally, a Traffic Impact Fee Ordinance was passed, which requires developers to pay for project-specific traffic improvements.

Protecting Natural Resources

In 2004, the Board of Supervisors transferred \$100,000 to the Open Space Reserve Fund, and the Open Space Committee was reinstated and directed to update the Township's 1996 Open Space Plan, which will help ensure that the Township will be eligible for a \$1.2 million open space grant from Montgomery County. The Committee is working to identify open space priorities and recommend ways the Township can affordably protect this land. Work is

being coordinated with the County and with open space committees in neighboring townships.

The Shade Tree Commission worked in 2004 to draft major revisions to the Township's Tree Protection Ordinance, review plans submitted by developers to minimize tree disturbance, and assure appropriate restoration and screening. In 2004, the Shade Tree Commission also instituted a Heritage Tree program to identify and protect the "Grand Master" trees of our community.

The Environmental Advisory Board reviews zoning applications and development proposals and suggests ways to minimize impact on the environment. Much of 2004 involved developing efforts to improve stormwater management practices. The Environmental Advisory Board made significant revisions to the grading, erosion control, stormwater management, and best management practices regulations.

DID YOU KNOW...

By the end of 2005, the Township expects to have about a half million dollars in the Open Space Reserve Fund, to match the County's \$1.2 million grant for open space acquisition.



In honor of the Whitemarsh 300, the Environmental Advisory Board planted a tree at Cedar Grove Park.

In addition, it developed a stormwater best management practices fact sheet. The Environmental Advisory Board also redesigned an existing detention basin to create a naturalized basin, and assisted the Township in fulfilling its stormwater management permit requirements.

Broad Axe Business Campus to be Redeveloped

The Broad Axe business campus received zoning approval for a major redevelopment expected to include new exteriors, as well as the elimination of one building and connection of two others. The

developer has agreed to implement upgrades requested by the Board of Supervisors, including improvements to stormwater management, signage and landscaping on the property.

Butler Pike Storage Facility Opposed

The Board of Supervisors, Cedar Grove Neighbors Association, Whitemarsh Township Residents Association and neighboring property owners opposed a proposal to build a mini storage complex on Butler Pike under power lines. The land under and around the power lines provides a buffer for the neighborhood. The Zoning

Hearing Board ruled against the project. An appeal is pending.

Eliminating the Eyesore at 29 Ridge Pike

The Board of Supervisors is negotiating for the immediate removal of the dangerous and unsightly remnants of a project abandoned years ago. The Township is also awaiting confirmation that the developer will install traffic improvements if a proposed 3-story residential condominium is built.



Federal Court Dismisses Highway Materials Lawsuit Against the Township

In October, United States District Court Judge Robert Kelly granted summary judgment against Highway Materials, Inc. and in favor of Whitemarsh Township, the Township engineer, and individual Township Supervisors.

In his 43-page opinion, Judge Kelly determined that Highway Materials' constitutional rights were not violated when the Board of Supervisors rejected a proposed commercial office development plan for Quarry Hole #1 on Stenton Avenue in 2002. Highway Materials has since filed an appeal to the United States Third Court of Appeals, and a related suit filed by Highway Materials in State Court is also pending. The legal victory, after two years of effort, affirms the Board of Supervisors' commitment to ensure that land development in the Township is consistent with our zoning and land development laws.

Rebuilt Fort Washington Bridge Opens

The rebuilt Bethlehem Pike railroad bridge was opened to traffic in the fall. Thanks to the efforts of a group known as Fort Washington Rescape, the bridge project



was upgraded to include stone facing, new sidewalks, decorative street and traffic lights and new landscaping. To encourage business growth that fits with the historic character of the area, the Township plans to create a new "village commercial" zoning for the area.

Changes at Whitemarsh Elementary

The Colonial School District adopted a full-day kindergarten program in 2004. The District's plans for six new classrooms and additional parking at Whitemarsh Elementary included a daunting deadline of September 2004, and drew opposition from neighboring residents who had concerns about the proposed parking design, and stormwater management. Township Supervisors and staff worked with the District and neighbors to identify a compromise design and complete the project on schedule.

Flourtown Erdenheim Enhancement Association (FEEA) Unveils Plans for Bethlehem Pike

Whitemarsh and Springfield Townships are collaborating in a project that calls for zoning changes, historic architectural standards, and streetscape improvements such as sidewalks and lighting, benches, and safer pedestrian crossings along Bethlehem Pike. A redesign of the roadway to calm traffic has also been recommended. In 2004, Whitemarsh and Springfield received a \$190,000 grant for entrance-ways to the area, and design is expected to begin in early 2005.



Stormwater Management Improvements

Township personnel and volunteers provide Emergency Response, Saving lives.

In the Summer of 2004, Whitmarsh was hit by a series of major storms. Rainfall during the August 1st and September 28th storms caused considerable damage to public and private properties throughout the Township. There were several water rescues, and Township roads, bridges, parks, and other public properties suffered over \$700,000 in damage. During the emergencies, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was opened and Township staff and volunteers spent hours fielding calls, rescuing residents, and helping with clean-up efforts. Due to the extraordinary efforts of the Police Department, volunteer Fire Companies, Ambulance Company, and Township staff, there was no loss of life in Whitmarsh. More than 85 private homes were damaged badly enough to require inspection.

Immediately following both of these storms, the Board of Supervisors declared public

emergencies, freeing the Township to respond to emergency needs without the delays associated with standard government contracting practices. Similar State and County declarations made local homeowners eligible for grants. In the days and weeks following the storms, the volunteer Fire Companies pumped basements, public works crews engaged in massive clean-up efforts, and the Fire Marshal, and Building and Codes officials helped scores of families document damages. Without waiting for a response to its application for Federal and State assistance, the Board of Supervisors authorized contracts to repair the roads, bridges and public properties damaged by the storms.

Call to Action, Executing Critical Improvements

In the aftermath of the August 1st storm, the Board of Supervisors directed the Township Engineer's office to identify areas where flood damage was greatest, and assess options for stormwater improvements to minimize future flooding. Ironically, a presentation of the engineer's findings was scheduled for September 30th, so the plan was adjusted to



include residents who came to the meeting seeking help after the September 28th storm. After the September 30th meeting, the Board of Supervisors made a commitment to work with residents to identify and implement improvements to reduce future flooding effects. Over the following weeks, as repairs to roadways and houses continued, the Board held a series of special evening workshops with residents of the most severely affected neighborhoods in order to identify options for improvements. Township Supervisors, staff,

and engineers also visited with residents in other flood-prone areas.

Via the resident workshops, site visits, and preliminary engineering findings, the Township staff identified feasible stormwater management enhancements expected to have an immediate positive effect in terms of reduced property damage from flooding. The Board of Supervisors immediately authorized the design and installation of these emergency improvements.

Stormwater Management Task Force Recommendations for Long-term Solutions

Because large-scale, long-term solutions to the Township's stormwater issues will require significant planning, engineering and financing, the Board of Supervisors has formed a Stormwater Management Task Force. The Task Force includes Township officials and representatives from the most severely affected neighborhoods. The Task Force expects to meet regularly, and all meetings will be open so that all residents may participate.

The Task Force will provide the Board with recommendations on:

- a. Development and implementation of a Township-wide action plan (i.e., specific engineering / infrastructure projects) to reduce impacts from flooding.
- b. Identification of funding mechanisms and payment options for infrastructure improvements.
- c. Development and implementation of a public education component whereby residents may access information on how they can help minimize stormwater run-off and flooding.
- d. Development of a communication plan



designed to regularly update residents about what is happening, what has been completed, and what is upcoming.

The major storms of Summer 2004 were significant by any measure. But the Township is not depending on the rarity of another 100-year storm. The Board is committed to taking action that will reduce the risk of future flooding in the Township. These enhancements will be expensive, but as last summer proved, they are very necessary.

***DID YOU KNOW...** Montgomery County has plans to create or extend nearly 10 miles of County trails in Whitemarsh.*

These trails will help the Township connect some neighborhoods with the 800 acres of public open space in the Township.

One trail will eventually connect Forbidden Drive in Fairmount Park to Fort Washington State Park. Another will run from the Metroplex to the Fort Washington train station and beyond.

Erdenheim Farm:

*Efforts to Protect the
Crown Jewel of
Montgomery County*

*Innovative Financing
Offers Hope for Preserving
Erdenheim Farm*

Erdenheim Farm has been an intact working farm since Colonial times. Located astride the Wissahickon Creek, this 500-acre property is part of over 2000 acres of nearly contiguous open space, stretching from the city border at Wissahickon Avenue along Stenton Avenue toward Butler Pike.

Owned and cared for by Mr. & Mrs. F. Eugene Dixon, Jr., the farm is home to prize-winning sheep and Black Angus cattle. Its pastoral views and scenery are cherished by area residents and visitors alike. Such well-preserved acreage a stone's throw from Philadelphia is truly exceptional in this age of sprawl and development.

For many, Whitemarsh would be unrecognizable without Erdenheim Farm, a property widely recognized as the crown jewel of Eastern Montgomery County. Finding a way to preserve the farm has long ranked among the region's highest conservation priorities.

This picture has grown far brighter in recent months. Thanks to more than three years of unprecedented cooperation among local community groups, a land developer, Montgomery County, the School District, Whitemarsh Township and, of course, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, there is a very real possibility that much of Erdenheim Farm can be preserved and maintained for the



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enjoyment of generations to come.

For many in Whitemarsh Township, preserving the farm is the right thing to do, period. But there are also significant fiscal reasons to support this goal. The farm property is zoned for single family housing, a type

of development that places heavy burdens on a community — new children to be educated; new roads to be paved, plowed, and patrolled; additional demands on trash collection, sewage treatment, and emergency

services. In many suburban areas, revenue generated by new housing simply does not pay for the services required, ultimately leading to tax increases.

Instead, the cooperative agreement crafted after three years of effort will allow taxes generated by limited development on one



have no impact on the taxes of other Whitemarsh residents. Under the agreement, a number of safeguards have been built in to protect the Township.

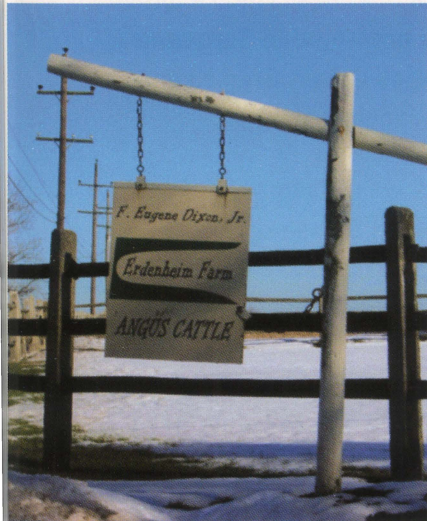
section of the farm to pay for preservation of adjacent farmland. This innovative approach is called “Tax Increment Financing” and the Township’s decision to use it to invest in open space preservation has received broad attention and support throughout the region.

In 2005, the old Eugenia Hospital will be demolished and construction will begin on a continuing care retirement community called The Hill at Whitemarsh. “The Hill” will be built on the Eugenia site, along with an additional 54 acres along the back of the farm’s Angus fields. The taxable real estate value of this community will be far greater than its present value, resulting in combined new revenues of approximately \$1 million per year. Since The Hill, a private community, will require little in the way of additional public services, and will add no additional school-age children to our schools, the Township, County and School District have agreed to use a portion of the new taxes generated by The Hill to purchase and preserve other parts of the farm. This will

First on the preservation list is the remaining 96-acre Angus Tract, which is on the south side of Flourtown Road. Funds will also be set aside for the purchase of the Sheep Tract if it becomes available. The farmland on both

sides of the Wissahickon Creek is already subject to a conservation agreement. Preservation of the Horse Farm, which spans the border between

Whitemarsh and Springfield Townships, remains a long-term goal as well.



Whitemarsh Police Department

To Protect, Serve, and Defend

2004 was a transitional year for the Whitemarsh Police Department. There were significant improvements, including a major restructuring, new policies and procedures, and upgrading computers and patrol cars.

The Department was part of a Joint Task Force with Montgomery County Public Safety and Philadelphia law enforcement agencies, developing an emergency response and evacuation plan for terrorist attacks and man-made and natural disasters.

The Police Department completed its long-term goal of upgrading its computer system, including new hardware, software and email

for the entire Department. The project was completed under budget.



In memoriam,
Sgt. George Thompson
For his many years of service with the Whitemarsh Police Department.



The Department's Bike Officer Unit will return this summer throughout our bike paths, parks and shopping districts.

Cop Camp for Kids

An enthusiastic group of 10- & 11-year-olds spent a week last summer as "cadets," accompanying officers in a variety of activities — from first aid to hostage rescues, bike safety to a mock court trial. Both cadets and officers consider Cop Camp the highlight of the year, capped off by a trip to the Camden River Sharks game, where the Cadets were the honor guard!

The Department is eagerly anticipating this year's program. If you're interested in enrolling your child, please pick up an application at the Whitemarsh Police Department or visit www.whitemarshtwp.org and click on the police link.

Retirements/Comings/Goings/New Hires

Changes were made during 2004 to restructure the Department into Administrative and Patrol divisions.

Another Lieutenant position was created to manage the Patrol Division, and newly promoted Lt. Donald Bowers will fill that position. Senior Lieutenant Jesse Stemple will supervise the Administration Division.

Five Officers were promoted to Sergeant: Michael Beaty, James Cotter, Greg Keenan, Jeff Nowak, and Francis Wheatley.

Two Patrol Officers were assigned to the Detective Division: Det. Chris Ward to Juvenile Division, and Det. Chuck Swan to Investigations.

Five recruits were hired to fill vacancies created by promotions and retirements: Officers Steve Cline, Rob Johnson, Rob Roth, Jim Sweeney and Mark Williams.

Two officers retired from the Department in 2004:



Sgt. Steve Schmitz
25 years of service



Sgt. Scott McElree
28 years of service

Citizen Police Academy for Adults Begins 2005

Fall 2005 will mark the beginning of The Citizens Police Academy, a new program for Whitemarsh adults. It will provide the community with an opportunity to better understand the way the Police Department operates, and will help the Department hear the views and concerns of the community. The 8-week program will allow citizens to experience, among other things, a police ride-along, a court case, and a tutorial on tactical weaponry.



Traffic Safety

Whitemarsh Traffic Safety Officers have been working with neighboring communities on common problems. Traffic officers meet weekly with the rest of the Police Department to keep them updated on hot spots and news from the County and PennDOT.

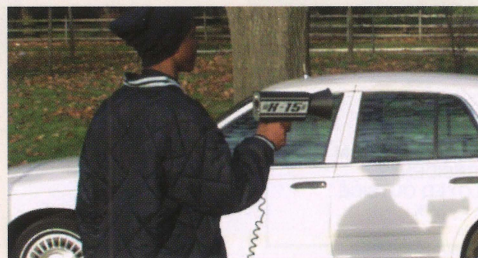
The Traffic Safety Officers completed safety projects including Seat Belt Enforcement

Grants via "Buckle Up Pennsylvania," and traffic improvement and parking studies throughout the Township.

Traffic Safety and members of the Patrol Division participated in the Southeastern Montgomery County DUI Task Force. Last year, for example, at a DUI checkpoint set up between 10 pm and 2 am, 800 cars were stopped, and 16 arrests were made.

The Department conducted a variety of community programs including Terrorism Awareness, Defensive Driving, and Personal Safety. It offers a range of safety and awareness programs, and will tailor them to fit various scenarios. If you'd like to have a program presented to your civic organization, group or school, please call Chief Eileen Behr.

Members of the Department "guest lectured" in Physics, Law, and Health classes at Plymouth Whitemarsh high school, and conducted safety classes at the elementary schools. Here, a student calculates the speed and distance of a skidding car.



Get to Know Your Police Chief

Police Chief Eileen Whalon Behr has been a member of the Whitemarsh Police Department since

she was 19 years old. Beginning her career as a police dispatcher, she eventually attended the Police Academy, and was a patrol officer for seven years. In 1987, she was assigned to the newly formed Traffic and Accident Unit. She was promoted to Detective in 1995, and worked in the Juvenile Division until she became the Chief of Police in October of 2003.

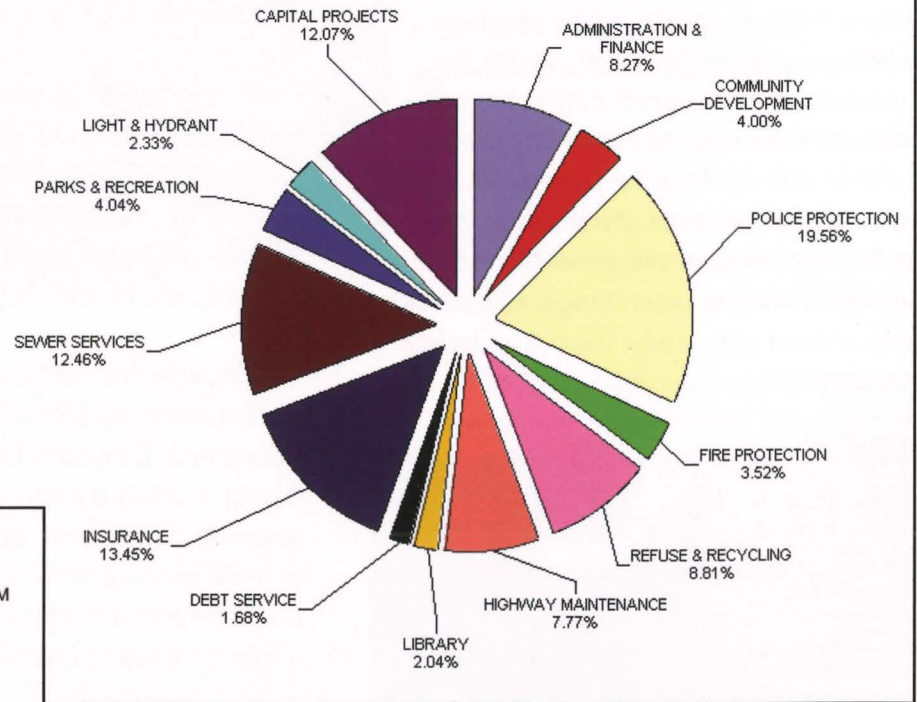
Applying to become the Chief was an opportunity she couldn't pass up. And while it can be overwhelming at times, Chief Behr says she embraces the ongoing changes that the Township is experiencing. She works alongside the Board of Supervisors to deal with daily and long-term issues, and is reaching out to the community. Seeking to strengthen community relations, the Department has emphasized diversity and continued officer training.

A life-long resident of the Township, Chief Behr and her husband (also a lifer) have 3 children, and live in Lafayette Hill.

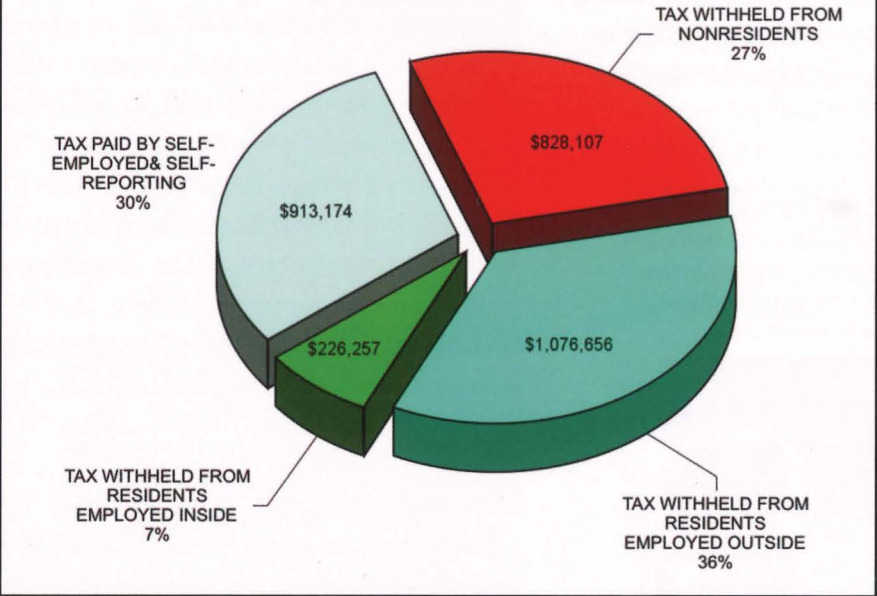
Finances/Budgets

In January 2004, the Board of Supervisors repealed the tax increase passed by the prior Board. 2003 ended with a budgetary surplus because Earned Income Tax revenues were higher than had been projected. The fact that 27% of the EIT revenue for 2004 originated from non-Whitemarsh residents is evidence that the Township continues to provide a healthy environment for business and enterprise. In the last 12 years, business tax revenue has grown 160%, and now represents 32% of all tax revenue in the Township. These trends should permit the Township to keep property taxes as low as possible.

2005 Budgeted Expenditures



Earned Income Tax Revenues

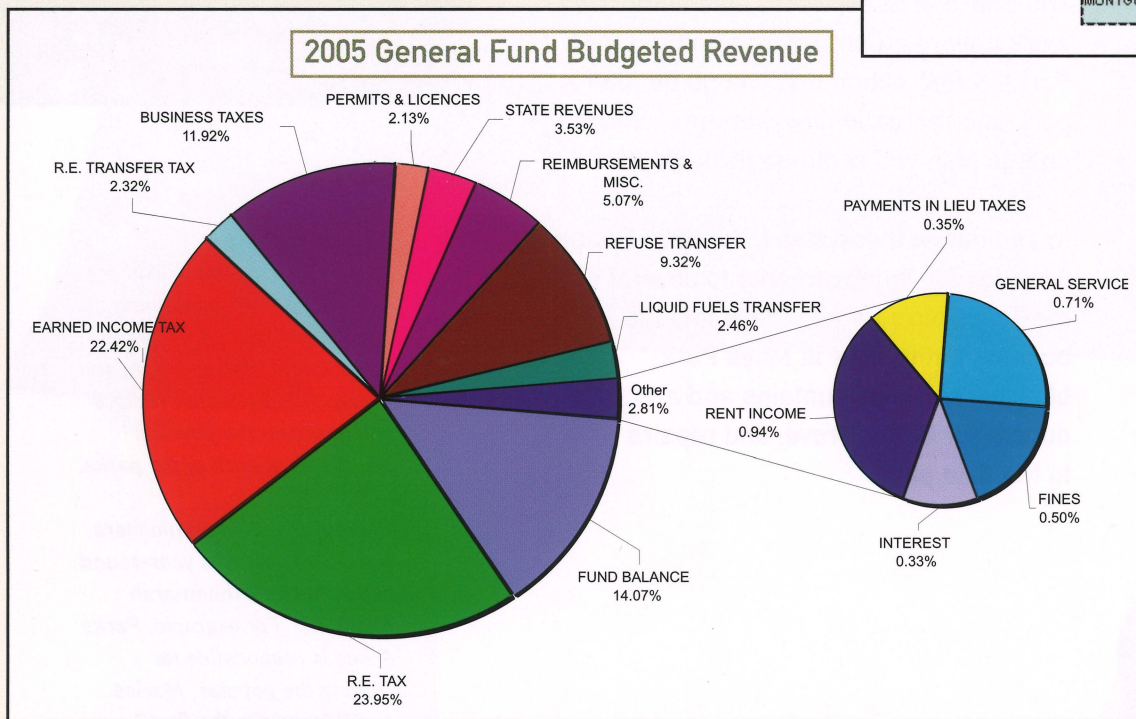
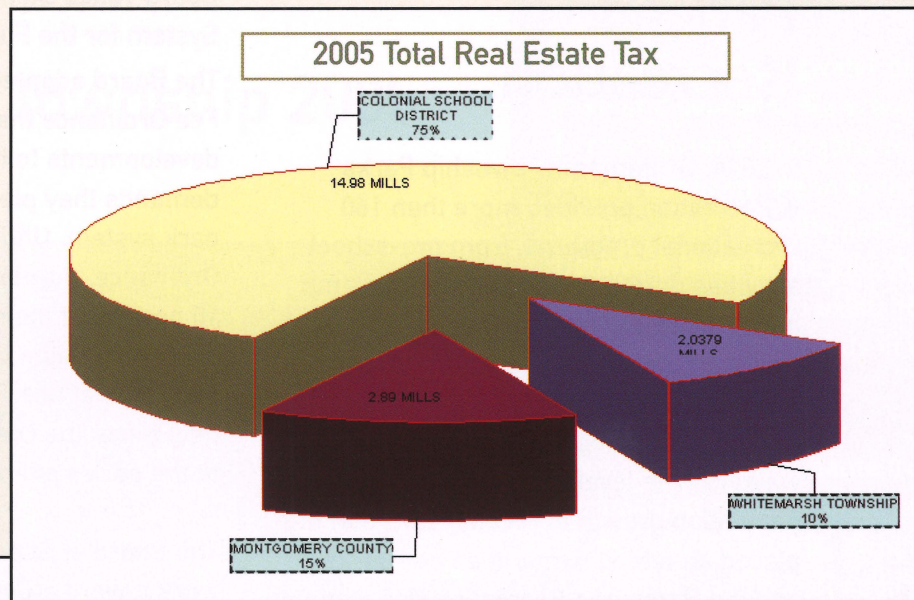


Township's 2005 Budget has NO tax increase.

Despite significant cost increases in areas such as refuse collection, insurance, payroll, and employee benefits, the 2005 Budget was adopted with no tax increases, no increase in services fees for trash, sewer, streetlight, and fire hydrant services, and no new taxes.

The 2005 Budget continues services at their present level and includes funding for:

- additional personnel
- flood repairs and capital projects involving road, bridge, and stormwater systems repair
- scheduled replacement of vehicles
- open space funding
- equipment and computers
- additional support for the three volunteer fire companies
- Whitemarsh Community Ambulance Association's operating costs and equipment needs.



In general, the total real estate tax rate is broken out like this: 75% goes to the Colonial School District, 15% to Montgomery County, and 10% to Whitemarsh Township. Thus, of every Real Estate Tax dollar paid, only 10% goes to the Township. That is only 10¢ of every real estate tax dollar paid.

Parks & Recreation:

In 2004, Whitemarsh Township Parks & Recreation provided more than 160 recreational programs, from pre-school activities during the school year to camp in the summer. In addition, our Township parks are home to soccer, baseball and softball leagues, pick-up basketball games, pre-school playgroups, and power walkers. The level of activity reflects the population growth of recent years that has placed an added demand on our parks and the Parks and Recreation Department. This demand is expected to continue to grow, and it requires that the Township invest in improvements and plans for expansion within our park facilities.

DID YOU KNOW...
According to the 2000 Census, Whitemarsh has nearly 17,000 residents.

Board Takes Steps to Prepare Park System for the Future

The Board adopted a new Park Impact Fee Ordinance that requires new developments to help pay for the added demands they place on the Township's park system. Under the Park Impact Ordinance, developments will contribute 10 percent of their property or an equivalent value to the Township for recreational use. This is expected to help offset the cost of future additions to the park system.

The Board of Supervisors also authorized work toward a Comprehensive Plan for Parks & Recreation that will guide future park and recreation investments. Work on this plan will continue through 2005.

In addition to these steps, the 2005 Budget provides for improvements to several of the Township's parks. These include building bathrooms at Miles Park; bleachers, water fountains and a dugout for Cedar Grove; and repairs to the bike path.



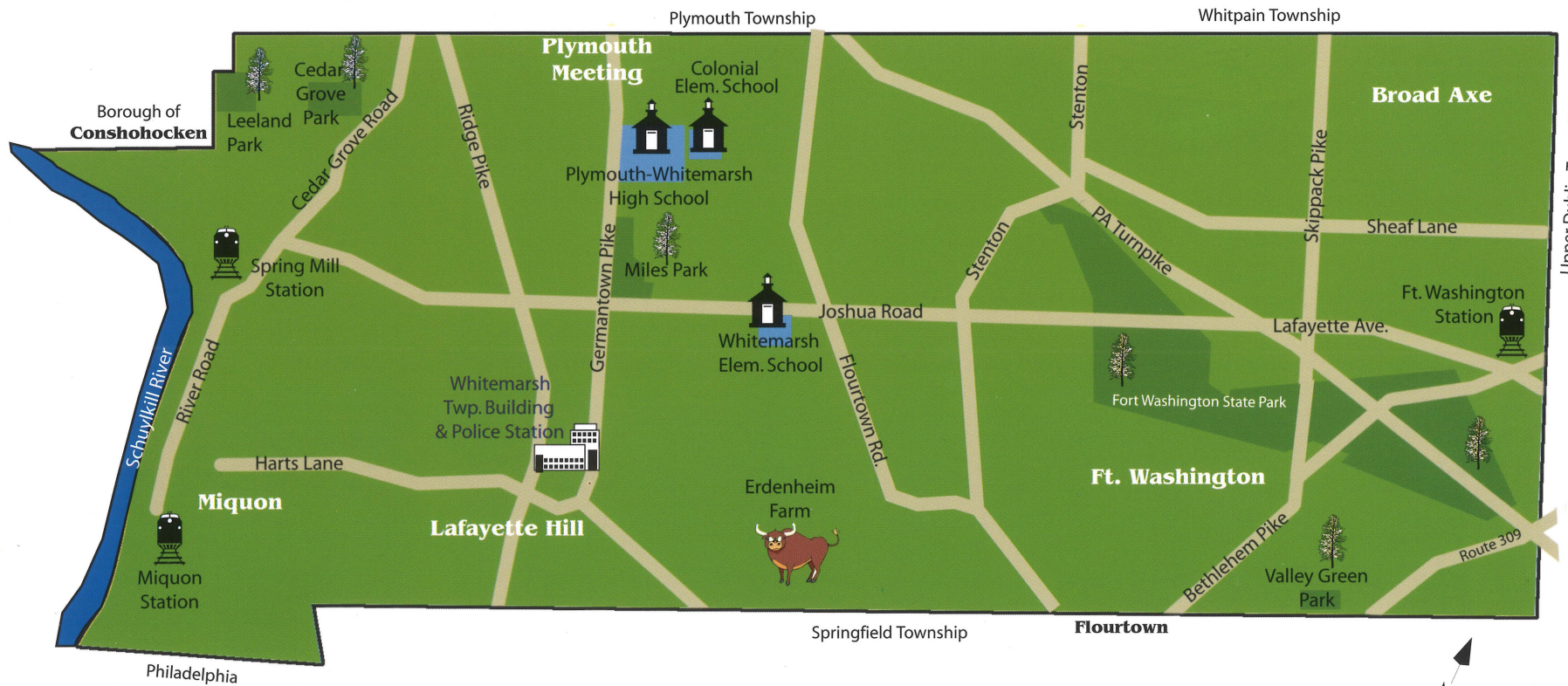
DID YOU KNOW...

Parks & Recreation is in charge of cleaning and maintaining the Township's four parks: Miles, Cedar Grove, Valley Green, and Leeland. They repair, replace and maintain the physical structures at each of the parks.

Parks & Rec also administers, staffs and operates year-round programs for Whitemarsh residents. For example, Parks & Rec is responsible for staging the popular "Movies and Concerts in the Park" series during the summer.



Whitemarsh Township 2005



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Fax
 610-825-5078

Police Department Website
www.whitemarshtwp.org/police

Did You Know...

In 1686, Thomas Fitzwater discovered vast lime deposits. He erected a kiln to process lime, and attracted William Penn's attention. Penn ordered a highway built from the port of the Delaware River to the kiln. Named Limekiln Pike, it still exists today, and was one of the first roads in the area.

Spring Mill takes its name from the springs that create a small stream that leads to the Schuylkill. Around 1715, a gristmill was developed along this stream, leading to the development of the village. The mill burned down in 1968, but the miller's house still stands, surrounded by the SEPTA parking lot at the corner of Hector Street and North Lane.

Butler Pike was moved away from the Plymouth Friends Meeting House because the noisy road was disturbing their meetings. The "Whitemarsh Township" sign marks where the original intersection used to be.

Township Boards and Commissions:

Building Code Appeal Board
Emergency Services Board
Environmental Advisory Board
Historic Architecture Review Board
Library Board
Open Space Committee
Parks & Recreation Board
Pension Committee
Planning Commission
Shade Tree Commission
Traffic Impact Advisory Committee
Vacancy Board
Whitemarsh Township Authority
Zoning Hearing Board

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Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Residents are encouraged to serve on Boards and Committees. Please call the Township or Board of Supervisors for an application.

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