

Whitemarsh

Spring 2014

Living & Annual Report



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TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION:

Administration

Building

616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

610-825-3535 (TEL)

610-825-9416 (FAX)

Police Department

616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

610-825-6530 (Non-Emergency)

610-825-5078 (FAX)

911 (EMERGENCY)

Public Works

Department

2015 Joshua Road
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

610-825-3424 (TEL)

610-825-3144 (FAX)

Parks & Recreation

Department

(Koontz Park)

2391 Harts Lane
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

610-828-7276 (TEL)

610-828-7391 (FAX)

Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors:



Sara J. Erlbaum, Chair



Amy P. Grossman, Vice-Chair



Robert R. Hart



Cathy Peduzzi



James A. Totten



Spring 2014

Dear Whitemarsh Residents:

My fellow Supervisors, Township Staff and I are pleased to present to you the 2014 Spring Edition of the Whitemarsh Living Magazine.

In this edition, you will find the 2013 Annual Report, providing a comprehensive report of the Township's activities from the past calendar year. This report is intended to provide residents of Whitemarsh information on various departments of the Township Administration along with information on new and upcoming events and programs.

While looking back on all the activities of 2013 in the Annual Report, I would like to highlight that the Township passed the 2014 budget at the December, 19, 2013 public meeting with no increases in taxes for the 13th year in a row. You can get more information about the Township's finances on page 16. Furthermore, we have been fortunate to acquire three more properties to be preserved as Township Open Space. Two of the three properties were flood-prone properties acquired and funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. You can read more about these newly acquired open space properties on page 30.

Also, the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors, holds public meetings at the Township Building on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Residents are encouraged to attend the meetings or watch them live on WTV (Comcast Ch. 965, Verizon Ch. 46). The meetings are also available on the township website, where residents can get the latest updates on what is happening in Whitemarsh.

Don't forget about Township Day on Saturday, April 26 at Miles Park – we are expecting a big turn out with lots of fun and entertainment! I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Sara Erlbaum

Sara Erlbaum, Chair
Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors



2014 MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

WHEN:

Saturday, April 26 (9am-3pm)

Saturday, May 31 (9am-3pm)

Saturday, June 28 (9am-3pm)

SUNDAY, July 20 (9am-3pm)

Saturday, September 20 (9am-3pm)

SUNDAY, October 19 (9am-3pm)

WHERE:

Indian Valley Middle School

130 Maple Avenue
Harleysville, PA 19438

Norristown Area High School

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

Temple University-Ambler Campus

enter at 1431 East Butler Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Abington Junior High School

(enter on Tyler Road)
970 Highland Avenue
Abington, PA 19001

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center

400 South Lewis Road
Royersford, PA 19468

Lower Merion Transfer Station

1300 North Woodbine Avenue
Penn Valley, PA 19072

Additional Montgomery County Recycling Events*

Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, April 12 (9am-noon)

Perkiomen Valley Middle School East

100 Kagey Road *(enter on Campus Drive)*
Collegeville, PA 19426

Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale

Saturday, May 17 (9am-2pm)

Montgomery County Community College

340 DeKalb Pike *(enter on Morris Road)*
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Paper Shredding and Tire Collection

Saturday, June 21 (9am-noon)

Copper Beech Elementary School

825 North Easton Road
Glenside, PA 19038

Paper Shredding

Saturday, October 18 (9am-noon)

Lower Merion High School

315 East Montgomery Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003

*Electronics Collection Events Flyer available at MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Josh Shapiro, *Chair* • Leslie S. Richards, *Vice Chair* • Bruce L. Castor, Jr., *Commissioner*

2014 MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENTS

WHEN:

Saturday, May 3 (9am-3pm)

Saturday, June 7 (9am-3pm)

Saturday, July 12 (9am-3pm)

Saturday, August 2 (9am-3pm)

Saturday, September 27 (9am-3pm)

Saturday, October 25 (9am-3pm)

WHERE:

Oak Ridge Elementary School

465 Moyer Road
Harleysville, PA 19438

Held in conjunction with Souderton Area High School SAVE. Visit <http://savesahs.webstarts.com/> to view the SAVE flyer for additional items that will be accepted at this event only.

Norristown Area High School

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

Montgomery County Community College

enter at 473 Cathcart Road
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Hatboro-Horsham High School

899 Horsham Road *(enter on Hatters Way)*
Horsham, PA 19044

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center

400 South Lewis Road
Royersford, PA 19468

Upper Merion Middle School

enter at 435 Crossfield Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale Information

The one day truckload sale is held outdoors from 9am-2pm, rain or shine, featuring the System Rain Barrel for \$55 and the Earth Machine Compost Bin for \$50, while supplies last. See flyer at MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org for details.

Paper Shredding Event Information

Free paper shredding events are held outdoors from 9am-noon, rain or shine, for Montgomery County residents only. Shred One Security Corporation's mobile shredding trucks will perform the paper shredding on site. All paper is recycled. Please remove plastic, cardboard, and metal other than paper clips and staples. This residential event is not open to businesses. See flyer at MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org.

Tire Collection Information

The free residential tire collection event is held outdoors from 9am-noon, rain or shine, for Montgomery County residents only. 6 tires per resident maximum, rims are accepted but no off road tires. See flyer at MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org.



For additional information:

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



PUBLIC MEETING DATES & TIMES:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Township Building - Also televised LIVE on Comcast Ch. 965 and Verizon Ch. 46.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Third Wednesday of each alternating months starting with the month of February at 7 pm at the Township Building

THE WHITEMARSH AUTHORITY

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the Township Building

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Third Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Township Building

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

First Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Township Building

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (joint with Plymouth Township)

Second Wednesday of each month - time varies - check the Township website for meeting times.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

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

LIBRARY BOARD

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the Library

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

ZONING HEARING BOARD

First Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, plus (if needed), the Monday following at 7 pm at the Township Building.

Some meetings may be cancelled or rescheduled so please check the Township website for the latest meeting schedule.

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

The Board of Supervisors receives the assistance of various boards/commissions in the operations of the Township. The various boards/commissions are staffed by citizen volunteers who commit hours of their personal time and bring their talents and skills to the township government. The following is a list of the boards and commissions and the members. If you would like to serve on any of these boards or commissions, please visit the Township website and submit a volunteer application. *(The listing of each board and committee members below as of February 28, 2014)*

ETHICAL STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

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

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Lisa Litzinger-Drayton
David Hanel
Fran McCusker
Bill Shaw
Crystal Taylor
Vacancy
Vacancy

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Joanne Boyle
Celine Childs
Jennifer Etkin
Karen Green

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Robert Bisbing
Eli Glick
Jonathan Picker
Scott Quitel
Deborah Shreero
L. Matthew Schwartz
Vacancy

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Stephen J. Ziegler, *Chair*
Celine Childs, *Vice-Chair*
David D'Amore
Jennifer Thomas
Katherine Zaneosky

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

Carolyn Hanel, *Chair*
Timothy Ferris, *Vice-Chair*
Jeffrey Mitchell, *Secretary*
Jonathan Riesberg, *Treasurer*
Jerold A. Glick, *Asst. Sec/Treas.*

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

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

Vacancy Board

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

ZONING HEARING BOARD

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

LIBRARY BOARD

Township Appointees:

Helen Kline
Carole Lukoff, *Vice President*
Dara Nasatir
Jacy Toll, *Secretary*

Library Appointees:

Hilda Cohen
Stan Finegold, *President*
David Segal, *Treasurer*

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Alex DiGiacomo, Jr.
Three Fire Companies (Chief + one member of each fire company)
Whitemarsh Ambulance Association (Chief + one member)
Fire Marshal, Scott Lynch
Chief of Police, Mike Beaty
Township Manager, Richard L. Mellor, Jr.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SWIMMING POOL WATER DISCHARGE GUIDELINES



Water from swimming pools and hot tubs often contains high levels of chlorine. Discharging chlorinated pool or spa water into streams, (irrigation canals or ponds, etc.) is harmful to fish and other aquatic life. The discharge of any sewage or industrial waste, including swimming pool water, to any waters of the commonwealth without a permit is a violation of the Clean Streams Law, the Act of June 22, 1937, P.L. 1987, as amended.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) does not require a permit for discharges

from single residence pools, provided the guidelines outlined below are followed. Local municipalities should be contacted concerning potential local ordinances*.

These guidelines cannot be construed to waive or impair any rights of DEP to prosecute a property (pool) owner and/or pool company for any stream damage that occurs as a result of a discharge. Penalties would be assessed under the provisions of the Clean Streams Law.

Pool Guidelines:

A. Disposal of Water to Sanitary Sewer

1. If the municipal authority grants permission, pool backwash water, pool cleaning wastewater and standing water may be discharged to the sanitary sewer system. Neutralize water before discharge by following these steps:

- Prior to disposal of pool water to a sanitary sewer, shut off the chlorination system if there is one, or stop adding chlorine.
- Hold the water in the pool or hot tub for at least two weeks to allow the chlorine to dissipate.
- Measure the chlorine level in the pool or hot tub prior to discharging the water. The water should not show any detectable levels of chlorine. A longer holding period may be necessary if chlorine levels continue to remain at detectable levels at the end of two weeks. Chlorine measurements can be made with a chlorine test kit (colorimetric).

2. Plan discharge for low-use times of sewer flow such as afternoon or late night hours.

3. Use small volume pump and control discharge so it does not spill out. (< 800 gallons per minute)

4. Discharge with hose into access "cap" of the private property sewer cleanout. DO NOT use public manholes or cleanouts.

5. Care should be taken to make sure the discharge goes into a sanitary sewer and not a storm sewer, which would discharge to a stream. If sanitary sewers are not in the immediate area, the wastewater should be hauled off-site for disposal at an approved treatment facility.

6. Water from backwashing pool filters should not be discharged to a stream, ditch or storm sewer. Backwash from pool filters must be discharged to the sanitary sewer, on-site septic tank and drainfield system (if properly designed and adequately sized), or a seepage pit.



B. Discharge of Water



1. If the discharge to sanitary sewer is not feasible, then the following guidelines must be followed before discharging the water:

- Prior to disposing or using the water for irrigation, shut off the chlorination system if there is one, or stop adding chlorine.
- Hold the water in the pool or hot tub for two weeks to reduce the chlorine level.
- Discharge or use the water for irrigation in an area where the water will not flow into a stream or storm sewer.
- Discharge or use the water for irrigating the property and ensure that it does not flow off the property.

e) Discharge or use the water for irrigation in a manner that will prevent nuisance conditions (such as creation of odors, and fly and mosquito breeding conditions). Nuisance conditions occur when water is held in the pool for a prolonged period.

2. The discharge should be at a rate which prevents erosion and optimizes filtration. In no event should pool water be directly discharged to waters of the commonwealth.

C. Standing water or accumulated rain and/or pool water from the previous season should be pumped from the top so as not to disturb settled solids. Solids on the pool bottom should not be discharged. After the water has been pumped, solids should be cleaned out manually. The discharge should not raise stream temperatures by more than 2 degrees Fahrenheit in a one-hour period or a total of 5 degrees Fahrenheit. The pH should be between six and nine standard units and total chlorine residual should be 0.0 mg/l.

D. Cleaning wastewaters that contain muriatic acid or chlorine that is used in cleaning pool surfaces should be treated prior to discharge. Muriatic acid wastewater should be neutralized to a pH between six and nine standard units. Chlorine rinses should stand for a period of 10 days to allow chlorine degradation prior to discharge. Total chlorine residual of the wastewater discharge should be less than 0.5 mg/l. Temperature should be monitored as described above (standing water). Chlorine rinse water pH should be between six and nine standard units.

Questions concerning pool guidelines should be directed to DEP's regional offices:

Southeast Regional Office

2 East Main St.

Norristown, PA 19401-4915

Main Telephone: 484-250-5900

24-Hour Emergency: 484-250-5900

Counties: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

**Whitemarsh Township allows for dechlorinated water from pools to be discharged to the Township's storm sewer system.*

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS



In order to set an example for Township residents and business owners, to save money for the Township, and to reduce Whitemarsh's carbon footprint, the Whitemarsh Township Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) decided to use the Township Administration Building and Police Department as a model of energy reduction efforts.

In 2012, the Township Board of Supervisors approved the EAB to pursue efforts of energy efficiency of the Township Building. Over time, the EAB considered many different possibilities in achieving this goal and came to a decision of a low-cost energy audit of the Township Building. A Request for a Proposal (RFP) was issued with the Board of Supervisors' approval and the Township selected Practical Energy Solutions as the consultant team to conduct the energy audit of the Township Building, which also includes the police department.

Practical Energy Solutions (PES) analyzed utility bills, electricity and natural gas energy consumption, and energy use (from equipment, lights, envelope and waste) in order to identify cost-effective energy conservation measures, both capital and operational, intended to decrease Whitemarsh Township's energy financial expenditures. Upon analysis of the Township Building's energy usage, PES calculated that 96% of the building's energy costs come from electricity and 4% from natural gas.

In response to PES's final report of the energy audit with a timely need of the Township Building, the Township replaced the existing HVAC system with a high-efficiency HVAC system, expected to save the Township an average of \$9,000 in energy costs per year with a payback timeline of 3.5 years. The Township Building's roof, which incurred years of leaks and severe damages is also being replaced and upgraded which is estimated to save the Township \$1500 per year with a payback timeline of about 12 years. The projected savings over the rated life of the systems for both of these improvements will be \$124,000. The Township also received funds from a grant source to install high efficiency interior lighting and motion sensors, which is expected to provide a savings of \$5,500 per year - savings over the rated life of this system is expected to be \$45,500.



The replacement of the HVAC system, roof replacement and high-efficiency motion sensors at the Township Building were some of the bigger, low-hanging fruits that could be implemented immediately to create a large impact in the movement towards energy efficiency. However, there is still much more that can be done on a regular basis by the Township to ensure that the Township is moving in the right direction. The EAB will be monitoring the Township Building's energy usage through the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Portfolio Manager Program to monitor cost savings and to determine payback timelines and returns on investment. Data collected from the EPA's portfolio manager will

help in describing this case study over time. With the recent improvement to the Township Building and education of the building users in energy efficiency, we are confident that Township Building's energy use intensity score will improve over time. Other methods of maintaining energy efficiency is "smart metering" or utility rate renegotiation when available. Partnerships with local residents and businesses can also help raise energy efficiency efforts where local businesses and residents that are implementing a more "Green Effort" can be recognized and used as examples and models for other residents and businesses.



Any Whitemarsh Township residents or businesses have any additional questions or would like to be involved with this campaign, please contact the Township's Environmental Advisory Board at eab@whitemarshtwp.org or contact the Township at 610-825-3535.

The Whitemarsh Township Environmental Advisory Board meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Township Building.

Environmental Advisory Board Members

- Robert Bisbing**
- Eli Glick**
- Jonathan Picker**
- Scott Quitel**
- L. Matthew Schwartz, M.D.**
- Deborah Shreero**



SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS OF WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP

The Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors hosted a "Meet & Greet" event on Thursday, January 30, 2014 to thank all the volunteers who serve on a Township Board or Commission.



2013 Annual Report



The Whitemarsh 2013 Annual Report is a comprehensive report of the Township's activities throughout the 2013 calendar year along with a preview of what is to come in 2014. This report is intended to provide residents and businesses of Whitemarsh information on the Township's activities in the various departments of the Township Administration.

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STAFF DIRECTORY

TITLE	NAME	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
Township Manager	Richard L. Mellor, Jr.	610-825-3535 Ext. 2601	rmellor@whitemarshwp.org
Assistant Township Manager	E.J. Lee	610-825-3535 Ext. 2604	elee@whitemarshwp.org
Chief of Police	T. Michael Beaty	610-825-6530 Ext. 2731	mbeaty@whitemarshpd.org
Director of Finance	Thomas M. Mullin, C.P.A.	610-825-3535 Ext. 2616	tmullin@whitemarshwp.org
Director of Public Works	Jerome Breitmayer	610-825-3424 Ext. 2501	jbreitmayer@whitemarshwp.org
Director of Planning & Zoning	Charles L. Guttenplan, AICP	610-825-3535 Ext. 2625	cguttenplan@whitemarshwp.org
Director of Parks & Recreation	Douglas W. Knauss	610-828-7276 Ext. 2401	dknauss@whitemarshwp.org
Director of Building & Codes	Robert A. Sztubinski, B.C.O.	610-825-3535 Ext. 2606	rsztubinski@whitemarshwp.org
Fire Marshal	Scott Lynch	610-825-3535 Ext. 2614	slynch@whitemarshwp.org
Executive Assistant	Susan McCloskey	610-825-3535 Ext. 2602	smccloskey@whitemarshwp.org
Township Solicitor	Sean P. Kilkeny, Esq.	Friedman, Schuman, Applebaum, Nemeroff & McCaffery, P.C.	skilkenny@fsalaw.com
Township Engineer	James C. Sullivan, P.E.	T & M Associates	jsullivan@tandmassociates.com

Thank You

PARKS & RECREATION

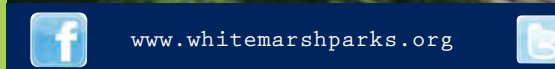
2013 continued to be a successful year with 6,867 enrollments in programs and special events. As the Township continues to offer valuable programs for residents of all ages there are a few new events scheduled for 2014. We are proud to present the Township's first annual Bike Rodeo which was created in collaboration with the Whitemarsh Police Department. We are also excited to bring you the History Tour for 2014 along with our classic events such as Township Day, Movies in the Park, Haunted Barn, and more.

2013 also proved to be another award winning year for the Department with an award in 'Excellence in Programming' for the Township Greenmarsh Series from the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society as well as the 'Community Greening Award' for Leeland Park presented by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

We'd also like to highlight a new staff member who joined the Parks & Recreation Department as a Program Coordinator. Mike Linutti will be focusing on the senior citizens programming, aquatics, pre-school summer camp, fitness, tennis, and other special events throughout the year.

The Parks & Recreation Department also implemented a new on-line registration program where 99% of all Township recreational programming can be registered online. If you do not have a family account set up, you may do so by visiting <https://register.communitypass.net>.

For more information on the programs and events offered by the Parks and Recreation Department please visit www.whitemarshparks.org or call 610-828-7276, and remember that the Whitemarsh Recreator which lists the upcoming programs and events for all ages is sent to your home three times a year.



Pictured above: Mike Lineutti joined Whitemarsh Township in September, 2013 as the new Program Coordinator for Parks & Recreation. Mike is a former intern with the Parks & Recreation Department and has come back to join us as a FT staff. We are excited that Mike is a member of the Whitemarsh Township staff.

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ONLINE AT:

<https://register.communitypass.net>

2014 RECREATION EVENTS

MOVIES AT MILES



TOWNSHIP DAY
SATURDAY, APR 26, 2014

NOON TO 5 PM
MILES PARK

Rain Date: Sunday, April 27

Join us at Miles Park this summer for FREE movies. All movies will be on the field facing the Parks and Recreation Building starting at dusk (approximately 9:00 pm). Refreshments will be available. Bring a beach chair or blanket and don't forget the bug spray!

In the event of inclement weather, please check our hotline or website for information. Rescheduled movies will be the following evening.

Hotline: 610-828-7276, option 1 *Website:* www.whitemarshparks.org
Rainedout.com: see page 28 for details



HISTORY TOUR
SATURDAY, MAY 3,

2014

9 AM TO 4 PM

HOPE LODGE

\$30 for bus; \$15 for self-guided



EXECUTIVE SPONSOR



Friday
JUNE 20th



Wednesday
JUNE 25th



JULY 4th
Parade - 10 AM



Friday
JULY 11th



Wednesday
JULY 23rd



Wednesday
AUGUST 6th



The Great Gatsby
at Hope Lodge

GARDEN CONTEST

SUBMISSION DUE:
MAY 23, 2014

JUDGING ON SUNDAY,
JUNE 1, 2014

Contact Jon Walker at Parks & Recreation for more info!



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ENTERPRISE Newspapers

FINANCE

2013 Highlights

- Ended 2013 with a General Fund Balance of \$ 5,076,979
- The Township expended \$602,418 on road improvement, stormwater management and capital facility projects.
- In 2013, the Township expended \$845,085 from the Open Space Fund to acquire two properties. The funds are to be reimbursed by the state's Hazard Mitigation Grant.
- The Township received an advancement in the amount of \$739,827 in December of 2013 from the Hazard Mitigation Grant funded by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for acquisition of two flood-prone properties located at Stenton Avenue and W. Valley Green Road.
- Reserves across all funds total \$12,306,370. General fund Reserve of \$ 4,704,599 is 24% of budgeted revenue.
- **The Township continues to maintain the real estate tax rate at a steady 2.0379 Mills with no rate increase since 2001**
- Local Enabling Tax collections in 2013 increased for all budget categories from 2012 levels. The implementation of Act 32 led to increased collections in the Earned Income Tax, Open Space Earned Income Tax and Local Services Tax. Act 32 streamlined the collection process by establishing a single county wide tax collector and requiring identification of employee taxing jurisdictions at the point of with-holding.

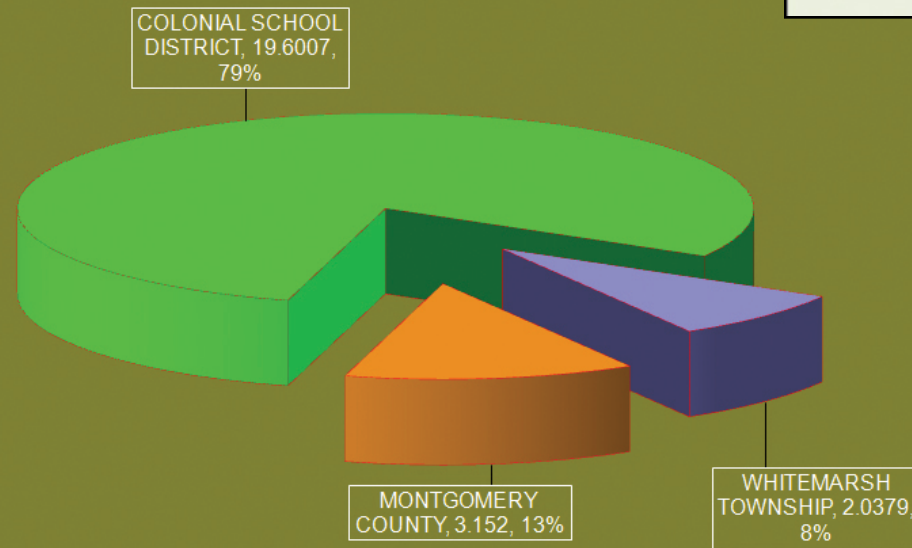
DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

March 1, 2014
Township Real Estate Tax Bills mailed out

April 30, 2014
Tax payment due to get 2% discount

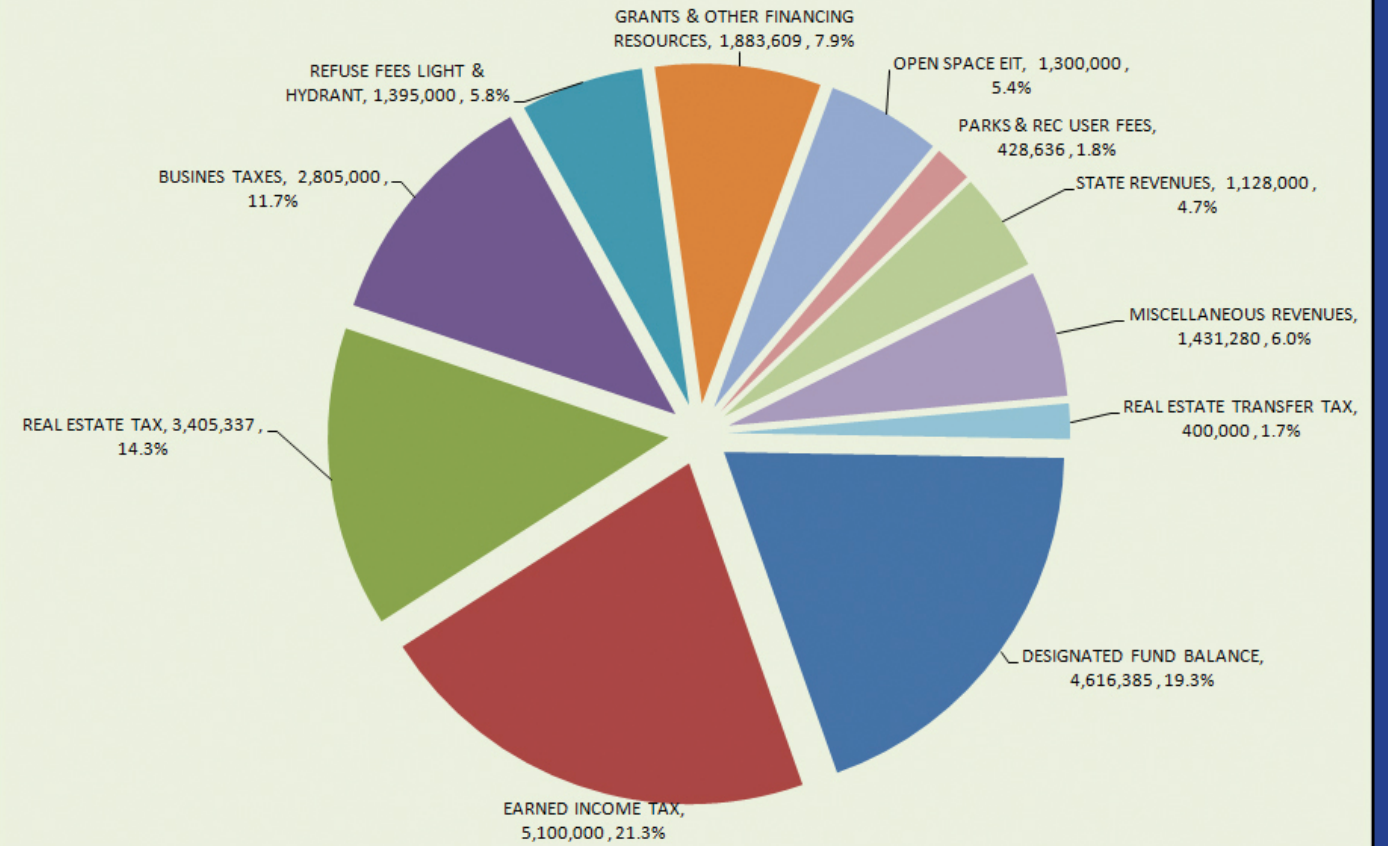
July 1, 2014
Payments after this date will be assessed an additional 10% late fee

2014 TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES
MEDIAN ASSESSED VALUE \$173,190. TOTAL R.E. TAX \$4,099

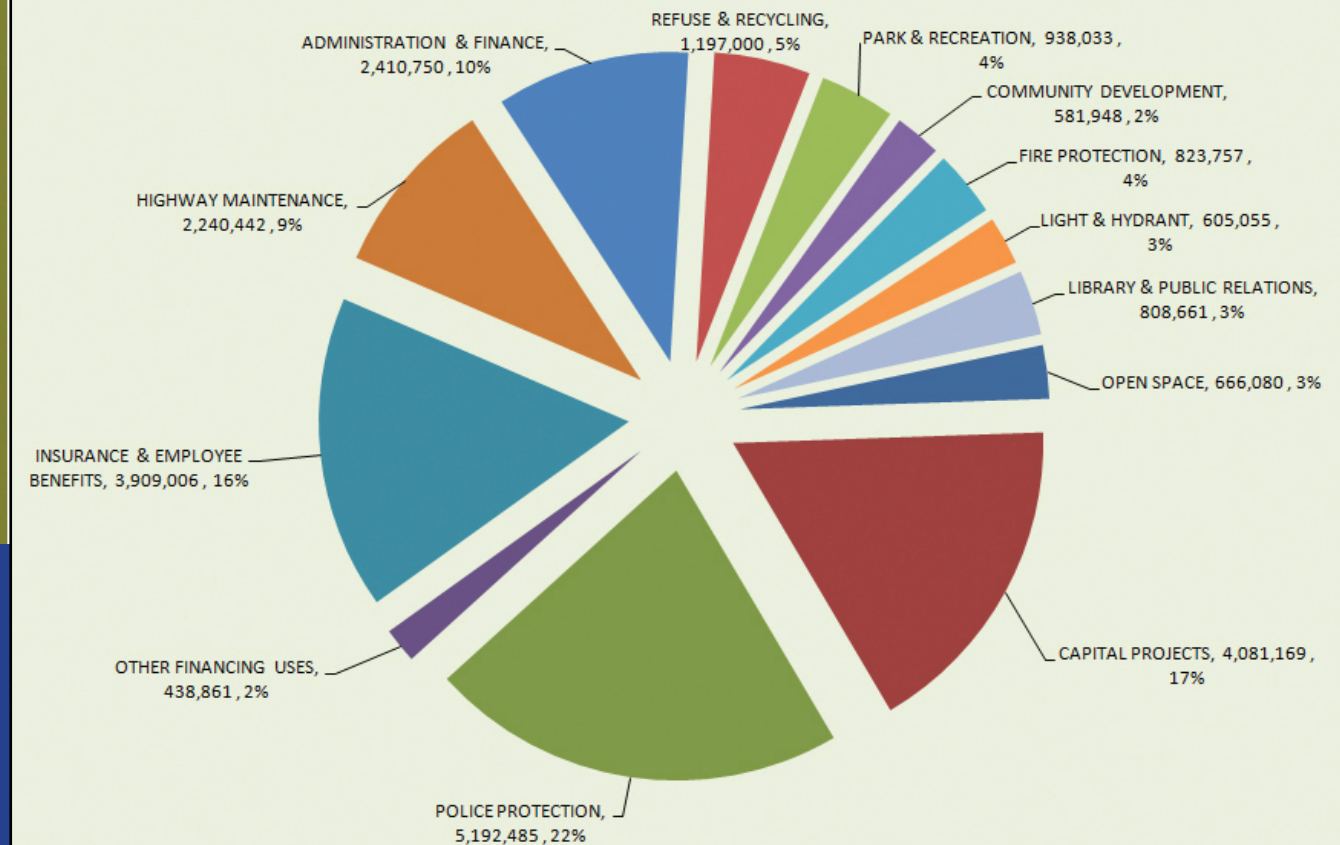


The Township continues to maintain the real estate tax rate at a steady 2.0379 Mills with no rate increase since 2001.

2014 BUDGETED REVENUE \$23,893,247



2014 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES \$23,893,247



PLANNING & ZONING

In 2013, Whitmarsh Township approved six (6) Subdivision and Land Development applications, three (3) conditional use applications, and heard 41 Zoning Hearing Board cases.

Subdivision and Land Development Approvals for 2013:

150 Barren Hill Road (Ratoskey and Trainor)

2-lot single-family subdivision; conditional preliminary plan approval granted Jan. 24, 2013

Conshohocken Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses at 4050 Butler Pike

New Kingdom Hall building (5,976 square feet); conditional preliminary plan approval granted Feb. 28, 2013

Whitmarsh Ridge Associates 2012 LP at 29-31 Ridge Pike

62-unit senior housing apartment building; conditional final plan approval granted March 14, 2013

Mark and Wendie Steffens at 7102 Sheaff Lane

2-lot single-family subdivision; conditional preliminary/final plan approval granted April 11, 2013

Diversified Development Group at 4005 Center Avenue

2-lot single-family minor subdivision; conditional preliminary/final plan approval granted June 13, 2013

James Langenstein at 6348 E. Valley Green Road

2-lot single-family minor subdivision/lot line change (no new construction); conditional preliminary/final plan approval granted July 25, 2013



(Rendering of Whitmarsh Ridge Associates 2012 LP at 29-31 Ridge Pike)

Whitmarsh Villas
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania



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

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



DESIGN MEETING
07 FEBRUARY 2013



'AFTER' RENDERINGS

BRITTINGHAM'S IRISH PUB

640 GERMANTOWN PIKE | LAFAYETTE HILL PA 19444

(Rendering of Brittingham's Pub and Restaurant at 640 Germantown Pike)

Conditional Use Approvals for 2013:

640 GT Pike, LP at 640 Germantown Pike (Brittingham's Pub and Restaurant)

Conditional use for outdoor dining approved Feb. 28, 2013

This conditional use was part of an expansion and overall improvement plan proposed by new owners of Brittingham's; the property is located in the VC-1 sub-district of the Village Commercial District. Specifically, the conditional use was required for outdoor dining on an expanded outdoor deck; an addition was to be added to the existing deck in the rear of the restaurant to enlarge it and to wrap it around the north side of the building.

Lorraine Moore; Spa at 431 Bethlehem Pike (rear)

Conditional use for spa approved April 11, 2013

The property is located in the VC-1 sub-district of the Village Commercial District where a spa is allowed as a conditional use. This is within a group of buildings (431 through 435 Bethlehem Pike) recently improved and marketed as the "Village at Fort Washington". This conditional use application is for a high end day spa in the rear of 431 Bethlehem Pike.

Astrum Solar, Inc. for 904 Artis Road

Conditional use for front-facing roof-mounted solar panels approved Dec. 5, 2013

The solar installation was proposed for a single-family home at this address in the Wainright Development. A conditional use is required whenever a roof-mounted system must face the front of the property; the applicant is required to demonstrate that this is the only feasible orientation for proper solar access.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

Building permits are required to enlarge, alter, repair, move or demolish the exterior of an existing building, construct a new building or structure or change the occupancy of a building. A permit is also required to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace an electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system.

In 2013, Whitemarsh Township received and processed 748 building permits.

RESIDENTIAL		NON-RESIDENTIAL	
New Dwelling	7	New Construction, Roofing, Siding	6
Roofing & Siding	138	Alterations/Additions	60
Sheds, Decks, Patios	63	Fences & Signs	21
Fences	50	Use & Occupancy	61
Pools	9	Demolition	16
Alterations/Additions	146	Misc. Temporary Permits	9
Zoning Permits	44	Zoning Permits	118
TOTAL	457	TOTAL	291

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

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED WHEN

- Installing a permanent heating or air conditioning equipment
- Replacing a roof
- Installing fences, utility sheds, above-ground and in-ground swimming pools (4 feet or deeper)
- Erecting signs
- Adding or replacing all plumbing fixtures, including water softeners, water heaters, and garbage disposals (replacing an existing residential garbage disposal does not require a permit)
- Regrading property
- Constructing a new building or additions, enclosures and alterations to an existing building, including decks, porches and sunrooms.
- Working on an on-site sanitary sewage system (through Montgomery County)
- Installing fire protection systems and modifying systems including fire alarms, security systems, burglar alarms, sprinkler systems, hood systems, fire places and fire suppression systems - **issued by the Fire Marshal**
- Removing and installing storage tanks, both above ground and underground



If you are still unsure whether you need a permit for your project, please call the Township Building & Permits Department at 610-825-3535 to verify.

ORDINANCE REMINDER: HISTORIC DISTRICT

Any alterations to the exterior of any property or its environment that are designed to be visible from any public way within the designated historic district must be reviewed by the Historical Architectural Review Board. Any signs on a property that are designed to be visible from a public way within the historic district also requires review by the Historical Architectural Review Board.



the limekilns of plymouth meeting

If filing a building permit for a property located within the Historic District, be sure to adhere to any additional review requirements by the Historical Architectural Review Board.

Historic District

The Historic District of Plymouth and Whitemarsh Townships was established in 1961 and formally recognized in 1971. At that time, the Village of Plymouth Meeting was placed on the National Register of Historic Places with the Historic District supervised by a joint Historical Architectural Review Board. There are 66 buildings and structures in the Historic District, built primarily during the late-18th and 19th centuries. The Historic District is an early Quaker village located on a prominent crossroad, at the intersection of Germantown Pike and Butler Pike.

The Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) is appointed to give counsel to the Board of Supervisors regarding the advisability of issuing any certificate of appropriateness required to be issued pursuant to the Historic District Act.

A map of the Historic District of Plymouth and Whitemarsh Townships can be found on the Township website.

Historical Architectural Review Board

The Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) is comprised of nine members, four members are appointed by the Council of Plymouth Township, four members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Whitemarsh Township and one member to be selected by the eight municipal representatives. The ninth member may be a resident of either municipality. At least one member of the HARB must be a registered architect, one member must be a building inspector and at least one member must be a licensed real estate broker. The member chosen by the eight municipal appointees serves for one-year period and the position is alternately filled by a resident of Plymouth Township and a resident of Whitemarsh Township. All other members are appointed for terms of overlapping four years. (The names of the HARB members can be found on page 7.)

In addition to those duties and powers set forth in the Historic District Act, the HARB from time to time recommends to the Board of Supervisors changes in the map and otherwise guides the Board of Supervisors in its administration of the Historic District Regulations.

Design Review Guidelines for the Historic District

The Design Review Guidelines are intended to serve as a framework for deciding the appropriateness of proposed changes to the structures and sites within the Historic District to preserve the historic integrity of the district. The guidelines are designed to inform district property owners about rehabilitation and maintenance techniques that respect the existing architectural fabric, to serve to enhance the owners' investments, and to increase public awareness of the architectural character of the historic district and the elements that contribute to it.



The guidelines for use within the Historic District of Plymouth and Whitemarsh Township correspond to four categories:

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

The Design Review Guidelines for the Historic District can be found on the Township website.



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

- Chief Mike Beaty

2013 HIGHLIGHTS

Whitmarsh Township Police Departments participates in several traffic safety initiatives funded through the state.



Buckle Up PA is a project funded through Penn DOT dedicated to raising the seat belt usage level in Pennsylvania through increased enforcement, public awareness and education. The partnership is comprised of municipal police departments, the Pennsylvania State Police, Penn DOT, the US Department of Transportation and community groups and organizations.

The **Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Project (PAADEEP)** is a statewide initiative that utilizes crash data to identify aggressive driving locations. High visibility target enforcement, coordinated earned media and

public awareness are conducted on these roadways to reduce the number of needless aggressive driving injuries and deaths.

Teen Seatbelt Mobilization Project is comprised of over 200 Law Enforcement agencies that participated in a program from March 3 – March 21, 2014. The goal of this Teen Mobilization was very specific: to increase belt use among drivers and passengers under the age of 18 and ultimately save lives. The focus will primarily be on youth drivers, (under 18) on school campuses, targeted youth events, or roadways around their high schools. The goal of the mobilization is to reach 230 high schools and contact 200,000 students.



School and Workplace Safety Programs

Whitmarsh Police Sergeant Jeff Nowak and our Command Staff actively work with many local schools and businesses in the Township to address workplace safety. Working with the various facility administrators and safety staff we collaborate on a security assessment of the facility and assist with developing plans for addressing dangerous events. The Police Department continually trains and is actively prepared to address emergency events as they unfold, but individual residents and businesses should also to be cognizant of their surroundings and have safety plans of their own. There are updated federal personal safety concepts that all residents should be aware of. Evacuate, Hide-Out, Take Action also known as 'Run-Hide-Fight' serve as action plans to address active

assaults following the concept. In the "Run-Hide-Fight" plan, individuals have three main thought options for their personal safety and should exercise the one or combination of those that best fits the situation and the location that they are in at the time of the evolving incident. For more information on the safety concepts please contact Sgt. Nowak at jnowak@whitemarshpd.org.

PLCB and Whitmarsh Police Department Working to Prevent Underage and Dangerous Alcohol Use

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) is committed to providing financial support to address underage and irresponsible alcohol consumption. The Whitmarsh Township Police Department received \$40,000 in grant funds from the PLCB through the Alcohol Education Grant Program. The goal of the PLCB grant is to fund resources needed to make a significant impact on the health and safety of communities by preventing underage and dangerous drinking. The Whitmarsh Police Department continued educational outreach campaigns through the PW/GA Student Coalition. In addition to the community outreach programs, over the next two years the Whitmarsh Police plans to conduct proactive patrols specifically targeting underage drinking and related offenses.

2013 Citizens Police Academy

There were 13 Participants in CPA 2013. It took place for 10 weeks from September 17th - November 19th with a variety of participants ranging in age from 18 to those in their 60's. The Township received excellent feedback from the class and some of their favorite sessions were Car Stops, SWAT night, k9's, and Self Defense night. The 2014 CPA class will begin in September of 2014 - information on registration will be available on the Township website.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Whitmarsh Township Office of the Fire Marshal helps enforce fire safety laws within the Township. The Fire Marshal also conducts building inspections and issues notices and citations for violations related to fire safety. The Fire Marshal is also involved in the investigation of fire-related crimes and accidents, and provides assistance in emergency situations to the local emergency response teams.

In 2013, the Whitmarsh Township Office of the Fire Marshal assisted the 3 volunteer fire companies with 948 incidents. The following is a report of the fire related incidents in Whitmarsh Township for the 2013 calendar year.

Vehicular Accident Stand-By	21	Hazardous Materials Incident	2
Automatic Fire Alarm	366	Helicopter Landing	8
Assistance to Emergency Medical Service	4	Officer's Investigation	27
Assistance to Fire Marshal	11	Rescues	28*
Assistance to Other Municipalities	61	Special Service	9
Assistance to the Police Department	9	Structure	39
Carbon Monoxide Detectors	57	Vehicle Fire	21
Cover-Up Relocate/Back-Up Service	11	Vehicle Fuel Leaks	3
Dumpster Fires	9	Water Flow (Sprinkler) Alarms	19
Dwelling/Residential Fires	64	Woods Fire	10
Electrical Fires (outside)	48	Other Fires	15
Rapid Intervention Team (Back-Up Rescue)	39	Unknown Types of Fires	10
Gas Leaks (inside)	33	TOTAL	948
Gas Leaks (outside)	24	* 17 vehicular, 3 water, 5 elevator, 3 others	

FIRE & AMBULANCE SERVICES

First responders to emergency calls are crucial in any town. In addition to the Whitmarsh Township Police Department, there are three fire companies (Barren Hill, Lincoln, Spring Mill) and one EMS squad (Whitmarsh Community Ambulance Association) comprising both paid and volunteer personnel expertly trained to provide life-saving help where and when needed.



In addition to putting out fires and aiding the sick or injured, the fire companies and ambulance association also provide:

- Free smoke detectors, installed in your home if assistance is needed
- Fire extinguisher training to hospital and nursing care staff, as well as schools
- CPR and similar training for groups
- Fire and safety inspections of public and private buildings
- Consultation for the public and developers on general fire safety
- Stormwater awareness training to public works staff for emergency-preparedness
- Rescue operations and urgent communication services in major emergencies



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: MAKE A PLAN

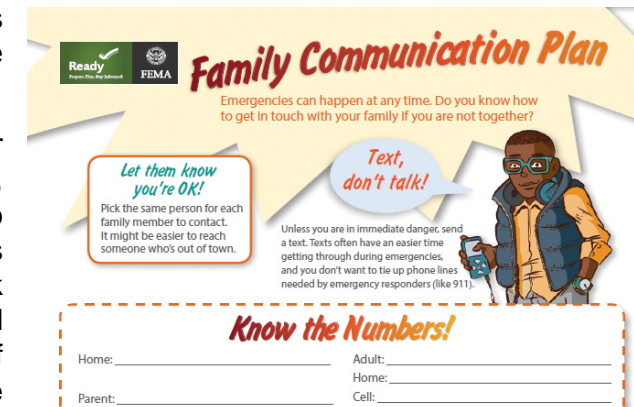


With the recording breaking snow fall this past winter along with power outages for extended periods during the cold winter season, it reminds everyone to always be prepared for an emergency in the event that you and your family are forced to quickly relocate away from your home. Often times, you and your family may not be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to plan in advance: how you will get to a safe place; how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations.

Ready.gov has made it simple for you to make a family emergency plan. Download the Family Communication Plan for Parents and Kids from the website: <http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan> and fill out the sections before printing it or emailing it to your family and friends.

You should also inquire about emergency plans at places where your family spends time: work, daycare and school, faith organizations, sports events and commuting. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one. Talk to community leaders, your colleagues, neighbors and members of faith or civic organizations about how you can work together in the event of an emergency. You will be better prepared to safely reunite your family and loved ones during an emergency if you think ahead and communicate with others in advance. Read more about school and workplace plans.

Residents can also contact the Fire Marshal with any questions or concerns.



Get local alerts about emergencies, severe weather and road closures on your cell or email.

ReadyNotifyPA can send notifications to the following:

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- Mobile Phone
- iPhone
- PDA
- Blackberry
- Pager

www.readynotifypa.org



Above, industrial sized brind system. Below, township's in-house made brind system.



restrictions shall prevail.

Residents and business owners also are reminded that all sidewalks and parking lots must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of the end of a snowfall. Compliance with this ordinance allows for pedestrian passage, particularly elementary school children walking to school.

SNOW, SNOW AND MORE SNOW

The winter of 2013-2014 has seen more snow than the combined past several years' worth of snow. But our Public Works Department has made every effort to be ready for each and every snow storm that has hit the region. Several years ago in 2009, the Township Public Works Department recognized the value of a liquid brind system, so the Public Works staff duplicated an industrial-sized liquid brind system (costs appximately \$2,500) by creating one in-house using \$250 worth of equipment and supplies and attached them to two of the public works vehicles for use during a snow storm. The process of pre-treating the roads with the liquid brine resulted in significant costsavings by reducing staff time in having to plow the same roads more often.

The Department's innovative methods of in-house production of the liquid brine system have proven to be extremely useful and beneficial during snow storm seasons, particular this past winter, and is a representation of the Department's continual efforts to cut costs and save tax payer dollars.

TOWNSHIP'S SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES & REGULATIONS

As soon as snow or freezing rain begins, the Township Public Works Department starts salting and applying cinders on Township roads. Snow plowing begins when the snow depth reaches 3 - 4 inches. Many of our main roadways, such as Germantown Pike, Joshua Road, Ridge Pike, North Lane, Cedar Grove Road, Skippack Pike, Bethlehem Pike, Pennsylvania Avenue, Stenton Avenue, Flourtown Road, Militia Hill Road and Butler Pike are **NOT** maintained by the Township as these roads are owned and maintained by PennDOT (state) or Montgomery County.

To assist with snow and ice removal, the Township Code requires all vehicles to be parked off-street when snow reaches a depth of 3 to 4 inches requiring plowing. Residents and businesses without sufficient off-street parking are required to adhere to the following schedule: In even numbered calendar years (2010, 2012 etc.), parking is permitted on the side of the street with even numbered addresses. In odd numbered calendar years (2011, 2013 etc.), parking is permitted on the side of the street with odd numbered addresses. On streets with permanent parking restrictions (No Parking Here To Corner, No Parking, etc.), the permanent

According to CBS Philly News, the 2013-2014 Philadelphia Winter Storms consisted of the following storms and amount of snow per storm(as of Feb. 20, 2014):

1. Dec 8, 2013 8.6"
2. Dec. 10, 2013 2.2"
3. Dec. 14, 2013 .3"
4. Dec 17, 2013 .1"
5. Jan 2-3, 2014 9"
6. Jan 21, 2014 13.5"
7. Jan 25-26, 2014 2.4"
8. Jan 29, 2014 1.0"
9. Feb 3, 2014 3.5"
10. Feb 9, 2014 2.7"
11. Feb 12-13, 2014 11.5"
12. Feb 15, 2014 .6"
13. Feb 18, 2014 3.0"

TOTAL 58.4" Third SNOWIEST Winter Ever

Snowiest Philadelphia Winters

1. 2009 – 2010 78.7"
2. 1995 – 1996 65.5"
3. 2013 – 2014 58.4"



2014 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM

Segments of the following roadways have been scheduled for rehabilitation:

- Wells Street from Cedar Grove Road to North Lane
- Wells Street from North Lane to 12th Avenue
- Hallowell Street from North Lane to the cul-de-sac
- Hillcrest Avenue from Durant Street to the cul-de-sac
- Durant Street from North Lane to Hillcrest Avenue
- Cold Point Hill Road from Militia Hill Road to Campus Drive
- Dana Lane from Emerson Road to the cul-de-sac

The paving projects are expected to begin in spring of 2014.



NEWLY ACQUIRED OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES

In following with the Township's Vision Statement as identified in the Township Open Space Plan (2006), the Whitmarsh Township acquired 4 pieces of property for open space preservation in 2013.

Whitmarsh Township Open Space Plan Vision Statement:

Whitmarsh Township will be an oasis of green, its open spaces and natural areas providing respite and recreation for residents, environmental protection for the region, and sanctuary for the area's remaining native species.

7004 & 7008 Mathers Lane



The Board of Supervisors adopted the ordinance to acquire 7004 & 7008 Mathers Lane back in 2012 utilizing state and federal funds as part of the FEMA/PEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants. The Township finalized settlement of the two properties in 2013. Upon acquisition of the two properties, the existing dwellings were demolished and the sites restored to open space.

4130 BUTLER PIKE



In the third quarter of 2012, the Board of Supervisors acquired 4130 Butler Pike to preserve as open space utilizing Act 153 funds. The property at 4130 Butler Pike sits within the Cold Point Historic District. The Township amended the existing Open Space Plan in its efforts to preserve the historic properties within the Historic Districts of the Township. The future plan for the property is to preserve it as open space and designate the historic significance of the site.



4134 CHRISTIE CIRCLE

In April of 2013, the Board of Supervisors acquired 4134 Christie Circle to preserve as open space. 4134 Christie Circle was acquired through the Township's flood-prone property acquisition policy utilizing Act 153 funds. The plan for the property is to leave it as open space and be used as a stormwater conveyance area.



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Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

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2014 Township Day

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