

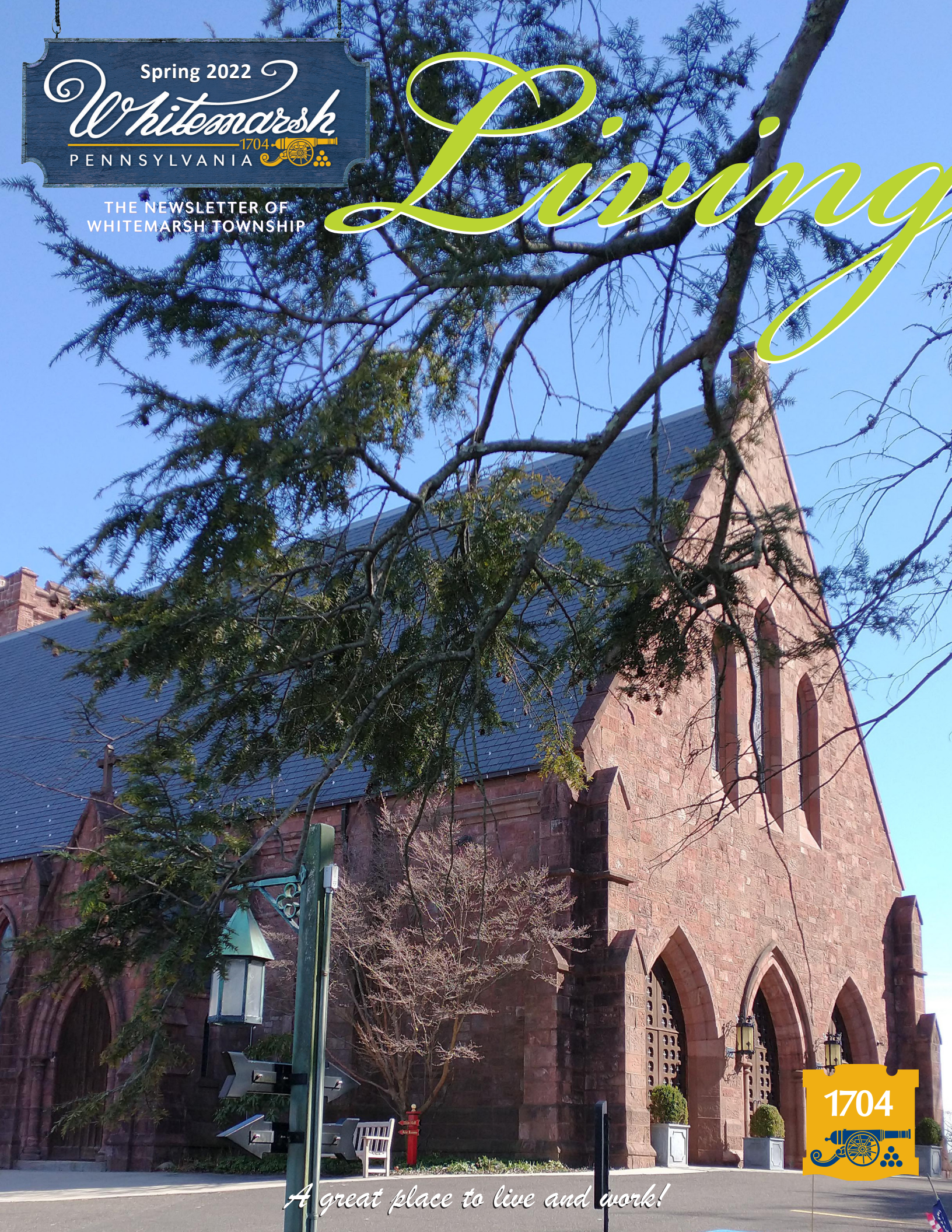
Spring 2022

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THE NEWSLETTER OF
WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP

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4TH of JULY PARADE

Monday, July 4th - 10:00am

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THIS ISSUE **SPRING 2022**

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)

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Happy Springtime Whitemarsh!

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR It is always a pleasure to write to you as the weather warms and the Township begins preparing for the Spring and Summer seasons. This Spring looks especially bright following the Township's acquisition and preservation of new open space. As I reported this past Fall, the Township has worked with our state legislators and local organizations to purchase a 28-acre conservation easement at the Highlands Mansion. The Board of Supervisors also entered into an agreement of sale to preserve the historically significant Abolition Hall and adjacent property for open space. The Township continues to work identifying new opportunities for open space aquation and recreation for our residents. We encourage you to make the most of them!

Township Day will return to its normal April schedule this Spring. Please join us on Saturday, April 23rd from noon until 5pm at Victory Fields. As always, the event will be filled with family-friendly games, vendors, food trucks, and rides for all ages. Don't miss out on the great performances by local youth organizations and tasty treats for all tastes and appetites!

For the second year running, Township Day will also offer Whitemarsh residents a free tree! Following a successful first year, the Tree Giveaway will return with a goal of planting 125 trees. The Giveaway provides residents who sign up a free native tree for their property, to be provided in the Fall. Trees fitting all property sizes are available, so be sure to stop by the Shade Tree Commission or Environmental Advisory Board's table for information and to reserve your free tree. Last year, the giveaway resulted in over 110 trees being planted!

With Memorial Day approaching, I'd like to thank the volunteers who served on the Board of the Veterans Monument Committee, and its many generous donors, for a job well done. This project was the result of over a decade of hard work and collaboration. Since its dedication, many residents have contacted

members of the Board to express their gratitude. Once again, thank you to everyone who played a role in bringing this great effort to fruition.

Finally, with the rainy spring season approaching, it's a great time to talk about stormwater. As you may know, our community has faced unprecedented storms in recent years and is certain to experience more due to the growing impact of climate change. Properly functioning stormwater infrastructure is critical to protecting communities like ours. The Board of Supervisors has prioritized stormwater infrastructure spending with the use of the Federal American Rescue Plan Act funds for this reason and is engaged in several projects that will reduce the amount of stormwater runoff and expand our stormwater management system.

Now that you have heard from us, please let us hear from you! As your elected officials, we encourage you to contact us or Township staff with concerns, ideas, or questions. Township staff can be reached during business hours at (610) 825-3535, or you can reach Board Members directly by mail, or email.

Laura Boyle Nester

Laura Boyle Nester
Chair, Board of Supervisors



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\$5.00 PER CHILD-AGES 2-6 PICK YOUR TIMESLOT
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YOUR WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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Chair



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TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S YEAR IN REVIEW | 2021



Whitemarsh Township made a great deal of progress in 2021 despite difficult circumstances thrown our way. We continued to deal with the Pandemic and had several severe weather events during the year. That said, I would like to highlight some of the great steps forward we took as a Township.

First, I would like to congratulate Fran McCusker on his re-election and welcome Patrice Turenne as a newly-appointed Supervisor. I look forward to working with them and the Board while they serve Whitemarsh Township.

The Board of Supervisors were able to permanently preserve 28-acres of open space with a conservation easement at the Highlands Mansion on the corner of Skippack Pike and Sheaff Lane. This was made possible with funds from the Township's Open Space Earned Income Tax. This transaction with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania allows the Highlands Historical Society to operate the Mansion going forward.

The Township also entered into an Agreement of Sale with the owners of the Abolition Hall property, which will preserve 10 acres including the buildings and adjacent open space. In addition, the Township has an agreement to purchase the adjacent property, preserving a total of 12 acres in the Township's Historic District along Butler Pike.

This past November, the Veteran Monument was dedicated as a place of reflection for those servicemen and women that served our Country. It is located prominently at the corner of Germantown Pike and Joshua Road in Miles Park. Thank you to the Veterans Monument Committee members who have worked many years and volunteered countless hours to see this project come to fruition.

Public engagement is the backbone of local government as a way to lend your voice in shaping the future of this community. I want to thank the many volunteers who are participating on the various Steering Committees and subcommittees for providing feedback, guidance and vision for Whitemarsh Township.

The Township passed a \$19.55 million general fund budget for 2022 with no tax increase. It includes a \$3.8 million three-year Capital Improvement Plan. Due to a difficult year from mother nature, which included a tornado and heavy rains, we have focused a great deal of resources in stormwater management projects. Also, we are continuing roadway improvements to help improve our infrastructure and traffic control throughout the Township. The American Rescue Plan Act funds received by Whitemarsh Township in 2021 and again in 2022 will help fund many of these projects.

I would like to recognize and thank the following employees who retired from Whitemarsh Township last year:

Gwen Pace, Gerry Donahue and Lt. Greg Keenan

Each had over 20 years of service to the organization and community!

I am excited to announce the following new employees joined the Whitemarsh Township organization over the last year:

- **Terri Simonetti**, Finance Department
- **Rob Vandergrift and Nick Delaney**, Franco Cappabianca, Parks and Recreation Department
- **Will Gleckner**, Planning and Zoning Department
- **Nate DiDonato**, Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Department

- **Jake Gum, Robby Williamson, and Paul DeSanto**, Public Works Department
- **Officers Grier Conard and Jude Becker**, Police Department

Also, congratulations to **Brian Mack** on his promotion to Lieutenant. Welcome to the organization and I look forward to their contributions to the Whitemarsh community.

I encourage you to sign up for the Township weekly e-newsletter by visiting the Township website homepage, scrolling to the bottom right and clicking on the 'Sign Up Here' link. Simply enter your email address and you will receive the news to keep up to date with Township information and meeting schedules.

With Spring upon us comes warmer weather, and we are getting outside to enjoy the many Township amenities. To all the residents and businesses in Whitemarsh Township, stay safe and have an enjoyable spring and summer seasons!

Richard L. Mellor, Jr.

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BUILDING/ZONING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION PROCESS

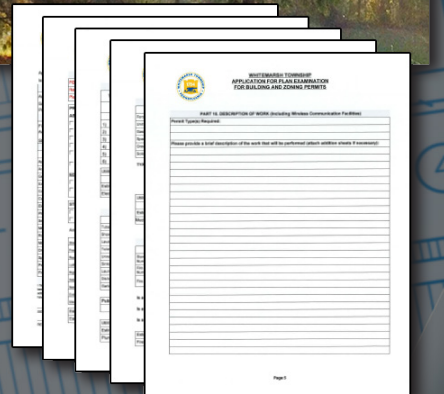
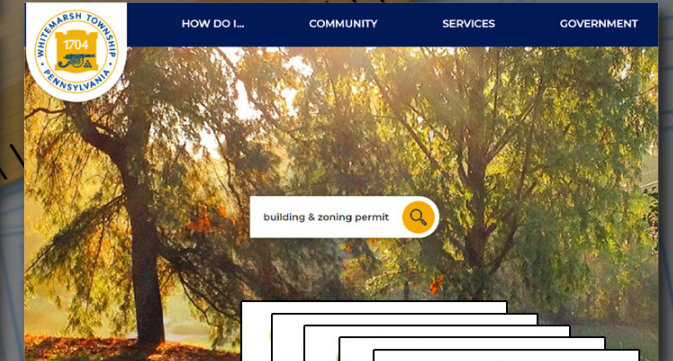
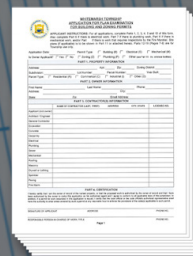
1. Go to www.whitemarshntp.org
Keyword Search:
"Building & Zoning Permit Application"

2. Download and print out the online PDF. This permit allows work such as, **but not limited to:**

- New Building Construction
- Roofing
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Mechanical

3. Complete the **FIRST FIVE PAGES** of the application **ONLY**. Required details include the work being done, who will be doing the work, and the contractor's insurance.

4. Use the attached checklist to make sure all required documents and information are present.



5. For successful submission, mail:

- The complete form
- Supporting documents
- Attached checklist
- Payment

to the **Whitemarsh Township Building, 616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444**

QUESTIONS?

Call **484-594-2607** or Email jfrangiosa@whitemarshntp.org

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department is responsible for the administration of activities pertaining to the receipt, expenditure, accounting, investment, custody and control of municipal funds and assets. The Finance Department performs the following functions:

- Collects and receives all taxes and other moneys due or receivable by the township or authorizes other municipal or service units to do so under prescribed procedures
- Develop all tax rolls, which are not prepared by other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth
- Administer a system for the collection of municipal tax claims and liens in accordance with law
- Maintain a uniform accounting system in accordance with the Pennsylvania State chart of accounts and generally accepted principles of governmental accounting
- Prepare books and records in accordance with generally accepted principle of governmental accounting
- Prepare and disburse all payments for authorized expenditures and payrolls
- Deposit moneys in depositories authorized by the Board of Supervisors, consistent with generally accepted governmental financial practices
- Provide for the prudent investment of moneys in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Assist in the preparation, maintenance and reporting of financial plans and budgets
- Assist in the administration of the purchasing system and Township contracts
- Advise the Township Manager and Board of Supervisors on Township fiscal matters

The department is headed by the Finance Director who also serves as the Tax Collector for the Township. Under contract with Montgomery County, the department also collects real estate taxes for Montgomery County.

CONTACT US

616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
(610) 825-3535
Mon-Fri
8:30am-4:30pm

REAL ESTATE TAXES

The Township contracts with Berkheimer to collect property taxes.

PAYMENT METHODS

ONLINE



YOU MAY PAY ONLINE AT WWW.HAB-INC.COM OR BY PHONE (866)225-8451 WITH A CREDIT CARD, CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT.
RECEIPTS CAN BE REQUESTED ONLINE AT: [HTTPS://WWW.HAB-INC.COM/REAL-ESTATE-TAX-RECEIPT-REQUEST-FORM/](https://www.hab-inc.com/real-estate-tax-receipt-request-form/)

IN-PERSON



W. 4TH St, BRIDGEPORT, PA 19405 - BERKHEIMER OFFICE
THIS OFFICE IS REOPENED TO IN-PERSON VISITS ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND FRIDAYS.

BY-MAIL



BERKHEIMER, PO BOX 25144, LEHIGH VALLEY PA 18002-5144
TAXPAYERS WHO WANT A PAID RECEIPT MUST INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH THEIR PAYMENT

***CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED**

****TITLE COMPANIES:** If you need a tax certificate for 2021 taxes you can call Berkheimer at (610)599-3143 or you can request on the following website: <https://www.hab-inc.com/real-estate-tax-certification-request-form/>

TAX DISCOUNTS & PENALTIES

Residents who pay their current year's Township and County Real Estate Taxes by April 30 receive a 2% discount, while township and county taxes paid after June 30 are subject to a 10% penalty. If a Whitemarsh Township property owner does not pay their township and county taxes by December 31 of the year, these delinquent tax accounts are turned over to the Montgomery County Tax Claim Bureau and subject to lien. Taxes paid after December 31 of the year may be subject to an additional 5% fee, pursuant to County, Municipal, and School District Ordinances or Resolutions.

Keep in mind that the Colonial School District's Real Estate Taxes are due to the Colonial School District. For information on where to pay, call Northeast Revenue at 484-681-9231.

2022 REAL ESTATE TAX BILL DUE DATES

The last day for Discount Period payments for 2022 County and Township Real Estate Tax will be on Friday April 30, 2022. Payments not made on or before April 30, 2022 will not be eligible for the 2% discount.

Payments received or postmarked after April 30, 2022 will be applied to the face period and must satisfy the face period amount. Payments can be made one of three ways: By-mail, online, or in-person. Please note, in-person payments should be made at the Berkheimer office in Bridgeport. The Township Building can accept payments, but cannot provide a receipt.

If payments are made by mail, the payment must be post marked by midnight April 30, 2022 in order to receive the discount.

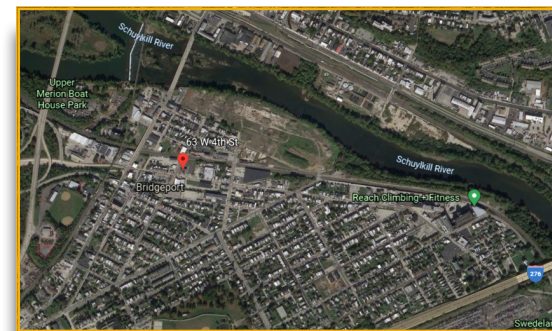
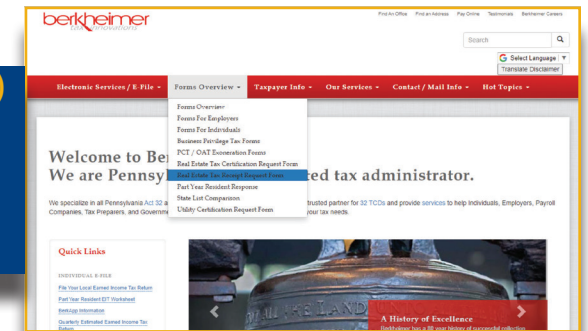


2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES

WHITEMARSH CONTRACTED WITH BERKHEIMER

In-person payments are still accepted at the Whitemarsh Township Building, but we will no longer provide a receipt. Those who want a receipt should pay Berkheimer directly through any of these methods.

1 **PAY ONLINE (WWW.HAB-INC.COM) OR BY PHONE (866-225-8451)**
Credit Card or Checking/Savings Account accepted.
(a third-party fee will apply)
TO REQUEST A TAX RECEIPT:
+Go To "FORMS OVERVIEW"
+Click "REAL ESTATE TAX RECEIPT REQUEST FORM"



PAY IN-PERSON AT THE BRIDGEPORT BERKHEIMER OFFICE

63 W. 4TH ST.
BRIDGEPORT, PA 19403
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OFFICE HOURS
MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
9:00AM - 12:30PM & 1:30PM - 4:00PM

3 **MAIL PAYMENTS TO BERKHEIMER**
BERKHEIMER, PO BOX 25144
LEHIGH VALLEY, PA 18002-5144

TO RECEIVE A TAX RECEIPT:
You **MUST** include a stamped, self-addressed, envelope with your payment. **NO CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED!**

How To Mail a Self-Addressed-Stamped Envelope

Step 1 Address an Envelope to THE COMPANY and put a stamp on it #1

Step 2 Address an Envelope to YOURSELF and put a stamp on it AND put it into Envelope #1 #2

PARKS & RECREATION



2021.....A New Transition of Seasons!

As COVID progressed and vaccines became available, the Whitemarsh Township Parks and Recreation Department entered the year filled with uncertainty, creativity, and hope. The Parks and Recreation Team understood the importance that parks, recreation, and open spaces play as a key component in the community and learned a safe way to offer programs, activities, and mini-special events for people of all ages and abilities to help address physical and mental health needs.

Winter began with the 4th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Clothing Drive Fundraiser. Once again, Whitemarsh residents outdid themselves, shattering the previous record and collected a whopping 1,414 bags of donations that benefitted the non-profit charity Colonial Neighborhood Council and Township Day. With COVID lurking, the Department invented several outdoor mini-events to assist the public with fun

and healthy engagements. These included the seek-and-find Magic McSnowflake and Crystal Northfrost in the Parks, a Winter Wonderland Hayride, and Valentine's Day for our youngest community members. At the end of Winter, the Whitemarsh Athletic Association held their annual meeting with esteemed guest speaker Kate Nematollahi from the National Alliance of Youth Sports.

Spring came fast with our new Shamrocks in the Parks engagement, Teenie Shamrocks mini-event, and our Annual Spring Shredding Day. The community helped the environment through the recycling of shredded paper in the 4-hour event. The Township was able to save the equivalent of 201 trees, 47,400 kilowatts of energy, 35.55 cubic yards of landfill space, and 82,950 gallons of water. The Department also teamed up with two certified tree companies to combat the Spotted Lanternfly. In addition, the Township performed environmental maintenance at the Wells Street Open Space and Trails and the

spring event had a record 68 volunteers addressing dangerous trees, invasives, and vines, and establishing a lovely natural path. Parks and Recreation was humbled to learn that two 2020 programs – "Witches Hayride" and our virtual "In-Home Recreation Resources" were both selected to receive Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society Statewide Awards for Excellence in Parks and Recreation. To help combat COVID, the staff retooled the popular "Touch-A-Truck" event to a "See-A-Truck" mini-event with hourly registration and lots of social distancing for families to enjoy.

With the warmth was an early Summer, and the introduction of our new Concerts at the Courts. Children and families enjoyed live music and food on the basketball courts at Miles Park as the sun would set.

The yearly staple summer camps at Miles Park (ages 6-14) and Cedar Grove Park (ages 3-5) provided a welcome respite to kids and parents alike and the specialty camps (chess, sports, art, theatre, etc.) at our fields and facilities flourished.

Princess Camp was a huge success with over twenty princesses joining the fun. Movies in the Parks were enjoyed over the summer months with a blanket under the stars. The Department continued with the DCNR-DVRPC Miracle-Nature Trail Feasibility Study holding steering committee meetings, a public on-site walk, and a neighbor's meeting at the Cedar Grove Barn.

Autumn allowed us to hold our rescheduled signature event Township Day! The event was held in partnership with the Colonial School District at PWS Victory Fields in September and was a great success. There were wonderful rides

and food trucks along with entertainment for all ages to enjoy. We also saw the reemergence of the Eat and Enjoy Senior Socials through the Fall with Streetside BBQ providing food and super entertainment via musical and magic acts. Parents' Night Out and Youth Dance Programs blossomed, while exercise classes learned to be hybrid. The Connecting Exceptional People program for special needs participants carried on virtually providing much needed social interaction.

Finally, Whitemarsh Veteran's celebrated the dedication of a landmark monument area at Miles Park.

The Winter ushered in a new season's greeting location with the community Holiday Displays at the Miles Park Building. 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 Gingerbread House Decorating Contest was in-person once again and a popular family event in December. The 2nd Annual "Light Up Whitemarsh" home decorating contest was a big hit and provided residents with a route of homes to safely drive-by and enjoy the lights.

As the seasons change, the Department would like to thank our many great corporate and community partners in 2021 for serving as a foundation for our success. 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 programs and 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 through this crisis and to allow our Department to carry out our mission safely and proactively and enhance the quality of life to our residents through Parks and Recreation.

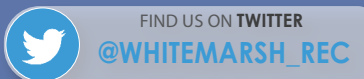
We are looking forward to a fantastic 2022!

Best always,
*The Whitemarsh Township
Parks & Recreation Team*

PARKS & RECREATION

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Mon-Fri
8:30am-4:30pm



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2022 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

By Appointment Only, Preregistration is Required

DATES:

Saturday, April 30

Boyertown Middle School East
2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville
[Register Here](#)

Saturday, May 7

Indian Valley Middle School
130 Maple Avenue, Harleysville
[Register Here](#)

Saturday, May 21

Temple University–Ambler Campus
Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler
[Register Here](#)

Saturday, June 18

Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown
[Register Here](#)

Saturday, June 25

Abington Junior High School
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington
[Register Here](#)

Saturday, September 24

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Road, Royersford
[Register Here](#)

SUNDAY, October 23

Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley
[Register Here](#)

Registration available at
MontcoPARecycles.org

Free residential collection events are held outdoors. There are no permanent drop off locations, only these collection events. Montco residents may also attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, or Philadelphia Counties.

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.

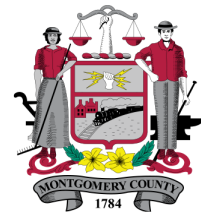
Contact us at:

MontcoPARecycles.org
recycling@montcopa.org

610.278.3618



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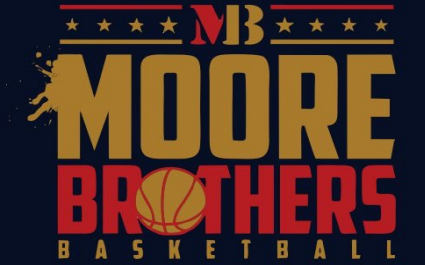
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TIME: 9AM - NOON

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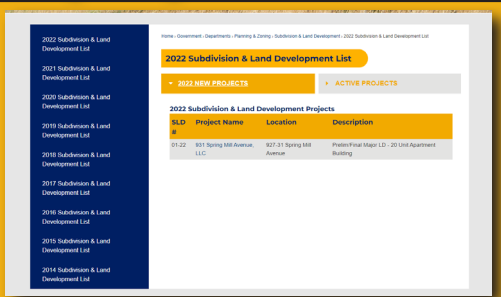
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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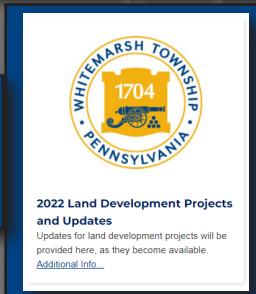
SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT (SLD) PAGE

A recent change to the Township website now allows residents to access the SLD page with fewer clicks/taps.

Listed projects can simply be looked up by year and completion status.



1. Click/Tap this **News Flash** tab on the Homepage (May need to scroll left/right to get there).



2. Click/Tap **"Additional Info"** to access the SLD page.



MEETING AGENDAS PAGE



1. Select **"AGENDAS AND MINUTES"** icon on the left.

2. Scroll down to **desired Board, Commission or Committee** (listed alphabetically)

3. Select link to, or download, the **desired meeting agenda**.



WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS:



CONCERTS AT THE COURTS



FEATURING: *MOJO & THE HELPER MONKEYS*

THURSDAY, MAY 12TH, 2022 7:00PM-9:00PM

MILES PARK BASKETBALL COURTS- RAIN OR SHINE

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

\$5.00 PER SPACE ON GRASS
\$10.00 PER SPACE ON COURT
\$30.00 PER PICNIC TABLE FOR UP TO 6 FAMILY MEMBERS
\$65.00 FOR VIP WAGON SEATING

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610-828-7276

*BYOB *PERMITTED FOOD TRUCKS ON SITE!



PLANNING & ZONING

2021 SUBDIVISION & LAND APPROVALS

Full project descriptions of each Subdivision and Land Development (SLD) application can be found on our Township Website: www.whitemarshwp.org, in the digital version of this issue of *Whitemarsh Living*.

SLD #02-19: Argos Associates, Adelphi Land Associates, & Polergodom Group, Ltd., "Longfield Farm"
Skippack and Butler Pikes, Blue Bell - 58 townhomes in the VC-4 District

SLD #05-14 901 Washington Partners, LP
901 Washington Street, Conshohocken - 62 townhomes in the RDD-1 District

SLD #01-21 Robbins Gulph Holdings, LLC
27 E. Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting - Two-story addition to office space in the VC-2 District

SLD# 03-21 PA Historical & Museum Commission, "The Highlands"
7001 Sheaff Lane, Fort Washington - Minor subdivision to accommodate Township purchase of 28-acre conservation easement

SLD #04-21 Jeffrey Cowley
3 Evergreen Place, Lafayette Hill - Minor lot line change with no development

SLD #07-21 Sunnybrook Golf Club - Zoning Map Amendment adding Institutional Overlay to additional lands for golf course use

SLD #08-21 Sunnybrook Golf Club - Lot Line Change Plan to add additional lands for golf course use
398 Stenton Avenue, Plymouth Meeting

SLD #02-21 DP Spring Mill Developers LLC
561 Spring Mill Avenue, Conshohocken - Preliminary approval for 19 townhomes in the HVY/RDD-2 Districts

SLD #09-21 Argos Associates "Hawkhurst"
6122 Butler Pike, Blue Bell
Owner subdividing parcel to separate lot with single-family home from lot with accessory wine store.

SLD #06-21 and CU #04-20
608 Germantown Pike Associates, LLC
606, 608 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill
Minor subdivision and land development for seven apartments and professional office space in the VC-1 District

Conditional Use #02-21 Osaka Hibachi Japanese, LLC
551 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill - Restaurant in the VC-1 District

Conditional Use #03-21 Christopher Palardy
462 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill - Medical office space in the VC-1 District

RIDGE PIKE PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Section D of Montgomery County's Ridge Pike Improvement Project will finally begin construction in Spring of 2022 between Crescent Avenue in Whitemarsh Township, and Northwestern Avenue at the Springfield Township/Philadelphia border. Montgomery County awarded the construction contract to the Allan Myers on February 17th with a cost of \$14M.

A very informative Public Meeting was held on 4/7/2022 at the Whitemarsh Township Administration Building; see the link below for a recording of the event.

As part of Section D's construction activities, the entire road will be fully rebuilt and a second travel lane will be added between Church Road/Harts Lane and Northwestern Avenue, as well as a left turn lane for westbound traffic onto Barren Hill Road. A new sidewalk will be completed along the entire south side of Ridge Pike and some sections of sidewalk will be added along the north side. SEPTA bus stops and stormwater management will be upgraded as well. Construction duration is approximately two (2) years, and detours and construction updates affecting traffic will be posted on the project website below.

Preliminary engineering is nearly completed on the section between Harmon Road in Plymouth Township and Crescent Avenue (Section C). Final design is anticipated to begin later in 2022 with construction anticipated in the middle of the decade.

More project information and a sign up option for update notifications can be found on the County's website at www.RidgePikeProject.com.

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

PHASE 1 UPDATE

A Steering Committee was established early in 2021 to assist the Township and its consultant in preparation of the first phase of the Zoning Ordinance Update, which is intended to implement recommendations that are contained in the 'Selective Comprehensive Plan Update' adopted in November 2020. The Committee consists of representatives from the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, other boards and commissions, the Township Engineer and staff. The Update Steering Committee is working with our consultant, Kimberly Baptiste from Bergmann (a consulting firm of architects, planners, and engineers) guiding the Committee's work.

Work during roughly the first half of 2021 was devoted to updating the off-street parking requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. After the Committee completed a draft that it was comfortable with, the Township Planning Commission reviewed it, recommended some changes, and a final draft ordinance was provided to the Montgomery County Planning Commission for their review. Following receipt of that review, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing in December, and at the conclusion, adopted the new ordinance. The ordinance includes: revised minimum parking requirements for a full array of land uses, including some new uses, all in an easy-to-read chart; reserve parking requirements allowing up to 50% of required parking to be held as green space, and only installed if and when needed in the future; and requirements for installation of electric vehicle charging stations within all new, expanded or reconstructed parking facilities. An overall goal for all of the parking amendments was to reduce unnecessary parking and provide options for getting more green area and less impervious coverage.

As of January of this year, the Steering Committee has met eight times. Since the fourth meeting, the Committee's efforts have been focused on drafting a district to replace the Conservation Design Overlay District. This district currently governs developments of five or more homes in the A through AAAA - (Single-family) Residential Districts. It provides some design flexibility in order to encourage open space preservation and to help preserve environmentally sensitive features. The district being considered to replace it is entitled the "Open Space Conservation Overlay District" (OSCO), and seeks to strengthen both the protection of sensitive lands and the open space preservation provisions. The OSCO would apply to the same four residential districts in situations on tracts with a minimum size of 15 acres with at least five homes proposed. The draft OSCO was reviewed by the Planning Commission in February with comments received from the Commission members, as well as a number of members of the public. The draft OSCO was then sent back to the Steering Committee to consider all of the comments, with the goal of proposing a revised draft for future Planning Commission consideration and eventual consideration by the Board of Supervisors as an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to replace the Conservation Design Overlay District.

Watch the agendas on the Township's website to see when the OSCO will be discussed in the future. Future issues of *Whitemarsh Living* will contain updates on progress on this district as well as other issues as they are considered for the Zoning Ordinance Update.

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

SERVE - PROTECT - DEFEND



Well, 2021 is in the books, and we're off into this New Year. While I'm sure we were all hoping for an end to this pandemic, unfortunately COVID-19, in its many variants, is still hanging around and affecting our everyday lives. Fortunately though, while the police department has suffered its share of exposures and contractions of the virus, we have weathered the storm with no disruption to the services we provide to the community. Our staff has taken and continues to take all of the precautions available to us, to protect ourselves and the community we serve from the transmission of COVID-19. The men and women of Whitemarsh Township Police have a proud tradition of service, and we will continue to uphold that tradition.

The year 2021 has also been a year of change and reform, with many of those changes affecting policing. Whitemarsh Police, cognizant of these changes and trends, has worked to stay abreast of these changes and reforms while still working to best serve our residents. Some of the things we have addressed in 2021 are in concert with the mandates and reforms we see occurring nationwide.

Changes in our policies and procedures formalized de-escalation and the duty to intervene. Although this has been in practice for the (near) 30 years I have been a Whitemarsh police officer, it is now a matter of policy that officers use de-escalation techniques and other alternatives to force, whenever possible and appropriate. Likewise, while it has always been our duty to do so, we have formally made it a matter of policy that officers are required to intervene and stop, and report the Excessive Use of Force.

These policies can be easily accessed and read on the Township website.

Another trend we have been seeing recently and sometimes directly related to the use of force, de-escalation and duty to intervene, is the issuance and use of Body Worn Cameras. We began researching BWC's in 2019-2020 and by mid-2021 we were rolling them out. We have procured BWC's for every sworn officer on the department, developed policy based upon the currently accepted best police practices, provided training on both the cameras' operation and department policy, and now, all of our officers are using BWC's. These cameras, in conjunction with dash mounted cameras, are in use when officers are engaged in all manners of law enforcement duties, including but not limited to, traffic stops, arrests, and other investigations. Supervisors routinely review this footage to ensure compliance with all of our policies and procedures and best service to our community.

Our township police force has always and will always strive to provide the best service to our residents and visitors to our township. We welcome your feedback, and we rely upon you to assist us in identifying and resolving issues that affect you and this township. Please feel free to reach out to us, we are always at your service.

We, the members of Whitemarsh Township Police Department, wish you a very happy, safe and healthy 2022.

Sincerely,

Christopher P. Ward

Christopher P. Ward
Chief



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Chief

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please be sure to find the Whitemarsh Township Police Department on **Facebook** and **Nextdoor**.



FIND US ON **FACEBOOK**

@WHITEMARSHTOWNSHIPPD



FIND US ON **nextdoor**

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP POLICE



COP CAMP

Unfortunately, with the Covid-19 case numbers still relatively high as we approached mid-year 2021, we were forced to make the sad decision to once again cancel the popular Cop Camp program we run every summer for youths 10-12 years old. This came with a heavy heart as we know how much the cadets were looking forward to it. However, given the circumstances at the time we made our decision, we felt we would be remiss if we did not adhere to the current COVID-19 protocols and recommendations of the CDC. We are optimistic that with the current downtrend in Covid cases, coupled with the availability of vaccines, we will be able to host this popular program in 2022, which will be our 22nd session. Anyone interested in the Cop Camp program for their child, 10-12 years old, should contact Lt. Brian Mack at bmack@whitemarshpd.org.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

In September of 2021, we hosted our adult version of Cop Camp, the CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY. Ten citizens applied for and attended our 10-week program that is designed to give the attendee an "inside" look at the workings of the police department. Throughout the course, which met one night a week for 2 to 2 ½ hours, the students received instruction of virtually every aspect of the work our officers do each day. Included in the program were Patrol and Communications, Car Stops, Use of Force/Firearms, SWAT, Self Defense, K-9, Investigations, and other topics both on the schedule and brought up by our students. The class graduated November 22, 2021, at a short ceremony at the Township Building, after which the students were able to take their families and friends on a tour of the station.

YEARS OF SERVICE

We have had a number of officers reach some career milestones this past year, reminding us that none of us aren't getting any younger; but the township can continue to benefit from the wisdom and experience of their police department:

- Sgt. Michael O'Doherty.....25 years
- Officer Kevin Galie.....20 years
- Corporal Chris Wilhelm.....20 years
- Officer Matthew Stadulis.....15 years
- Officer Caleb MacMain.....5 years

NEW HIRES

With the other many changes in Whitemarsh Township, we also see two new faces added to our ranks of the Police Department. In March of 2020, we began a hiring process for the position of police officer to fill opening created by resignations and retirements. After a competitive process, including written, physical and interviews; evaluations and with all of the appropriate background investigations, an eligibility list was established and certified on August 27th, 2020.



OFFICER JUDE T. BECKER was hired on June 28th of 2021, and began his tenure with the Whitemarsh Police Department in the uniform patrol division. Jude is a graduate of the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, and grew up in Whitemarsh. Jude began his law enforcement career with the Philadelphia Police Department where he served for three years before applying to and being hired by our department. Officer Becker completed his Field Training Program, and is now assigned to "D" Platoon. We're happy to have Jude back patrolling his former hometown.



OFFICER GRIER CONARD was hired on September 13th, 2021 as a probationary police officer. Grier is a 2019 graduate of the Montgomery County Police Academy and served with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for 2 years prior to his employment with Whitemarsh. He has undergone his initial 3 month field training and now assigned to "A" Platoon in our uniform patrol division.



RETIREMENT OF LT. GREG KEENAN

In June of 2021, Lt. Greg Keenan elected to retire after 26 years of dedicated service to the Whitemarsh Township Police Department.

Greg was hired by Whitemarsh PD in February of 1996 and attended the Allentown Police Academy to receive his police officer certification. Upon graduation, he was assigned to our uniform patrol division where he would distinguish himself as a hard-working, reliable and active police officer. He would go on to serve in a number of different disciplines as an officer, spending time with the bicycle unit, the Montgomery County Drug Task Force, the Whitemarsh Tactical Team and the Colonial Special Operations teams, and with our Traffic Safety Unit.

In 2004, Greg was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was placed in charge of a patrol platoon, where he was responsible for the supervision of his platoon and their daily activities. While serving in this capacity, he continued to expand his knowledge and skills and was quickly assigned to assist with other important tasks including patrol vehicle maintenance and set-up, police communications, and various other ancillary duties. As a sergeant, he was selected to attend the prestigious Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command Class 326, which is a 10-week intensive police executive leadership and development program.

In 2016, Greg was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assumed command over the Traffic Safety Unit, the Investigation Division and Civilian Support staff. He was also tasked with the procurement and outfitting of all new patrol vehicles, he was our communications specialist and coordinated most IT projects, including the switch to a new records management system. Greg took a very active role in our Emergency Management Team, and served as a commander with the Montgomery County Major Incident Response Team (MIRT). He would alternate between this assignment and as the Operations Lieutenant (Patrol) until his retirement.

Greg has accepted a position and is already hard at work as the Director of Security for Germantown Academy in Fort Washington, PA, where we're certain he's putting his many talents to good use. We wish Greg all the best in his newest endeavors.

TURN AROUND, **DON'T DROWN**

Do You Really Know How Deep the Water is?

12 inches of fast-moving water can carry away a small car.



6 inches of fast-moving water can knock over and carry away an adult.

18-24 inches of fast-moving water can carry away most large SUVs, vans and trucks.



Whitemarsh is prone to flooding. Never drive through water, it may be deeper than it appears. Flood gates and barricades are put in place to protect you. Do **NOT** go around them!

GRILLS, OPEN BURNING AND FIRE PIT SAFETY

Warmer weather brings back grilling and backyard fire pits. Remember to practice caution and follow these safety tips!

- Cooking Grills must be ten feet away from your house and is prohibited on balconies.
- If you are using a listed and approved open burning (fire pit) container, such as one purchased from a home improvement store, it must be fifteen (15) feet away from the house and structures. If not using one, the open burning must be fifty (50) feet away from the structure. This can be reduced to twenty-five (25) feet if the burn pile is less than three feet in diameter and less than two feet high. The fire must be constantly attended and a fire extinguisher or garden hose must be readily available to extinguish the fire.

PLAN YOUR ESCAPE!



IF A FIRE OCCURRED IN YOUR HOUSE TONIGHT, WOULD YOUR FAMILY GET OUT SAFELY?

YOU MAY ONLY HAVE SECONDS TO SAFELY ESCAPE YOUR OWN HOME. DEVELOP AND PRACTICE AN ESCAPE PLAN & MEETING PLACE WITH EVERYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD!

READYMONTCo

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR **READYMONTCo**?

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Department of Public Safety



ReadyMontCo is a mass notification system used by county and local Emergency Management organizations to provide immediate and real time info to residents during emergencies. As a participant of **ReadyMontCo**, you will receive alerts based on where your home is, as well as your current location! The alerts can be modified to fit your needs, such as: phone calls, e-mails, texts, or e-mails.

To Sign Up, Visit:

[HTTPS://WWW.MONTCOPA.ORG/3311/READYMONTCO](https://www.montcopa.org/3311/readymontco)

SMOKE ALARMS, **SAVE LIVES**

Smoke alarms are needed in your home! They should, at least, be in the following locations:

- One on each floor
- Outside of sleeping areas/bedrooms
- One in each sleeping area/bedroom

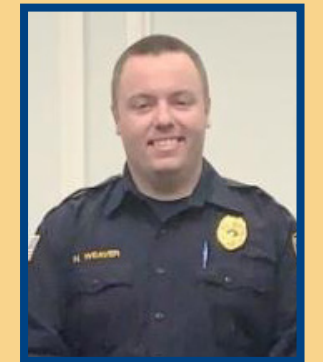
If you don't have smoke alarm in these locations, or do not know, please call or e-mail the Whitemarsh Township Fire Marshal's Office.

Phone: (484) 594-2614 **E-mail:** NWeaver@whitemarshntp.org

Whitemarsh Township, Barren Hill, and Spring Mill Fire Companies partner with **6ABC Operation Save a Life** to provide 10-year lithium ion battery smoke alarms to residents at no cost.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Whitemarsh Township has ensured and continues to ensure that services have not been affected during our health emergency. Our Office of Emergency Management has worked with township departments, our ambulance squad, both fire companies, the library, health care facilities, schools, and the sewer authority to coordinate the response and to make sure all of their staff and residents remain safe.



NICK WEAVER

Fire Marshal & Emergency Services Coord.
(484) 594-2614
NWeaver@whitemarshntp.org



FIREFIGHTERS UNDERSTAND THAT PETS ARE A PART OF YOUR FAMILY! IF YOUR PET DOES NOT MAKE IT OUT OF THE HOUSE WITH YOU, LET FIRST RESPONDERS KNOW RIGHT AWAY, SO THEY CAN SEARCH THEM OUT!

saveprotectvolunteer.com

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

We do more than fight fires.

Our team members juggle productive and dynamic careers in all different fields, from accounting to teaching. In addition to their professional lives, members also manage households while still carrying out emergency services and protection of their community. If you're ready to enhance your community involvement and make volunteering apart of your life, consider becoming a member of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company or Spring Mill Fire Company No. 1.



BE COURAGEOUS & VOLUNTEER TODAY!



BARREN HILL

Volunteer Fire Company

610-825-2250

647 Germantown Pike • Lafayette Hill, PA

SPRING MILL

Fire Company No. 1

610-825-1164

1210 E Hector Street • Conshohocken, PA

WHITEMARSH COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION (WCAA)

How can you help in the maintenance of the "new normal" in the wake of the pandemic for our community?

Now more than ever, your generous support is needed for our local hometown heroes at Whitemarsh Community Ambulance Association (WCAA). During the COVID-19 pandemic, these paramedics and EMTs were here for you 24/7. This team was and is ready to handle not only the normal demands of 911 emergencies, but also the surges and additional requirements of COVID-19 symptom management.

The costs of the changes to our "new normal" that the pandemic brought include Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies, and additional staffing time for decontamination measures are expensive. However, these precautions were essential to maintain the safety of both the residents that are served, as well as the ambulance crews. Although WCAA utilized grants from local, state, and federal sources to help to fund these efforts, now more than ever, your financial help is still needed. Will you consider supporting this "new normal" that is so vital to the safety of our community?

In these uncertain times, the WCAA mission remains clear: to consistently provide the highest quality pre-hospital care to the residents of and visitors to our operational area. We continue to serve and keep our heads up even in difficult times. Your financial contribution and support will enable us to continue to act on this mission and to keep patient and crew safety a priority.

Thank you for being there especially at this time when your support is most needed!



PLEASE JOIN OUR 2021-2022 SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE!

HTTP://WWW.AMBULANCEBILLINGOFFICE.COM/SUBSCRIPTIONS/WCAA

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ROADWAY CLEARANCE

Allows Emergency Access and Clearance on Sidewalks



INTERSECTIONS:

Shall be trimmed of **ALL** trees and vegetation.



SIDEWALKS:

Keep vegetation trimmed the clear width of the sidewalk to **9 FEET**.

TREES:

Keep trimmed the clear width of the roadways to **14 FEET**.



Enforced by the Fire Marshal and the Building Department



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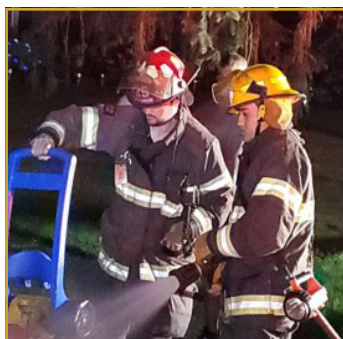
2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

2021 was a year that our volunteers continued to cautiously navigate the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. As our volunteers continued to navigate this path, their dedication to assuring a fire-safe community never wavered. In 2021, we were able to restore some fire prevention activities including school and daycare center visits, community block parties and our annual Regional Fire Prevention Expo. As we move into 2022, we look forward to continuing to restore our Fire Prevention and Community engagement activities to pre-pandemic participation.

2021's volunteer service was as busy as any year previously. **Below is a by-the-numbers recap of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company's service to our community in 2021:**

VOLUNTEER SERVICE STATISTICS

	Personnel Responses	Est. Volunteer Hours
Calls for Service:	547	6,582 hours
Company Training:	49	3,042 hours
Special Service:	84	1,350 hours
Fire Police / Officer Only:	40	202 hours
Company Business Meetings:	11	926 hours
Board of Trustee Meetings:	12	330 hours



TOTAL ESTIMATED VOLUNTEER HOURS: 12,432 Hrs

This estimate does not include various committee meetings, training hours outside of Monday Night training activities, Fire Academy classes or regional Association meetings.



The Officers and Members of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company look forward to serving our neighbors and our Community of Whitemarsh Township. We appreciate the continued support and look forward to a Happy, Healthy and Fire-Safe 2022!

Sincerely, *The Barren Hill Fire Company*

2022 OPERATIONS OFFICERS

- Fire Chief - Chris Schwartz
- Deputy Chief - Renard Rose
- Assistant Chief - Tim Tygh
- Assistant Chief - Scott Yoder
- Battalion Chief - Bucky Swider
- Captain - Jamie Viall
- Captain - Shaun Maher
- Lieutenant - Pat Gaffney
- Chief Engineer - Mike Gaffney
- Fire Police Captain - Scott Rotenbury

2022 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

- President - Renard Rose
- Vice President - Bucky Swider
- Secretary - Semeion Hall
- Treasurer - Eli Anselm

2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Chairman: Shel Klein
- Pat DiCicco
- Scott Yoder
- Shaun Maher
- Dave Cox
- Jamie Viall
- Pat Gaffney



HALL RE-OPENING

As regulations continue to be reduced and we begin a path back to normal, after more than two years, our rental hall will be reopening on April 1, 2022. Looking for a place for your 1st Holy Communion party, wedding shower, baby shower, retirement party, birthday party or any other event; look no further than the Hall at the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company. With room to accommodate more than 100 people, our Hall is the perfect place to hold your event!



Contact our Hall Rental Manager at **484-362-9123** or online at: www.barrenhill.com/hallrental

DO NOT WAIT ANY LONGER..... COME JOIN OUR FIRE COMPANY, NOW!

Do you know that Fire Companies in Whitemarsh Township are operated nearly exclusively by Volunteers? While each Station does have two career firefighters during the daytime hours and part time coverage that assures apparatus drivers during the evening and weekend hours, the majority of our operations are supported by Volunteers.

Our Volunteers are just like you; We have families, work full time jobs, coach little league sports, help our kids with homework, do chores around the house, support other volunteer organizations, and the list goes on. Why not join our team? We can do it, so can you!

How can you help? Stop by and see us. Ask how you can become part of our family! Our family consists of people from all walks of life, from every neighborhood in Whitemarsh, from different economic, social and religious backgrounds. There is a job for everyone! We are accountants, businesspersons, doctors, retirees, IT specialists, college and high school students, schoolteachers, salespersons, police officers, career firefighters, business owners and many other. Do not wait, stop by and say Hello TODAY!! We have a spot for you!

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



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

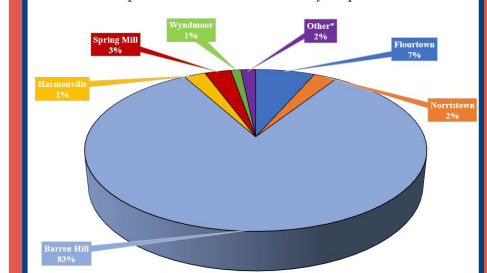
The Officers and Members of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company are pleased to share our 2021 Annual Report. This Annual Report is a comprehensive review of our volunteer activities in 2021. Portions of the report are included in this publication.

The full report is available at www.barrenhill.com or on our Facebook page.

Thank You to our Community for your continued support of our Volunteers.

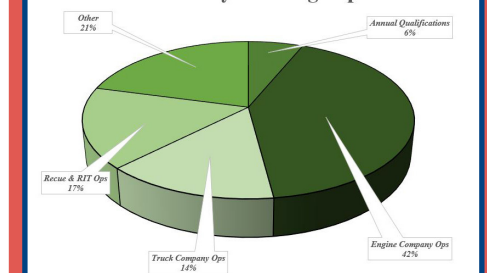
BHVFC - 2021 Annual Report

Dispatches - Mutual Aid vs. Primary Response District



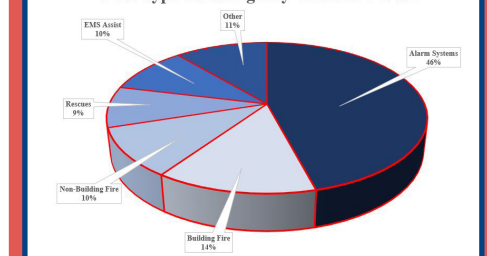
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2021 Weekly Training Topics



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2021 Type of Emergency Calls for Service





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COMMAND OFFICERS

- Fire Chief - Wayne Masters, Jr. (1988)
- Deputy Chief - John Pierce (2008)
- Assistant Chief - Gary Davis (1984)
- Assistant Chief - Kevin Ambs (1999)
- Captain - Rob Weber (2018)
- Lieutenant - Jeff Heil, Sr. (2002)
- Lieutenant - Josh Pierce (2016)
- Lieutenant - Rob Walls (2014)
- Safety Officer - Joe Heil (1998)
- Chief Engineer - Carmen Lilick (2015)
- Fire Police Captain - Dave Hertzler (2002)

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVE TEAM

LEADERSHIP

- Dive Captain - Nicholas Jennings (2018)
- Lieutenant - Alex Jacobson (2016)
- Safety Officer - Joe Rogers (2019)

ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP

- President - John Pierce (2008)
- Vice President - Jeff Heil, Sr. (2002)
- Treasurer - Terri Esposito (2012)
- Secretary - Ann Waters (1987)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Chairman of the Board - Kevin Ambs (1999)
- Paul Davis (1971)
- Hal Kahn (1974)
- John Warner (1992)
- Dave Hertzler (2002)
- Joe Heil (1998)
- Steve Ambs (1983)
- Brienne Krier (2020)

OVER 400 Combined total years of service

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LOCAL FIRE COMPANIES ARE VOLUNTEERS?

Did you know....

The fire service is in need of men and women in their community to volunteer their time performing various duties. Did you know that ***your local fire company is volunteer?*** That includes the firefighters you see on the street, the office staff that manages the business aspects, and the dedicated members who raise funds to keep the fire company running.

We are ***currently accepting applications*** for trained and untrained members. Firefighters will be trained in various aspects of firefighting and rescue skills.

We also need members who are willing to dedicate their time to fundraising events. The fire company relies on fundraisers to help with our day-to-day expenses. Members who join for fundraising would ***become part of our valuable group of members*** who commit to making sure our fundraisers are successful so we can meet our monetary needs.

CONGRATULATIONS - Firefighters - Ian Ashmore, Brienne Krier, Dmitri Desmet, Matt Massey

We are proud to recognize the following members for graduating from the Montgomery County Fire Academy as certified Interior Firefighters in 2021:



Ian Ashmore Brienne Krier Dmitri Desmet Matt Massey



PUBLIC SAFETY DIVE TEAM

Are you aware that your local volunteer fire company also has a Public Safety Dive Unit! It is 1 of only 2 units in Montgomery County. Our Dive Team consists of 13 volunteer members. This team is specially trained for underwater rescue emergencies, to the FEMA NIMS standard for Public Safety Diver Resource Type IV.



KID'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE FIREHOUSE

Celebrate your child's birthday with a once-in-a-lifetime experience! By renting a kid's party with the Spring Mill Fire Company, you gain access to our engine room filled with unique equipment and awe-inspiring firetrucks and tools. Bring your child, and up to 25 of their friends, siblings, or cousins, on a tour through our department and meet some of our active volunteer firefighters. With fun, educational demonstrations, and fire-centric toys to play with, your child will have an awesome experience to tell everyone at school. <https://springmillfire.com/kids-birthday-parties/>

WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!



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Donations are Appreciated

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AUTHORITY TIMES

News and Information for Customers of the Whitemarsh Township Authority

Your Garbage Disposal Isn't a Trash Can

Contrary to popular belief, your home's garbage disposal should not be a dumping ground for trash. There are many food items that can damage your disposal, clog your drain and, in some instances, damage a home's sewer main and lateral or cause it to run less efficiently.

Dumping too much or too many hard-to-break-down items in a garbage disposal can cause the materials to not be broken down by the bacteria in the sewer main or clog the lines before the waste ever reaches its destination. The best way to ensure proper garbage disposal operation is to adhere to a checklist of items that should never be put in the system.

What not to dispose of

Grease, oil, or bacon fat

Even if you use hot water to rinse the material down the garbage disposal, grease hardens and coats the blades, causing them to work less effectively. In addition, oils can also clog drains.

Coffee grounds

Coffee particles accumulate in pipes and cause blockages. Coffee filter and grounds work best in the garbage can.

Potato peels

Starch in potato peels transforms into a gluey paste that



can cause the blades to stick or damage the pipes.

Fibrous vegetables

Vegetables such as celery and asparagus are considered fibrous because it is stringy. The vegetable's strings can wrap around the disposal blades and cause the motor to stop.

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Keep Sewer Lines Clear of Tree Roots

Did you know: Tree roots are attracted to moisture in soil, including in areas where sewer lines are located? In addition to moisture, sewer lines hold necessary elements – including oxygen and nutrients – that are essential for healthy tree growth.

However, planting trees too close to sewer lines, or laterals, can be problematic as roots spread and grow into the sewer, potentially causing backups and flooding.

How close is too close?

As a general rule of thumb, trees should not be planted closer than 10 feet from sewer lines. Willows and other trees with aggressive roots



Be sure to plant trees at least 10 feet away from sewer lines, or farther away for large trees such as maples.

should be planted at least 20 to 30 feet away from sewer lines.

Some species, including large trees such as oaks and maples, grow

If you are unsure where sewer lines are located on your property, please call the Authority at (484) 344-5230 before planting.

expansive roots over time that can invade sewer lines.

Best trees for planting

To keep sewer laterals cleared of tree roots, choose small, slow-growing trees such as a smoke tree, Eastern redbud, Japanese maple, or crabapple.

Regardless of the tree type you plant, it's also a good idea to monitor and maintain trees to ensure that roots are not encroaching the sewer line.

Your Garbage Disposal Isn't a Trash Can

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Banana peels

Other fibrous materials that should not make its way into garbage disposals are banana peels, onion skin, corn husks and artichokes. The fruit and vegetable jackets protect the food inside and therefore are tough on garbage disposal systems. Skins can jam or block the drain.

Fruit Pits

Cherry, avocado, peach, and olive pits are too hard for garbage disposals to break down.

Animal bones

Bones dull the garbage disposal blades as they would kitchen knives. Beef, chicken, pork, lamb, and fish bones should always be thrown in the trash.

Egg shells

The stringy membrane of egg shells can wrap around the garbage disposal and clog your pipes. Instead toss them in the trash or use them as fertilizer.

Rice or Pasta

Rice and pasta continue to expand even when dumped down the garbage disposal and can clog pipes.

Chemicals

Harsh chemicals like bleach and Drain-O can ruin the disposals seals and eat through pipes.

Miscellaneous items

Cigarette butts, rubber bands, bread ties, sponges, wipes, pull tabs, and any other non-organic items should not be put in a garbage disposal.

Stop the Clog of FOG

Researchers estimate that U.S. restaurants produce roughly 25 billion gallons of used cooking oil each week. When these fats, oil and grease (FOG) work their way into sewer systems, expensive blockages, backups and overflows can occur.

FOG is a by-product that food service establishments and residents must manage. FOG enters a facility's plumbing system from dish washing, floor cleaning and equipment sanitation. Sewer systems are not designed to handle the FOG that accumulates on the interior of the sewer collection pipes.

Above all else, do not pour grease, fats or oil down the drain and do not dispose of food scraps in sinks. Restaurant staff should not remove drain screens as this could allow cups, straws and utensils to enter the plumbing system.

Dry cleanup

- Remove food waste with dry methods such as scraping, wiping or sweeping before using water.

- Wet methods can wash the waste into drains where it collects and clogs drainage pipes.

- Use rubber scrapers to remove

fats, oil and grease from cookware, utensils, dishes and serving ware.

- Use food grade paper to soak up oil and grease under fryer baskets. Wipe work stations with paper towels.

Spill prevention

- Empty containers before they are full to avoid spills

- Use a cover to transport contents for disposal

- Provide employees with tools to transport materials without spilling.

Minimize FOG production

- Bake foods instead of frying to cut down on oil waste

- Reuse clean oil

- Do not throw out used oil if it is still clear and can be used for cooking

Maintenance

- Ensure that equipment is maintained regularly.

- Contract with a company to professionally clean large hood filters.

- Hand clean small hoods with spray detergents.

- After a hot water rinse, separately trapped filter panels can go in the dishwasher.

- Make sure all drain screens are installed.

FOG disposal at home

- Scrape grease and food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, grills and cooking surfaces into a metal can or your kitchen trash.

- If you have grease left in a pan after cooking, let it cool and then pour into a metal can. When the can is full, throw it in your kitchen trash.

- Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids. Empty the drain basket/strainers into the trash for disposal.

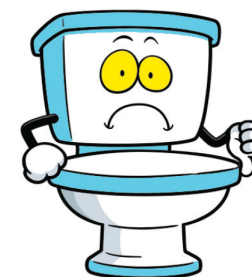
- Before washing and rinsing, use hot water only pre-rinse that is separately trapped to remove non-emulsified oils and greases from dishwashing.

- Empty grill top scrap baskets or scrap boxes and hoods disposal barrel.

Grease traps

- Units must be properly sized, constructed and installed to provide adequate retention time for settling and accumulation of FOG.

- Ensure all grease-bearing drains discharge to the grease trap.



Items NOT to flush down your toilet

~~Baby Wipes
Pesticides
Tampons
Diapers
Paint~~

~~Metal or Plastic
Fat, Grease, Oil
Paper towels
Pharmaceuticals
Cat litter~~



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 "Board & Committee Members" list is current as of March 16, 2022.**

PUBLIC MEETING DATES & TIMES

Many of our Boards are conducted **IN-PERSON**, while others may choose to go **VIRTUAL** or **HYBRID**. Any changes will be announced via the Township's website, social media platforms, and Whitemarsh TV.

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, and STREAMED on the Township's YouTube Channel.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Third Wednesday of each alternating months starting with the month of February at 7 pm - locations vary

THE WHITEMARSH AUTHORITY

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

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Third Monday of every other month starting January at 7 pm at the Township Building

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD *(joint with Plymouth Township)*

Second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am at the Township Building

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Fourth Wednesday of every third month starting with January at 7 pm at the Township Building

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Fourth Monday of every other month starting with January at 7 pm at the Township Building

LIBRARY BOARD

Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Library

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

First Tuesday of every other month starting February at 7 pm at Koontz Park

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 the second Wednesday following (if needed) at 7 pm at the Township Building.

Some meetings may change format, or be cancelled, rescheduled or relocated; so please check the Township website for the latest meeting schedule.

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ETHICAL STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

Nancy Langerfeld
Paul Stanish
Lester Weinraub

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Stephen J. Kaufman, *Chair*
Christopher L. Lane, *Vice-Chair*
Beth Howard
James Mahoney
Stephen Malloy
Hugh G. Moulton

PLANNING COMMISSION

Aaron Kostyk, *Chair*
Patrick Doran, *Vice-Chair*
Robert Dambman
Sherri Glantz Patchen
Scott Quitel
Elizabeth Shaw-Fink
J. David Shula, *PLS*

VACANCY BOARD

Pat Doran
Sara Erlbaum
Shari Petrakis
Chris Solecki
Johanna Wood

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Ryan Hurley, *Chair*
Sharon Harvey, *Vice-Chair*
Mark Cratin
John Pedicino
Crystal Taylor

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Deborah Sheero, *Chair*
Debra Harris, *Vice-Chair*
Gordon Geasland
Leia Heritage
Karen Kabnick
Lisa Litzinger-Drayton
James Tone

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Stephen J. Ziegler, *Chair*
Christian Fassbender, *Vice-Chair*
Natalie Borkowski
David D'Amore

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

Timothy Ferris, *Chair*
Jonathan Riesberg, *Vice-Chair*
Jori Broad
Jeffrey Mitchell
Jeanette Quirus
Gene Swider

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Joanne S. Crawford, *Chair*
Kevin C. Kissling, *Vice-Chair*
James Convey
Meghan Hector
Thomas J. Manley, Jr.
Megan O'Rourke

ZONING HEARING BOARD

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

LIBRARY BOARD

Diann Smith-Hoban, *President*
Dara Nasatir, *Vice-President*
Carly Greis
Cathy Levin
Library Appointees:
David Segal
Chris Cahill, *President*
Linda Doll, *Friends President*

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Gerald Rafter, *Chair*
Kenneth A. Parsons, *AIA, Vice-Chair*
Tom Higgins
John Von Essen
(Plymouth Township also appoints 4 members.)

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

John Lukens, *Chair*
Eileen Behr, *Vice-Chair*
Alex DiGiacomo, Jr.
Carol Proud
Chad Waters
Renard Rose *(BHVFC)*
Chris Schwartz *(BHVFC)*
John Pierce *(SMVFC)*
Wayne Masters, Jr. *(SMVFC)*
Maria Pierce *(WCAA)*
Becki Werner *(WCAA)*

PARTICIPATION

Service-minded residents interested in participating on one of the Township's volunteer boards or committees should submit a completed volunteer application to the Manager's Office.

The application can be found at www.whitemarshwp.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD & LAND STEWARDSHIP WORKING GROUP

EAB's PUBLIC MEETINGS: Meets 3rd Monday of every other month beginning in January @ 7:00 PM

It's going to take action by all of us to save our planet. We must act for our children and for the millions of species that share the Earth with us. The change to a sustainable future is possible, but we need to start taking steps now.

Each of us can make a difference today in our everyday lives. So, what can you do to help? Think about how to make more planet-friendly decisions in your purchases and activities. You can support businesses that act responsibly. Check the Whitemarsh EAB website to find businesses which are making a difference in our Township. **The four boxes below provide some examples of great things you can do now. If you have already enacted some of these changes, fantastic! Consider adding more.**

Working together we can create a vibrant economy that protects habitats and biodiversity, runs on renewable energy, and eliminates waste.

REDUCE THE WASTE YOUR HOUSEHOLD PRODUCES



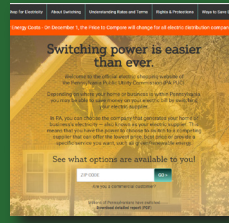
- Bring reusable bags when you shop
- Avoid single-use plastics in your home, and support businesses that do not use them
- Reduce food waste
- Recycle, compost, and use the Township's Wednesday green materials pickup for all yard waste

REDUCE YOUR TRANSPORTATION CARBON FOOTPRINT



- Don't leave your car idling
- Walk, bike, or carpool when possible. Support public transit.
- Buy an electric vehicle
- Support efforts to expand walking trails and bike lanes

REDUCE THE CARBON FOOTPRINT OF YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS



- Install a programmable thermostat to match heating/cooling to your family's schedule
- Lower the thermostat in the winter and raise it in the summer
- Use electric lawn equipment or hire a landscaping company that does
- Choose a renewable home energy supplier through PECO and PApowerSwitch.com

LANDSCAPE TO PROVIDE HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE AND REDUCE FLOODING



- Plant native trees, shrubs, and flowers
- Preserve existing trees and mulch trees: 3 inches away from the trunk, 3 to 5 inches deep, and at least 3 feet wide.
- Plant pollinator gardens and install rain gardens
- Support community environmental efforts and organizations

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (JOINT WITH PLYMOUTH TWP.)

HARB's PUBLIC MEETINGS: Meets 2nd Wednesday of month @ 8:30AM

The Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) is the local government body that advises the Board of Supervisors on matters pertaining to the preservation of historic land and buildings within the portion of Whitemarsh Township that is in the Plymouth Meeting Historic District (the District includes portions of Plymouth and Whitemarsh Townships). The HARB is made up of volunteers from our two communities. We meet on the second Wednesday morning of each month at 8:30 in the Whitemarsh Township building.



We are happy to be able to guide the owners of our historic land and properties through the application phase for changes and or improvements they wish to make to their property. The HARB is currently working on a new application form to be used solely for applicants that are required to file with the HARB in order to make the process more streamlined for them.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

OSC's PUBLIC MEETINGS: Meets 4th Wednesday of every 3rd month, beginning in January @ 7:00 PM

The Whitemarsh Township Open Space Committee is constantly searching for opportunities to preserve and increase open space in the Township. The obvious candidates are large properties, but additional small open space areas would further enhance the quality of life in our community, including open space that provides floodplain buffers along brooks, streams and creeks that comprise the Wissahickon Watershed. Toward that end, we would like to encourage participation by residents of the Township.



The Open Space Committee will review all suggestions, determine those that meet the proper criteria, prioritize them, and develop strategies to determine suitability for acquisition as open space.

If you know of properties that have potential to be left as, or converted to, open space for public use, benefit and preservation, please let us know by e-mailing to the following address: tblomstrom@whitemarshwp.org. In the subject line of the e-mail, please include "Open Space Suggestion" to help us sort through those responses.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this effort! To learn more about the work of the Committee, and the history and benefits of open space, please visit the Open Space Committee page on the Township's website.

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

MCAB's PUBLIC MEETINGS: Meets 4th Monday every other month, beginning in January @ 7:00 PM

WAYS WE CONNECT WITH YOU

Whitemarsh Township uses various mediums to communicate with its residents. They include:



- WHITEMARSH WEEKLY**
 A weekly email with information about the week ahead (Traffic updates, special events, holiday closures, and Trash/Recycling changes). Residents can sign up for the Weekly at the bottom of the Township Website homepage by entering their email.
- TOWNSHIP WEBSITE (WWW.WHITEMARSHWP.ORG)**
 The homepage includes news articles on upcoming events, traffic updates, and holiday closures. Our website and social media pages are usually used for last-minute information such as weather closures or emergency alerts. Scheduled public meetings are also advertised on the meeting calendar.
- WHITEMARSH TV (Comcast Ch. 965, Verizon Ch. 46)**
 Our Local Access Channel with Board of Supervisors Meetings shown daily at 9am & 7pm, as well as recurring slideshows and valuable PSA's with a variety of information. Live broadcasts of our Board of Supervisors Meetings start at 7pm on nights they are scheduled.
- YOUTUBE (www.youtube.com)**
 WTV shares valuable PSAs and recent Board of Supervisors Meeting on our YouTube channel. Access the link from the WTV page of the Township Website, or search "Whitemarsh Township PA" on YouTube. Board of Supervisors Meetings are LIVESTREAMED the night they are scheduled.
- FACEBOOK (Whitemarsh Township) & TWITTER (@Whitemarshwp)**
 Road work and closures, upcoming events, and last-minute updates and emergency alerts are shared on social media. Please follow and share to help spread the word quickly with your neighbors.
- WHITEMARSH LIVING & THE RECREATOR**
 These print publications are also shared digitally on our website, and include information about seasonal events and activities. Be sure to check up on the website for any schedule changes required due to the pandemic or weather.



The mission of the William Jeanes Memorial Library and Nicholas and Athena Karabots Center for learning is to be a resource center that serves the diverse and changing needs of the community by providing materials, programs, and services for education, enrichment, and enjoyment.

CHECK US OUT!

- New collections to browse, new devices to check out, and new programs, all FREE for YOU!
- Sign up for our monthly newsletter—ask our staff for information or visit our website.
- Sign up for Wowbrary, our weekly newsletter featuring all the new items added to our 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—for news, events, and fun!

LIBRARY HOURS

Please call the Library or check our website for our open hours, as they are subject to change at this time.

**Closed April 16-17, May 28-31, July 2-4, and Sundays through Labor Day.

4051 Joshua Road
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

610-828-0441

jeaneslibrary.org
jeanesinfo@mclinc.org

JOIN US IN THE LIBRARY!

The William Jeanes Memorial Library is happy to welcome patrons back to in-person programs and services!

Please check the website or call the Library to determine the location or receive the virtual link for each program in any age group. Virtual programs are courtesy of the Mary Knowles Technology Fund of the Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library.

SUMMER READING FOR ALL AGES

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

Summer Reading Kick-Off

Saturday, June 11th, 2022, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Raffles, "treasure" hunt, and more, including special guests from Talewise (formerly Science-tellers) presenting *Pirates: Lost at Sea* (registration required).

Plus, look for themed programs for all ages throughout the summer, and enter online for Adult, Teen, and Children's prizes! All programs and prizes courtesy of the Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library.



SAVE THE DATES

April 23: Township Day

April 30 and May 1: Friends' Spring Book Sale

May 21: Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

June - September: Jewelry Collection for Fall Sale

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS

Eid al-Fitr Storytime Tuesday, May 3rd @ 4:30 pm

Art Classes with Ms. Amy of bookheart

Squid Ink Paintings July 12th @ 4:00 pm

Immortal Jellyfish July 19th @ 4:00 pm

Trash to Treasure Pirate Ships Aug 2nd @ 4:00 pm

Free to Be (virtual)

6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Last Wednesday of every month, April - August

LGBTQ+ kids and allies in Kindergarten through Grade 5 are invited to join us for our monthly Zoom meeting. Meet new friends, discover LGBTQ+ books, enjoy activities and guest speakers, and discuss gender and identity issues in a safe space.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT
THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:



Weekly Music Programs and Storytimes

For children from birth through age 5, a variety of options every week!

Chapter One and Two Book Club

For children who have completed 1st or 2nd grade, join us to discuss great books for this age group.

Family Events

A variety of programs throughout the summer, June 11 – August 6, including special Wednesday evening programs! Sponsored by the Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library.

Sewing Classes, Gardening, Bread Baking, Crafts

...and more! Programs presented by Ms. Eileen, sponsored by the Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library.

For additional information, specific dates, and additional special programs for children, including outdoor storytimes and music, please visit jeaneslibrary.org or contact Rachel Fecho, Children's Librarian, at 610-828-0441 ext. 104 or rfecho@mclinc.org.



TEEN EVENTS

MONTHLY FOR GRADES 6-12

Youth Advisory Board (YAB) meets on the 1st Friday from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. Teens grades 6-12 help create, plan, and implement teen programs for the Library.

SPECIAL EVENTS

We're hosting events to inspire your imagination, including sewing classes, art classes, and more! Check our website for details.

For additional information, dates, and times of monthly and special Teen events, please visit jeaneslibrary.org/events

ADULT EVENTS

CHECK THE WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON STATUS FOR THESE EVENTS.

MONTHLY

Book Club comes together on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 PM and the 3rd Wednesday at 3:00 pm. **Horror Book Club** meets the 4th Friday of the month at 7:00 pm. The new "**Any Old Book Club**" meets on the 4th Thursday at 7:00 PM, and **Lawn Chair Book Club** returns to Fridays this summer. Visit the website for a schedule of books and discussion guides.

Crafty Little Things meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 2:00 pm. **Folded Book Art** meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm. **Kitchen Travels: Spice Club** meets the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ARTventure Workshops Return! Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm June 14: Lighthouse sketch; July 12: Night Sky (watercolor and pen); Aug 9: By the River painting

Plus we're hosting events to inspire your imagination, including ukulele classes, art classes, fun lectures, and more! Check our website for details.

For additional information, please visit our website, jeaneslibrary.org, or contact Adam Gilbert-Cole, Assistant Director, Head of Adult Services, at 610-828-0441 ext. 107 or acole@mclinc.org.

CONNECTING EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

An award-winning monthly social series for young adults ages 18+ with special needs and abilities

3rd Fridays 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Contact Whitmarsh Parks & Recreation department for registration info: 610-828-7276.

Registration in the program is required.

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





FRIENDS OF THE WILLIAM JEANES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

4051 Joshua Road • Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

E-Mail: friendswmjeanesmemoriallibrary@gmail.com

WHO ARE The Friends of the Library?

Founded in 1950, the Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library is a separate nonprofit organization which donates funds to supplement the William Jeanes Memorial Library and Nicholas and Athena Karabots Center for Learning programs and services and makes gifts that enhance the building and grounds.

The generosity of the Friends Membership Dues **contributors** has made it possible for the Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library to present gifts to the library - in the past 23 years, the Friends have supported the Library with over \$524,000!

Support in 2021 over \$19,000 included:
 Mary Knowles Technology Fund \$ 3,000
 Nancy Corson Creating Writing Fund \$ 2,000
 Programming Fund \$ 11,250
 Museum Passes to 31 institutions! \$ 2,478.00

The Friends also maintain two Book Boutiques which are stocked and updated regularly to ensure a fresh selection! Children's Book Boutique: on the lower level, against the left wall just inside the double doors leading to the children's area. Adult & Teen Book Boutique: on the upper level to the left of the main entrance. Be sure to check them often for an 'every-day-book sale'.

The Friends is an all-volunteer organization that invites YOUR participation and membership. The Friends of the Library invite all patrons and neighbors to renew the yearly voluntary membership or to become a new member of the Friends.

The annual voluntary Membership Dues Drive of the Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library is underway. While the library is a free public library, voluntary membership in the Friends supplements programs and services for library patrons beyond normal operating costs. Donations received through the Annual Membership Drive and proceeds generated by Used Book Sales have enabled the Friends to support Library services in many ways.

Interested in participating on the Friends Board? Email us at friendswmjeanesmemoriallibrary@gmail.com for more information.

For further information, check the library's website, visit www.jeaneslibrary.org, and be sure to visit the Friends page once you're there. The "Friends" page can be accessed from the drop-down MENU on the top left corner of the library website homepage, or by clicking on the Friends 'teaser'.

COMING UP! Mark your calendars!



The mission of The Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library is to promote and supplement the services, programs, and facilities of the library through various fundraising and volunteer activities. FWJML is a 501 (c) (3) Charitable Organization

**“Art is an adventure into
an unknown world,
which can be explored
only by those willing to
take risks.”**

Explore your creativity
Visit WhitemarshArts.org
for more about our classes,
events & workshops

– Mark Rothko



Coming Soon

Whitemarsh Art Center
Summer Camp, where
every child is an artist.

Once again we will be offering summer art opportunities for children ages 6 –10. Our Summer Camp is designed to maximize your child's artistic potential in a fun and relaxing environment.



Please visit our
website for details
and registration.



*9th annual
plein air*

COMPETITION

Join us on May 21st beginning 8 am.
This year's competition will be held
in-person.

Enjoy the lovely outdoors and
create an original work of art.

Artists will have their canvases
stamped at the Art Center
beginning at 8 am. Finished pieces
will be returned to the Art Center by
5 pm for judging. The reception and
award ceremony will begin at 7.
Please visit our website for
registration details.





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Staying in the know is easy, green, and cost-effective! Choose to opt-out of receiving future physical copies of the “Whitemarsh Living” and the “Recreator”. You can help decrease Whitemarsh’s environmental footprint and help save on printing and postage costs.

Visit the link below to be placed on the “opt-out list” for future mailings. Digital copies of the publications will be made accessible on the Township’s website.

www.whitemarshtwp.org/opt-out



GO PAPERLESS!

