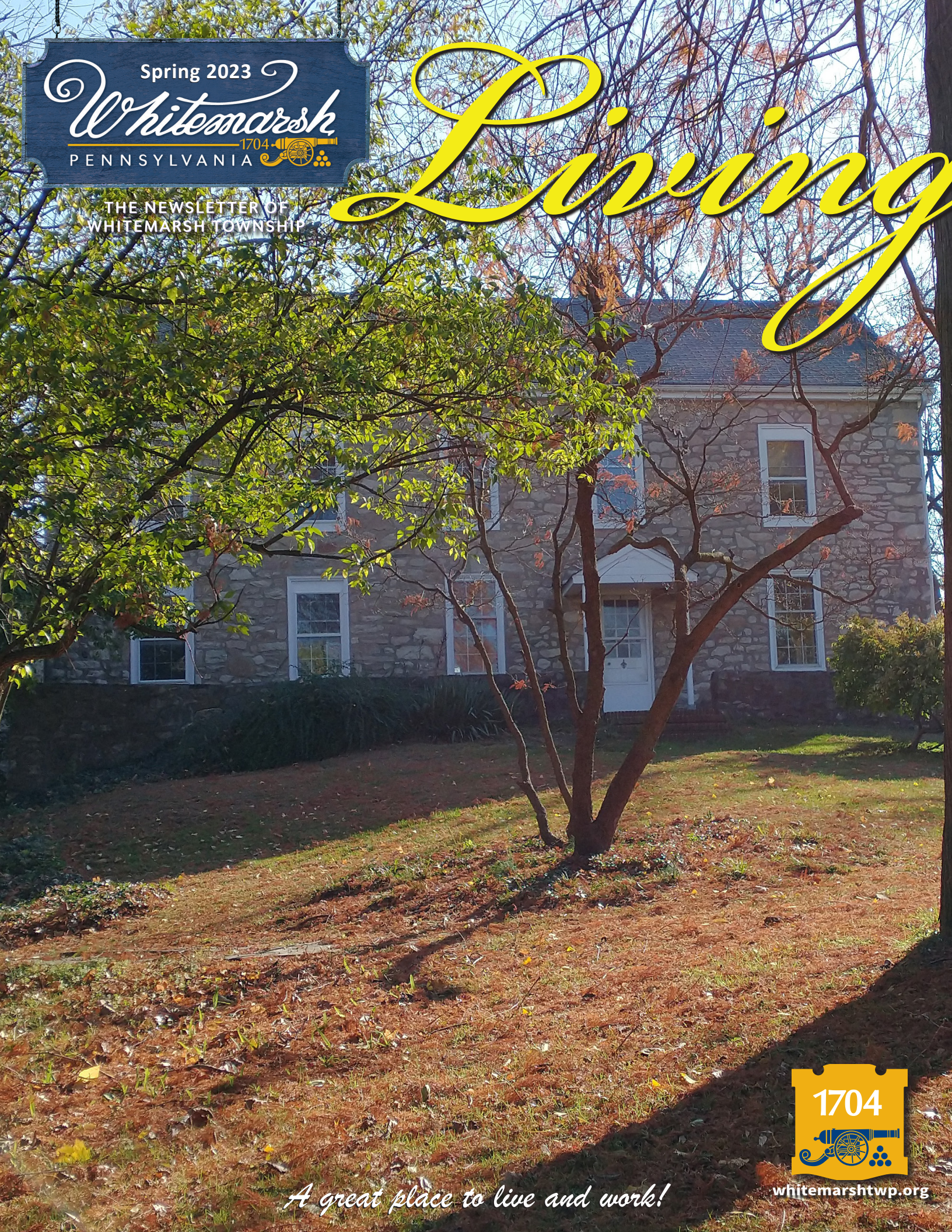


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THE NEWSLETTER OF  
WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP

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# WAYS WE CONNECT WITH YOU

**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.

**YOUTUBE (www.youtube.com)**  
 WTV shares valuable PSAs, recent Township event highlights, and recent Board of Supervisors Meetings 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.

**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.

**SOCIAL MEDIA (Facebook & Twitter)**  
 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.

**FACEBOOK:**  
 Whitemarsh Township

**TWITTER:**  
 @Whitemarshwp

**WHITEMARSH TV (Comcast Ch. 965, Verizon Ch. 46)**  
 Our Local Access Channel with Board of Supervisors Meetings shown daily at 9:00AM & 7:00PM, as well as recurring slideshows and valuable PSA's with a variety of information. Live broadcasts of our Board of Supervisors Meetings start at 7:00PM on nights they are scheduled.

**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 weather or other conditions.

**ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY SIGN**  
 This recently established Electronic Sign at the corner of Germantown Pike and Joshua Road (across from Miles Park) is available for community posts from the Township, Community Groups and Non-Profit Organizations.



## 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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[HTTPS://WWW.WHITEMARSHWP.ORG/247/TOWNSHIP PUBLICATIONS](https://www.whitemarshwp.org/247/township-publications)

# 1704 LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

As I sit here and watch March come in like a lamb instead of a lion, I can't help but be excited about some upcoming events in the Township for 2023. I hope to see everyone come out and enjoy Whitemarsh Township Day on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Victory Fields on the Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School Campus from 12 Noon to 5:00 PM. The day is sure to have activities for all ages to be entertained from family-friendly games, food trucks, craft vendors, rides, and great music throughout the day. Come out and celebrate this terrific Township event with friends, family and neighbors.

I'm happy to mention that in November, Whitemarsh Township officially closed settlement on Abolition Hall. The Township is thrilled to be able to preserve this historic site along with the adjacent Corson Tract property, which will be the new home of the Whitemarsh Art Center. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this possible, with special thanks to The Karabots Foundation for their incredible generosity.

On February 24, 2023, Lt. Jeff Nowak retired from the Police Department after 30 dedicated years of serving the residents and business owners of Whitemarsh Township. I, along with my fellow members of the Board of Supervisors, wish Lt. Nowak a well deserved Congratulations and Best Wishes on a long and happy retirement!

As the calendar flips its pages and the weather becomes warmer, please review the many programs and activities our Park and Recreation Staff offer throughout the year. The Summer Camp program along with the specialty camps are top-notch. For the seniors, day-trips and socials are available throughout the year. Whitemarsh has something for everyone!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, July 4th, 2023, as Whitemarsh will again host a 4th of July Parade down Germantown Pike, commencing at 10:00 AM in front of the Township Building to Miles Park. This is a great way to celebrate our Independence and salute those who fought for our freedom. What brings us together more than a Parade!

The Township strives to keep all our citizens informed about the topics that reach our desks by constantly updating our avenues of communication. Be sure to go to the Township website ([www.whitemarshntp.org](http://www.whitemarshntp.org)) for current, updated information; and signup for our weekly e-newsletter, the *Whitemarsh Weekly*. Follow us on **Facebook** at Whitemarsh Township and **Twitter** (@Whitemarshntp). View our two publications, *Whitemarsh Living* and the *Recreator*, in print, or digitally on our website. Finally, those unable to attend our Board of Supervisors Meetings can watch it LIVE, or re-view it afterwards, on our **Township's YouTube Channel** or on **Whitemarsh TV** (Channel 965 on Comcast, and Channel 46 on Verizon).

We look forward to another successful year in Whitemarsh Township and please always know that you can reach Township Staff during business hours at (610) 825-3535, or any of the Supervisors via email or contacting the Township Building.

*Fran McCusker*  
Fran McCusker  
Chair, Board of Supervisors



**Whitemarsh**  
**TOWNSHIP DAY**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22 12PM-5PM**  
VICTORY FIELDS @ 201 E. GERMANTOWN PIKE

**FOOD - MUSIC - GAMES - VENDORS - PRIZES**

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Laura Boyle Nester

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IN THE EVENT OF ANY POLICE, FIRE,  
OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY...  
PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1!**





# TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S YEAR IN REVIEW | 2022

Whitemarsh Township worked very hard to continue providing high level of service to the community despite the rising costs in the economy we all endured in 2022. It was important to the Board of Supervisors that we adopt a budget with no new Township real estate tax increase for 2023. We were able to control costs and achieve this goal with our \$20.33 million general fund budget and an approximate \$5 million, three-year capital improvement plan.

The Township was very fortunate to include the addition of 12 acres of open space located in the Township's Historic District last year. With the generous donation of the Karabots Foundation the Township and Whitemarsh Art Center closed on the preservation of Abolition Hall, Hovenden House and several other properties which make up the 10-acre Corson Tract along Butler Pike. We were able to celebrate the Karabots Family's donation and thank them at an event this past fall at the property. In addition, we preserved an approximate 2-acre parcel along Butler Pike adjacent to the Corson tract.

We look forward to working with the Whitemarsh Art Center as they transition their operations to the property. Also, we intend to start working with the community on the future planning of this property and most importantly providing public access to this National Historic Site. Updates will be provided on the website and through our social media outlets.

The Township is continuing to improve our communication with the public. This past year, we completed upgrades to our meeting room with new cameras and microphones. In addition to Whitemarsh TV being available on Comcast (965) and Verizon (46), we now livestream our meeting through our Whitemarsh Township YouTube channel. You can also watch past meetings on the channel as well. We have installed a new digital community sign at the corner of Germantown Pike and Joshua Road. We continue to provide a weekly e-newsletter with information pertaining to roadwork, developments, Township events and Township meetings. All these communication enhancements provide the latest technology in reaching out to the community and keeping you informed.

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

- **Nick Delaney**, Parks and Recreation Department
- **Officers Brandon Irwin and Colin Yabor**, Police Department

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 warmer months on the horizon and people venturing outside more often, please know that you may contact me or any member of the Township staff so we may assist with any of your Township concerns. To all the residents and businesses in Whitemarsh Township, have an enjoyable and safe spring and summer seasons!

*Richard L. Mellor, Jr.*

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Township Manager

*Whitemarsh*  
PENNSYLVANIA 1704



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Township Manager



**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

**PARADE**

**PARADE BEGINS AT THE WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BUILDING**

**Tuesday, July 4th - 10:00AM**

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AND THE LIONS CLUB OF WHITEMARSH**

# REAL ESTATE TAXES

The Township contracts with Berkheimer to collect property taxes.

## PAYMENT METHODS

**ONLINE**  
 YOU MAY PAY ONLINE AT [WWW.HAB-INC.COM](http://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.

## 2023 REAL ESTATE TAX BILL DUE DATES

The last day for Discount Period payments for 2023 County and Township Real Estate Tax will be on Friday April 30, 2023. Payments not made on or before April 30, 2023 will not be eligible for the 2% discount.

Payments received or postmarked after April 30, 2023 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, 2023 in order to receive the discount.

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

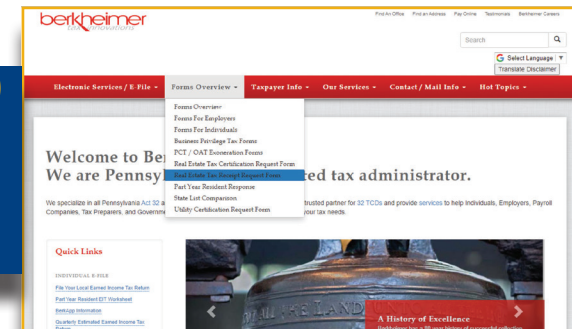
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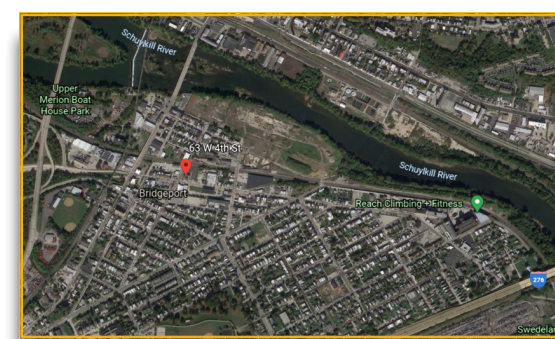
## WHITEMARSH CONTRACTED WITH BERKHEIMER

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"



**2** **PAY IN-PERSON AT THE BRIDGEPORT BERKHEIMER OFFICE**  
 63 W. 4TH ST.  
 BRIDGEPORT, PA 19403  
 1-(866)-225-8451  
**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

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



**PARKS & RECREATION**

**WHITEMARSH WONDERFUL!**



**PARKS & RECREATION**

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2391 Harts Lane  
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444  
(610) 828-7276  
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2022 was a "Whitemarsh Wonderful" year of Parks and Recreation fun for the residents of the Township. The Parks and Recreation Department in Whitemarsh Township saw the successful blending of innovative ideas with the community's signature traditional events and programs. This equitable and inclusive combination shaped the 2022 special events and programs for all to enjoy. 2022 saw the creation of new and improved programs and services, including Lil' Sports, Yoga Sculpt, Hybrid Fitness, Princess and Superhero Day, Draw in the Park with Young Rembrandts, Kitchen Wizards Cooking, Cupcake Decorating, Girls Fitness Empowerment Program, Survival School, and Mad Science—Stem, to name a few. It also saw the growth of programs for people of all ages and abilities including Connecting Exceptional People (in coordination with the William Jeanes Memorial Library) with excellent guest speakers and fun holiday themed activities, and Parent's Night Out throughout the summer season.

Wonderful news was received that the Parks and Recreation Department won two Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society (PRPS) State Awards for "Excellence in Recreation and Parks"

for the highly competitive PRPS Awards Program. Departmental submissions for the Magic McSnowflake-Crystal Northfrost Park Engagement Campaign and for the Spotted Lanternfly Program were both award winners. Whitemarsh Township Parks and Recreation was very proud and humbled to learn that the Pennsylvania Township News magazine – May 2022 Issue - from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) had a cover article - "Celebrating Local Government – Community Events" – where Whitemarsh Township is highlighted – and specifically Township Day! Furthermore, the Pennsylvania Township News magazine – July 2022 Issue - had a cover article - "Nature Calls" – where Whitemarsh Township was highlighted – and received lots of favorable coverage and commentary regarding Township efforts with outdoor recreation, preservation, and nature.

A trademark of the Department is the annual special events and 2022 was no exception holding an array throughout the year including the Annual Clothing Drive Fundraiser (which benefits the Colonial Neighborhood Council Food Pantry), Shredding Days (which benefit our

community Emergency Services organizations), Township Day, Teenie Valentinee, Mini-Spring Fling, Movies in the Parks, Teenie Shamrocks, the 4th of July Parade, Touch-A-Truck, Teenie Halloweenie, Witches Hayride (with record numbers), Gingerbread House Party, and the Holiday Lights Decorating Contest. New in 2022, the Department worked with the Barren Hill and Spring Mill Fire Companies to hold "Sprinklers in the Parks" to provide refreshing water filled evenings to beat the summer heat. The Department also held a sell-out Children's Concert at Halloween to get everyone in the ghoulish spirit. All told, these events reached over 10,000 people and created a lifetime of wonderful memories.

The premiere summer camp programs were held at Miles Park (Miles Camp) and Cedar Grove Park (Cedar Grove Barn Camp – DHS Childcare Certified) with wonderful attendance. Specialty camps were offered for Creative Constructors (Engineering), Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Soccer, Cheerleading, Flag Football, Theatre, and Chess. Double-Digit Club was a new summer program in 2022 that offered excursions to teenagers to regional amusement areas. In addition, many programming seasonal regulars were on display including Yoga, Pilates, Dance, Swimming, Kids in Motion, Afternoon Fun Club, and Messy Masters.

Our discount ticket program was reborn as residents rose to purchase admittance to Adventure Aquarium, Dutch Wonderland, Idlewild, Kennywood, Franklin Institute, Knoebels Amusement Park, Morey's Piers, Museum of the American Revolution, Philadelphia Zoo, Splash Zone, DelGrossos, Clementon Park, Sandcastle, Baltimore National Aquarium, Waldameer, and Sesame Place. Discount promotional codes were provided to the community for Disney on Ice performances. The Department also continued the wonderful movie ticket bargains from Regal, AMC, and the Movie Tavern. Our Greenhouse Program kept up

their wonderful annual volunteer efforts, serving as stewards of Koontz Park and maintaining environmentally sensitive areas. Community Environmental Clean-Ups were held in the parks by our "Enviroteers". The Township worked with Red Tail Restoration to perform invasive removal and native plantings at Township basin areas and parks and with Colonial Canopy Trees and our Tree Tenders to perform multiple community tree planting initiatives throughout the year. In honor of Arbor Day, trees were celebrated when the Department joined the Whitemarsh Elementary students to learn about the holiday and plant a tree in early May.

Departmental senior programming flourished in 2022 with the record-breaking popularity of the "Eat and Enjoy Social Series," which was comprised of an afternoon of lunch and spirited entertainment for our older adults held monthly. These wonderful, themed events included a Valentine's Day social, St. Patrick's Day Party, and a Holiday luncheon. An afternoon staple in our senior lineup was the weekly card games including Bridge, Pinochle, and Mah Jongg with coffee and light treats. In 2022, we began introducing afternoon Bingo for our seniors quarterly. The annual Department excursion to the Radio City Music Hall in NYC during the holidays was a sellout and a delight for all who attended.

There were several wonderful improvements made to the facilities in 2022. Koontz Park had building and program room exterior signage installed on the exterior of the building to identify the entrances. Environmentally Friendly Water Bottle Refillable Water Fountains were installed in the Koontz Park Building in the Senior Cards Room and the Exercise Room. New AED Units were installed in all the Parks and Recreation Buildings.

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Cedar Grove Barn had a new 3G Cell Communications upgrade for the Fire Alarm System. Let's not forget the parks! The Department installed new Bike Racks at Miles Park and Cedar Grove Park. Miles Park had a new 4-seat see-saw installed. A playground safety sign was installed at Cedar Grove Park. New bleachers and new exterior stairs were installed at Cedar Grove Park. Exterior cameras were installed at Miles Park. Lastly, Open Space Preservation signs were installed at Wells Street Open Space and the Haub Property.

In 2022, the Township completed the Feasibility Study of the wonderful Miracle-Nature Trail from Butler Pike to Hector Street. The Township received grants from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to cover the costs of the study. The Department along with the Whitemarsh Athletic Association held their annual summit in early spring with a guest speaker from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on "Minds Matter Concussion Program", the very important and relevant topic of youth concussions and how to review important signs/symptoms to be aware of and

best strategies for our community sports leaders.

As we look back and move forward, the Department would like to thank our many wonderful corporate and community partners in 2022 for serving as a foundation for our success throughout the year. In addition, the Department would like to thank the Police and Emergency Service Organizations, Public Works, Finance, and Administration Departments at the Township as it takes a complete team to execute our Parks and Recreation year-round events. The Department appreciates the guidance of the Parks and Recreation Board to achieve our goals. Most importantly, the Department extends its gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for their leadership and support to allow the Department to carry out its mission and enhance the quality of life to our residents through Parks and Recreation.

We are looking forward to another Whitemarsh Wonderful 2023!

Best always,

*The Whitemarsh Township Parks & Recreation Team*



# HISTORIC HOPE LODGE

553 South Bethlehem Pike  
Fort Washington, PA 19034

Historic Hope Lodge, on Bethlehem Pike, is 42 acres of open space - all that remains from the original 300 acres that Samuel Morris purchased from Jasper Farmar in 1743 to build his home. That home, the mansion, is a beautiful example of early Georgian architecture that is celebrating its 275th anniversary this year.

It is a peaceful place that has much to offer our community. The property is open during daylight hours for passive recreation including walking, hiking, bird watching, and just relaxing. For those that love flowers, there is a beautiful formal garden that is a favored spot of couples making their marriage vows.

The Friends of Hope Lodge, the volunteer group that manages the site, conduct guided tours of the mansion on Sundays from April through October, where you will learn about local history and architecture.

Hope Lodge hosts events of general interest that include the popular Cars and Motorcycles of England Show, Ambler Symphony Orchestra Concert on the Lawn, Second Sunday Beer Gardens, Tavern Night, Halloween Lantern tours, and Holiday's at Hope Lodge. The signature event of the year, held on the first Saturday of November, is the 1777 Whitemarsh Encampment Reenactment, which celebrates the time in November 1777 when the Continental Army encamped near Hope Lodge. Each year, British and Continental soldiers face off for a mock skirmish in the fields behind the mansion. It's a colorful reenactment of real fighting that took place in the vicinity almost 250 years ago.

Information on these and other events are available on the Friends website, [WWW.HISTORICHOPELODGE.ORG](http://WWW.HISTORICHOPELODGE.ORG), and are advertised by Whitemarsh Parks & Recreation and local media.



## ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY SIGN

The Township's new Electronic Sign is now available for posting of upcoming events and other community information. All requests are limited to the Township and Community Group/Non-Profit Organizations.

Please read the "Sign Usage Policy" on the Township's Website to ensure your request falls within the parameters of the usage.

For additional Policy information, or to request a post, scan the QR Code provided, or visit:

[WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/583/WHITEMARSH-TOWNSHIP-ELECTRONIC-SIGN](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/583/WHITEMARSH-TOWNSHIP-ELECTRONIC-SIGN)



[WWW.HISTORICHOPELODGE.ORG](http://WWW.HISTORICHOPELODGE.ORG)

(215) 646-1595

# PLANNING & ZONING

## 2022 SUBDIVISION & LAND APPROVALS

### **SLD #11-21: Creeks Edge, LLC**

#### **548 S. Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown - Live-work unit in the VC-2 district.**

This plan was approved for Conditional Preliminary and Final Land Development by the Board of Supervisors on January 13th, 2022. The plan consists of the consolidation of two parcels and the construction of a live-work space at 548 S. Bethlehem Pike in the VC-2 district; the studio work space will be used for a custom furniture and guitar repair business. The entire parcel exists in the floodplain abutting the Wissahickon Creek, and design modifications were made accordingly. An existing single-family home and garage were removed from the lot, as well as several trees damaged by the September 2021 tornado.

### **SLD #02-20 Federal Realty Investment Trust**

#### **Flourtown Shopping Center, Bethlehem Pike - Construction of bank and associated improvements.**

This plan was approved for Conditional Preliminary/Final Minor Land Development by the Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2022. It consists of the construction of a bank with a drive through in the existing parking lot of the Flourtown Shopping Center in the VC-3 District. The majority of the development is in Springfield Township. However, a portion of the building as well as an access to Bethlehem Pike is in Whitemarsh Township. The Township's review of the project resulted in pedestrian and traffic safety improvements.

### **SLD #14-21 KRE Acquisition Corporation**

#### **401-433 Washington Street - Construction of 558 apartments (60 in Whitemarsh Township) on the Conshohocken border.**

This plan was approved for Conditional Final Land Development by the Board of Supervisors on August 11, 2022. The project consists of a large complex of apartments on a site located in both Whitemarsh and Conshohocken Borough, adjacent to the Schuylkill River in the Heavy Industrial District with Riverfront Development, Floodplain, and Riparian Zone Overlays. The development will consist of 598 apartments, 60 of which will be in Whitemarsh Township. As per district regulations, an area adjacent to the river will be publicly accessible with a walking path as well as various other public amenities.



### **SLD #01-22 931 Spring Mill Avenue, LLC**

#### **Spring Mill Avenue and Lime Street - Construction of 20 apartments**

This plan was approved for Conditional Final Land Development by the Board of Supervisors on July 14, 2022. The project includes the construction of a three-story brick building with 20 apartments on the corner of Lime Street and Spring Mill Avenue in the Heavy Industrial District with a Riverfront Development District Overlay. The building entrance is on Spring Mill Avenue, and there is sub-level parking with an entrance and an exit onto Lime Street. The applicant is proposing a green roof, and sidewalk improvements. One-half of an adjacent twin home will also be consolidated as part of the project.



# PLANNING & ZONING

## 2022 SUBDIVISION & LAND APPROVALS

### **SLD #02-21 The Transition at Spring Mill**

#### **East 10th Avenue and Spring Mill Avenue - Construction of 19 townhomes**

This project was approved for Conditional Final Land Development by the Board of Supervisors on May 12, 2022. The plan consists of 19 Townhomes planned on consolidated parcels on the corner of Spring Mill Avenue, and East 10th Avenue in the Heavy Industrial District with a Riverfront Development District overlay. A dilapidated garage building will be removed from the lot and site improvements will be included.

### **SLD #05-22 Catania Construction**

#### **246 & 248 Hillcrest Avenue - Construction of two single-family dwellings on consolidated lots**

This project received Conditional Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision approval on June 9th, 2022. The project includes the demolition of two existing single-family dwellings, and the construction of two new single family dwellings in the B-Residential district. Three lots were combined to make the existing two lots.

### **SLD #06-22 Eric and Kelsey Riethmiller**

#### **108 Hampton Lane**

This subdivision involved a modification of an existing stormwater easement on a lot which was part of a previous development; no new lots or buildings were involved.

### **SLD #07-22 AIM Academy**

#### **1200 River Road - Addition in rear of school building and stormwater management improvements in parking lot**

This project received Conditional Preliminary/Final Land Development Approval on September 8, 2022. The project includes the construction of additional classroom space in the back of the existing main school building, as well as the conversion of a row of parking spaces into a storm water rain garden. The school is located in the Heavy Industrial District.

### **SLD #09-18 601 Washington Street Associates LLC.**

#### **601 Washington Street - Construction of two, four-story apartment buildings with 270 apartments**

This project received Conditional Preliminary Land Development Approval from the Board of Supervisors on October 13, 2022. The project involves the construction of two buildings containing 270 apartment units in the Heavy Industrial District, with Riverfront Development, Floodplain, and Riparian Zone Overlays. As per district requirements, there will be a public trail and public park space located next to the Schuylkill River, as well as access paths running from Washington Street across the property, down to the river trail.

### **SLD # 04-22 Ashford Consulting LLC and Ashford Wealth Advisors**

#### **5 and 15 East Germantown Pike - Expansion of an existing historic building and parking lot improvements**

This project was approved as a Conditional Preliminary/Final Minor Land Development by the Board of Supervisors on October 13, 2022. This project includes the construction of an addition and conversion of the historic 15 East Germantown Pike house to be used as offices in the VC-2 District and Historic District. The project also includes the modification of the parking lot shared between the two properties. In addition to the Planning Commission, this project was reviewed by the Historic Architecture Review Board.

# PLANNING & ZONING

## 2022 CONDITIONAL USE APPROVALS

### CU #01-22 Danie Kuo 424 Germantown Pike

The Board of Supervisors approved the conditional use of a Pet Grooming business (Personal Service Shop) in the VC-1 district on April 14, 2022. This is located within the 'Shops of Lafayette Hill'.

### CU #02-22 Anne Judge Aesthetics 454 Germantown Pike

The Board of Supervisors approved the conditional use of Aesthetics Practice (Medical Office) in the VC-1 district on July 14, 2022. This is in a separate building behind the main building at this address.

### CU #03-22 Café du Coeur 535 Germantown Pike

The Board of Supervisors approved the conditional use of restaurant/tearoom/ café in the VC-1 district on August 11, 2022. This is located within the 'Shoppers World' shopping center.

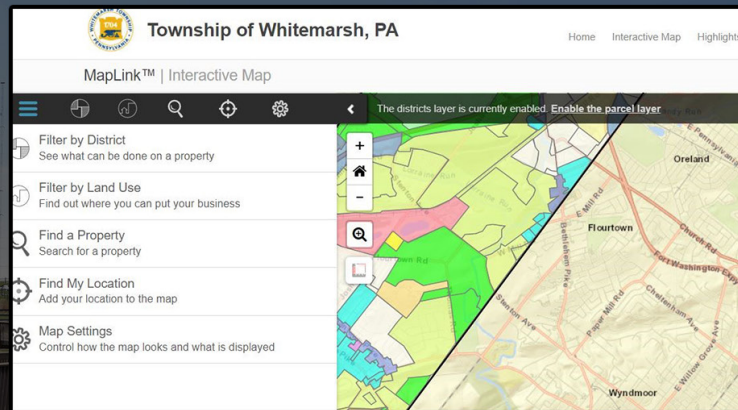
### CU #04-22 JD Hill LLC 458 Germantown Pike

The Board of Supervisors approved the conditional use of a Beauty Parlor (Personal Service Shop) in the VC-1 district on December 8, 2022. This is an expansion of the existing beauty parlor located on the second floor, into the vacated first floor of this building.

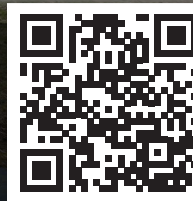
# NEW INTERACTIVE ZONING MAP

This new online tool is available on the Township website.

Designed to assist residents, business owners, and other property owners in finding essential zoning information.



# wh0819.zoninghub.com



## RIDGE PIKE PROJECT STATUS REPORT

### Section D (Crescent Avenue to Northwestern Avenue):

Since our last update, there have been many utility pole relocations and some temporary signal relocations at the Manor Road and Harts Lane/Church Road intersections. We still have some remaining utility relocations to take place before roadway construction can start. In a few weeks, AQUA will be relocating their water main from the westbound (from Philadelphia) side of the road between Manor and Barren Hill Roads to the eastbound (to Philadelphia) side. Because the roadway construction will start in March 2023 (approximate), we are anticipating completion by the end of 2024. Updates and detours will be posted regularly on the project website below.

### Section C (Harmon Road to Crescent Avenue):

We have achieved the final design stage of this section of the project, where specific improvement plans and designed improvements will be finalized. We will also be able to begin the right-of-way phase sometime before the end of 2023. Construction for Section C is anticipated to begin in 2025.

For more project information and to sign up for update notifications please visit the County's website at [WWW.RIDGEPIKEPROJECT.COM](http://WWW.RIDGEPIKEPROJECT.COM).

If you'd like to reach out to the construction management team directly you can contact them at: **(484) 534-8188**.

## 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.

Beginning in the Fall of 2022, the Committee and consultant started work on a zoning analysis and potential revision options that would be appropriate for underdeveloped and other parcels identified in the recently adopted Spring Mill Multi-Modal and Land Use Study, completed in May and adopted by the Board of Supervisors as an amendment to the Township's Comprehensive Plan, in June. This zoning work is being done based upon the land use policies in that study as well as those contained in the 2020 Selective Update of the Whitemarsh Township Comprehensive Plan. The Committee has now met on several occasions to discuss the zoning issues and options for the Spring Mill area of the Township.

Based on these meetings, a draft of a new Spring Mill Mixed Use District (replacing the current Riverfront Development Overlay District) is currently being finalized. A new Transit-Friendly Design Overlay District (replacing the current Riverfront Development Overlay District), recognizing the proximity of the Spring Mill (SEPTA) Train Station, and extending down to the river, is also completed.

Future issues of Whitemarsh Living will continue to contain updates on progress on the Zoning Ordinance Update.



The Spring Mill Multi-Modal and Land Use Study Area

ENJOY A NIGHT OUT!

# PARENTS

## Night Out!



JANUARY 28TH  
FEBRUARY 11TH  
MARCH 18TH

APRIL 15TH  
MAY 20TH  
JUNE 24TH  
JULY 29TH  
AUGUST 26TH

**\$25.00 PER CHILD WM RES / \$28.00 NR**

**5:00PM-10:00PM @ P&R BUILDING  
4021 JOSHUA ROAD  
LAFAYETTE HILL, PA 19444  
AGES 3-11 (POTTY-TRAINED)**

**WWW.WHITEMARSHPARKS.ORG (610)-828-7276**

**RESIDENTIAL**

PERMIT TYPE	2022
Alterations / Additions	189
Cell Tower Equipment	0
Covered Patios / Decks	19
Driveways / Walkway / Steps / Retaining Walls	21
Fences	92
Misc. Temporary Permits	1
New Dwellings	4
Pools	14
Roofing & Siding	198
Sheds / Accessory Building / Pergola / Gazebo	16
Sheds, Decks & Patios	12
Solar Panels	10
Temporary Dumpster / PSU / Trailer	32
Uncovered Patios / Decks	47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>655</b>

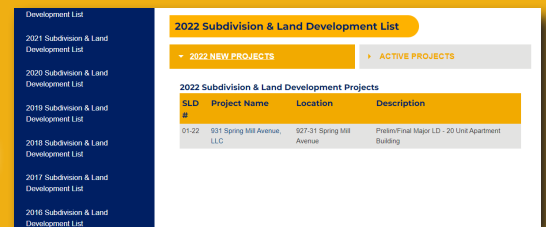
**NON-RESIDENTIAL**

PERMIT TYPE	2022
Alterations / Additions	50
Cell Tower Equipment	17
Covered Patios / Decks	0
Demolition	7
Driveways / Walkway / Steps / Retaining Walls	3
Electrical	359
Fences	1
Fire Protection	0
Mechanical	236
Misc. Temporary Permits	2
New Construction	0
Plumbing	230
Pools	0
Roofing & Siding	13
Sheds / Accessory Building / Pergola / Gazebo	1
Sheds / Accessory Structure / Windmills	0
Signs	23
Solar Panels	0
Temporary Dumpster / PSU / Trailer	2
Uncovered Patios / Decks	0
Use and Occupancy	49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>993</b>

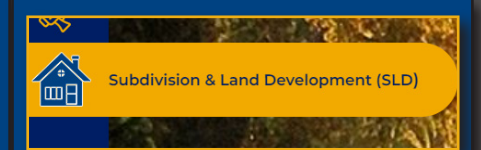
**SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT (SLD) PROJECT PAGE**

Residents can now access the SLD PAGE on the Township Website with just a single click/tap.

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



**1.** Click/Select this **Graphic Link** (see right) on the left side of the Township Website.



**2.** Click/Select the **desired year** on the left side of the SLD Page.



**1704 PUBLIC WORKS**

**LEAF COMPOST & WOOD MULCH**



**JACK FIELDS**  
Public Works Director  
(610) 825-3424  
JFields@whitemarshwp.org

The Whitemarsh Township Public Works Department collects an average of 1,500 tons (or about 6,000 cubic yards) of leaves each year through the Curbside Leaf Pick-Up Program. Once the leaves are collected, the public works crew run the leaves through the tub grinder and then set them in windrows at the Township Public Works facility. In about a year's time, the ground-up leaves become a viable product called leaf compost. Once the leaf compost has reached its completion stage, the compost is then delivered to the residents of the township for a nominal fee.

Over the years, the leaf composting program has grown popular with the Township residents. In response to the demand, the staff at the Public Works Department have worked to time the composting process just right so that by the time spring arrives, they can haul the finished product for the residents to use for their spring gardening, making room for the next season.

**LEAF COMPOST AND WOOD MULCH IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**

The Township charges **\$36 per 3 yards of leaf compost, and \$45 per 3 yards for wood mulch.** The Township Public Works Department delivers compost orders for 3 yards or 6 yards per order. Delivery is scheduled for Fridays. Orders for Friday delivery **MUST** be placed by 10 AM on Thursday. Leaf compost and wood mulch are available on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last. This program is only available to Whitemarsh Township residents.

Delivery orders must be placed in person at the Township Building. Payment is by cash, check or credit or debit card. Fees apply for credit and debit cards.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE  
2023 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS  
By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required.**

Register at [www.MontcoPARecycles.org](http://www.MontcoPARecycles.org)

**DATES:**

**Saturday, April 29**  
Boyertown Middle School East  
2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville

**Saturday, May 6**  
Oak Ridge Elementary School  
465 Moyer Rd, Harleysville

**Saturday, May 20**  
Temple University–Ambler Campus  
Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

**Saturday, June 17**  
Norristown Area High School  
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

**Saturday, June 24**  
Abington Middle School  
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

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

**SUNDAY, October 22**  
Lower Merion Transfer Station  
1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley

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:  
[Recycling@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov](mailto:Recycling@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov)  
610.278.3618



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**1704 WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP PENNSYLVANIA**

**UPDATED TRASH, RECYCLING & YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE** *EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2023*

**TRASH & RECYCLING:**

- Those who had their trash/recycling collected on Mondays now have it done on **WEDNESDAYS**.
- No changes to **TUESDAY, THURSDAY** and **FRIDAY** schedule.
- Place trash/recycling bins curbside **NO EARLIER than 7PM** the night before. Remove from curb **BY 10PM** the day of collection.

**YARD WASTE:**

- All collections are now done on **MONDAYS** (originally Saturdays).

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:**

- If a federal holiday falls on a normal collection day:
  - Trash/Recycling will be collected the Monday **BEFORE** the holiday.
  - Yard Waste will be collected the Saturday **AFTER** the holiday.

**2023 Trash/Recycling Collections:**

**2023 Yard Waste Collections:**

**More Information at: [WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/182/RESIDENTIAL](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/182/RESIDENTIAL)**



As another year passes and we move further away from the beginning and the heart of the COVID Pandemic, things have returned to "normal" here in Whitemarsh Township. What is "normal" for Whitemarsh Township in terms of the Police Department? Our traffic volume and accident volume have returned to pre-pandemic levels, as has our crime rate, which remains low and our community remains safe; but the volume is back at the rates we saw prior to 2019.

Whitemarsh Township remains a commuter thoroughfare and our traffic has been on a steady rise for the last twelve months. The addition of numerous road repair projects and utility maintenance and improvement projects has not helped the traffic flow in the Township. Unfortunately, with an increase in volume comes an increase in motor vehicle crashes. On a daily basis, the men and women of the Police Department are on patrol and in our neighborhoods enforcing the traffic laws and encouraging safe and courteous driving. Our Traffic Safety Unit is working with neighborhood groups, local businesses, the Colonial School District, our neighboring police departments and our Township Engineer to address traffic issues and improve our roadway safety. Over the last year, there has been an emphasis on neighborhood speeding and stop sign violations, speeding and red light violations on our larger roads, and school safety, to include school safety zones and school bus violations.

The crime rate in Whitemarsh Township remains low, but it is not non-existent. We remain one of the top 100 safest communities in the Commonwealth and we plan to stay that way. Credit card fraud and identity theft remain our most common crime, but theft from vehicles and theft of vehicles are on the rise. The theft from vehicles most often (+ 90%) occurs with criminals locating parked, unlocked vehicles and stealing the items from inside. The other thefts (less than 10%) are either from locked vehicles where valuables are left in plain sight and windows are broken or they are theft of a vehicle part, mainly catalytic converters (part of the exhaust system under the car, stolen for scrap metal they contain) or vehicle tires and rims. Our theft of vehicles most often occur (+90%) when vehicles are left parked, unlocked, with the vehicle key or fob left inside. So, the easiest way to decrease these occurrences is to lock our vehicles and take the keys with us. Residents should get in the habit of doing so.

In closing, statistics have shown that an engaged and involved community can help to reduce issues and crime in a community. So, I am asking all of you to be engaged and involved in the safety of our community. Please lock your doors, both vehicle and home, drive like your family lives on all of our streets, setting the example for others, and please contact our department to assist you with any issues that you may be having in your neighborhood or in our community.

Christopher P. Ward

Christopher P. Ward Chief



Christopher P. Ward Chief

YEARS OF SERVICE

The Whitemarsh Township Police would like to recognize the following personnel for milestone work anniversaries with Whitemarsh Township:

- Lieutenant Jeff Nowak.....30 years
• Detective Greg Lattanze .....25 years
• Sgt. Michael Burton.....15 years
• Det. Stephen Kerns.....15 years
• Officer Michael Hannon.....15 years
• Officer John Hartman.....15 years
• Officer Christopher Hunsberger.....15 years
• Officer Emily Hopkins.....10 years
• Officer Stephen Dunning.....5 years

RETIREMENT Lt. Jeffrey J. Nowak

On February 24, 2023, Lt. Jeff Nowak worked his last shift as a member of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department. Lt. Nowak joined the Police Department in 1993. Lt. Nowak has been assigned to the Bike Unit, Motorcycle Unit, the Attorney General's and the District Attorney's Drug Task Forces. He has been the lead instructor for both the Cop Camp Program and the Citizens Police Academy. Lt. Nowak's longest-held assignment has been as a SWAT (Strategic Weapons and Tactics) team member for 28 years. Lt. Nowak served with the Whitemarsh Township Police SWAT Team before helping to create the Colonial Area Tactical Team (Conshohocken, Plymouth and Whitemarsh) and, finally, transitioning to the Montgomery County SWAT, Central Region team, where he finished his career as a Team Commander.



During his thirty years of service to Whitemarsh Township Lt. Nowak has held the ranks of Patrolman, Patrol Sergeant, Community Relations Sergeant, and he has spent the last seven years as a Lieutenant and second-in-command of the department.

The men and women of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department and the entire Whitemarsh Township staff wish Lt. Nowak a long and happy retirement!

COP CAMP & CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

Unfortunately, we were unable to host the 16th Citizens Police Academy in 2022. Due to staffing issues and a low enrollment, the program was cancelled for 2022. We hope to have the CPA up and running again in the Fall of 2023. The purpose of the CPA is to give local residents an inside look at the police department. Participants are introduced to all of the members of the police department and have the opportunity to learn about our various units and the responsibilities of a Whitemarsh Township police officer. Participants are able to have a better understanding of how the police department works, build support between them and the officer, and take their knowledge back to their neighborhoods where they can enhance the quality of neighborhood life and understanding of the police to the stakeholders of the community.

After a two-year hiatus caused by COVID, our 22nd Cop Camp Program was held in June of 2022. Cop Camp is a one-week camp that we host at the Police Department for 10- and 11-year-old children for one of the last two weeks of June, depending on school schedules, for the last 21 years. During this week, the campers can meet all of our police officers, our staff and our K9s. The children get to experience the various police functions that the Whitemarsh Township Police Department performs to include, crime scene processing, court testimony, mock traffic stops, a mock vehicle accident, a SWAT demonstration and more. We also expose the children to some of our working partners, to include the Montgomery County Bomb Squad, the Whitemarsh Community Ambulance, both Barren Hill and Spring Mill Fire Companies, our District Justice and District Court and PennStar's Medical Helicopter.



In 2022, 28 children had the opportunity to attend Cop Camp. Lt. Brian Mack led the cadre of Cop Camp instructors that included Cpl. Matthew Stadulis, Cpl. Vincent Mundy, Det. Stephen Kerns, Ofc. John Hartman, and Ofc. Caleb MacMain.

PROMOTIONS

In the Spring of 2022 three officers were promoted to new positions in the Police Department:

- Cpl. Michael Burton was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and oversees "C" Squad in our Patrol Division.
• K9 Officer Matthew Stadulis was promoted to the rank of Corporal and he works alongside Sgt. Burton overseeing C Squad (with his K9 partner Nika).
• Officer Vincent Mundy was also promoted to the rank of Corporal and he is assigned to "B" Squad in the Patrol Division.



Pictured L to R: Chief Ward, Supervisors Vince Manuele and Laura Boyle-Nester, Cpl. Mundy, Sgt. Burton, Cpl. Stadulis, Supervisors Jacy Toll and Fran McCusker.

SERVE - PROTECT - DEFEND

The mission of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department is to tirelessly protect the citizens of our great community, to serve those citizens without prejudice, and to defend our community under any circumstance.

The unmitigated commitment of each member of this department reflects the true nature of the men and women who demonstrate exemplary conduct on- and off-duty. Through our service to the community, we promote the quality of life and ensure justice.

The men and women of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department strive to make Whitemarsh Township a great place to live and work.

This goal shall be accomplished each and every day with honesty, respect and integrity.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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





# FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

For Fire Plan Reviews and Fire Construction Permits:  
FIREMARSHAL@WHITEMARSH.TWP.ORG - (484) 594-2614

For All Other Questions, Comments, and/or Concerns:  
NDIDONATO@WHITEMARSH.TWP.ORG - (484) 594-2615



## 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 (10) 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!

# SMOKE ALARMS **SAVE LIVES**

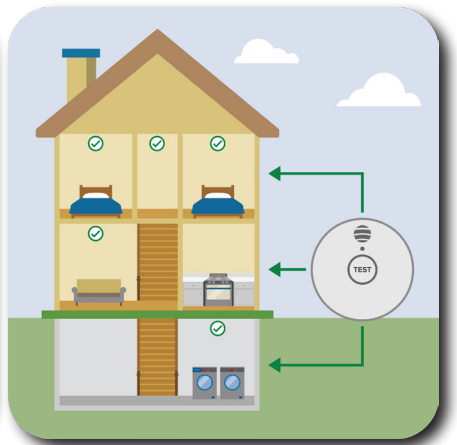
Smoke alarms are needed in your home! They should be in the following locations:



ONE IN EACH SLEEPING AREA, LIKE EACH PERSON'S BEDROOM



OUTSIDE OF SLEEPING AREAS, LIKE IN A HALLWAY



ONE ON EACH FLOOR

If you don't have smoke alarms in these locations, or do not know, contact the Whitemarsh Fire Marshal's Office at **484-594-2615**, or email **NDIDONATO@WHITEMARSH.TWP.ORG**; and we can arrange for residents to get them.

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.



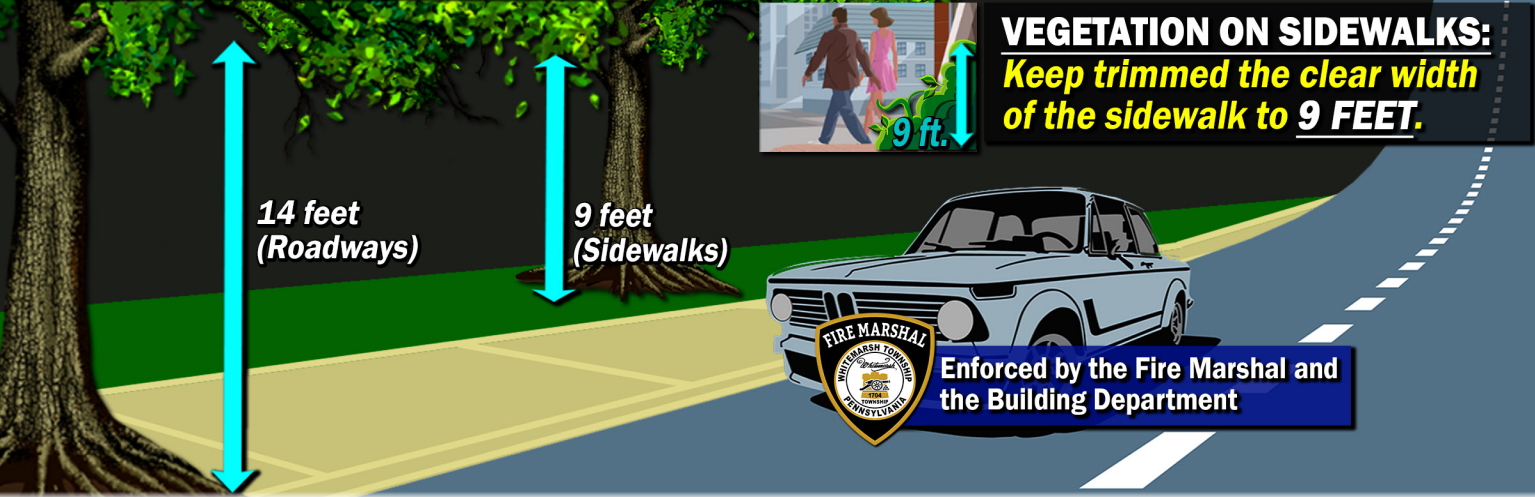
# ROADWAY CLEARANCE

Allows Emergency Access and Clearance on Sidewalks

**TREES:** Keep trimmed the clear width of roadways to **14 FEET**, and sidewalks to **9 FEET**.

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

**VEGETATION ON SIDEWALKS:** Keep trimmed the clear width of the sidewalk to **9 FEET**.



Enforced by the Fire Marshal and the Building Department

## READYMONTCo

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR READYMONTCo?

Be Alert • Be Informed  
**READYMONTCo**

Powered By Montgomery County 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, Texts, or E-mails.

**To SIGN UP, VISIT:**  
[HTTPS://WWW.MONTCOPA.ORG/3311/READYMONTCO](https://www.montcopa.org/3311/readymontco)

## TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN

Whitemarsh Township is prone to flooding. NEVER drive through water, it may be **DEEPER** than it appears!

Floodgates and barricades are put in place to protect you. Do **NOT** go around them!

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!



**WHITEMARSH COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION**

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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 EMT's were here for you 24/7. This team was and is ready to handle not only the normal demands of 9-1-1 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!

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**MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER (MS4) SYSTEM**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**As many residents and business owners of Whitemarsh Township are aware, the Township is responsible for monitoring the storm sewer system for pollutants and to remove, or direct to have removed any identified sources of any pollution. The program is known as the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, or NPDES MS4 for short. In the case of stormwater, a pollutant is basically anything that is not rainwater or snowmelt. Common pollutants in stormwater come from pet waste in yards, over fertilizing of lawns, washing vehicles in driveways or streets, and improper disposal of cleansers, oil, and paint.**

As one can imagine, a good deal of rain falls on the Township each year. On average, the Township receives about four feet of rain annually. Anyone who has witnessed a heavy thunderstorm in late-summer, or a snowstorm followed by high temperatures in the winter will not argue that runoff from a large storm can cause a great deal of damage and wash a lot of sediment, branches, trees and other materials into the storm drains and streams. While the effect of runoff is easily observed during heavy storms, the effects from light rainfall are equally important. Even a light rain washes sediment, nutrients, oil and other surface pollutants into the streams. All the dirt, oil, lawn fertilizer, road salt, leaves, grass clipping, pet waste, etc., that washes away with even a light rain ends up as pollution in Wissahickon Creek, Schuylkill River, and other waterbodies.

The NPDES MS4 program requires that the Township monitor storm sewer outfalls within the Township for various types of pollutants and take corrective action if needed. With cooperation and effort from everyone, we can all help keep our water clean.

Spring weather encourages many outdoor activities and is a great time to keep stormwater issues in mind. A few things you can do to help reduce pollution in stormwater runoff are:

- Use fertilizers sparingly
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Use the appropriate amount of de-icer
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste, especially those falling leaves
- Follow directions when applying pesticides, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet



The Township website is a valuable resource for stormwater related information ([WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/275/STORMWATER-MANAGEMENT](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/275/STORMWATER-MANAGEMENT)). This webpage contains useful information regarding the NPDES MS4 program. Several links to EPA and PADEP (the Federal and State agencies responsible for this program) are provided as well as numerous other educational and informational resources. All residents and businesses within the Township are encouraged to review this information and to help in Township efforts to keep our water clean.

Township Staff and the Environmental Advisory Board are also great resources for stormwater-related information. Contact information can be obtained on the Township website.



**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP TREE GIVEAWAY**

**Township Residents stepped up during Fall 2022 to help us plant trees in our community. The 2nd annual Tree Giveaway saw the planting of 250 trees throughout the Township!**

**This Giveaway was made possible through close collaborations with:**

- Environmental Advisory Board (EAB)
- Shade Tree Commission
- Colonial Canopy Trees
- Public Works
- Parks & Recreation Department

**...AND MANY MORE!**



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## 2023 OPERATIONS OFFICERS

**Fire Chief:** Chris Schwartz  
**Deputy Chief:** Renard Rose  
**Assistant Chief:** Scott Yoder  
**Battalion Chief:** Bucky Swider  
**Captain:** Jamie Viall  
**Captain:** Shaun Maher  
**Lieutenant:** Pat Gaffney  
**Safety Officer:** Tim Tygh  
**Health & Safety Officer:** Pat DiCicco  
**Chief Engineer:** Paul Stanish  
**Fire Police Captain:** Scott Rotenbury

## 2023 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

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

## 2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Chairman:** Shel Klein  
**Members:** Pat DiCicco  
Mike Gaffney  
Jamie Viall  
Scott Yoder  
Dave Cox  
Pat Gaffney

## REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

In February 2023, the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company launched a fundraising campaign to raise funds to replace our aging 1997 Tower Ladder. The campaign, "Reaching New Heights," is our call to YOU, the citizens and business-owners of Whitemarsh Township, for help.



This paramount piece of equipment to protect our Community is nearing the end of its serviceable life. Before it malfunctions when we, and you, need it most, we are taking a proactive approach and pursuing its replacement.

Donations for this campaign are tax-deductible and can be made by check or online using the QR codes. A donation of any amount will make a difference. Donors who give \$1,000 or more will receive special recognition during a community event for our new tower ladder.

We are excited to include our community in the Reaching New Heights campaign. For more information on the campaign, please visit [WWW.BARRENHILL.COM/NEWHEIGHTS](http://WWW.BARRENHILL.COM/NEWHEIGHTS).



## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The Officers and Members of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company are honored to present to our community stakeholders a review of our organization's service to Whitemarsh Township and the surrounding communities in 2022. The commitment of our volunteers has never wavered and continues to build in strength. We are humbled by the support from our community and look forward to serving Whitemarsh Township and the surrounding communities in 2023; our 108th year of service.

PRIDE - HONOR - COURAGE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - TRADITION - RESPECT - ACCOUNTABILITY



**Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company**

**2022 Annual Report**

Proudly serving Whitemarsh Township and the Surrounding Communities since 1915

As you will see in this annual report, the members of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company conduct themselves in a manner consistent with our core values. We are honored to uphold the traditions of the Fire Service and the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company, maintaining our focus on our Community's Fire & Rescue service needs.

Please check out the full 2022 Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Report at [WWW.BARRENHILL.COM/ANNUAL-REPORT](http://WWW.BARRENHILL.COM/ANNUAL-REPORT)



## OUR HALL IS OPEN

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!

Our Hall is available for Rent.

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



## COME JOIN OUR FAMILY!

Do you know that the Fire Companies in Whitemarsh Township are operated nearly exclusively by Volunteers? While each Station has two career firefighters during the daytime hours and part-time coverage during the evening and weekends, all 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!

Firefighters, Fire Police Officers, Junior Members, Administrative Members, Members for Fundraising & Recruitment; WE NEED YOUR HELP!

How can you help? Stop by and see us. 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 others.

Do not wait, stop by, and say Hello TODAY!! We have a spot for you!





# SPRING MILL FIRE COMPANY NO.1

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP - MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA - STATION 45  
1210 EAST HECTOR STREET, CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428  
610-825-1164 - [WWW.SPRINGMILLFIRE.COM](http://WWW.SPRINGMILLFIRE.COM)



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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)  
Lieutenant - Jeff Heil, Sr. (2002)  
Lieutenant - Rob Walls (2014)  
Lieutenant - John Warner (1992)  
Safety Officer - Joe Heil (1998)  
Chief Engineer - Carmen Lilick (2015)  
Fire Police Captain - Dave Hertzler (2002)

## PUBLIC SAFETY DIVE TEAM LEADERSHIP

Dive Captain - Joe Rogers (2019)  
Lieutenant - Alex Jacobson (2016)  
Lieutenant - Ron Rossbach (2020)

## ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP

President - John Pierce (2008)  
Vice President - Jeff Heil, Sr. (2002)  
Treasurer - Terri Esposito (2012)  
Secretary - John Warner (1992)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Co-Chair of the Board - Joe Rogers (2019)  
Co-Chair of the Board - Paul Davis (1971)  
Hal Kahn (1974)  
Dave Hertzler (2002)  
Joe Heil (1998)  
Steve Ambs (1983)  
Michael Center (2019)  
Danielle Brown (2020)

**OVER 400 Combined total years of service**



@SpringMill-Fire



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Donations are Appreciated

## 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.

## WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY - Dominic Mancuso, Adam Ochs, Mason Pelchat, Doug Ross, and Austin Walter

We are proud to recognize the following members who have recently joined SMFC to volunteer for our community.



Mancuso



Pelchat



Ross



Ochs



## 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 fire trucks 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!



## JOIN TODAY!



<https://springmillfire.com/join-smfc/>



# 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 Township's boards and commissions, and its members. If you would like to serve on any of these boards or commissions, please visit the Township website and submit a volunteer application.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Second and Fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Township Building. Residents can attend/participate IN-PERSON or VIRTUALLY.

Also televised LIVE on Whitemarsh TV (Comcast 965, Verizon 46), and LIVESTREAMED on the Township's YouTube Channel.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Third Wednesday of each alternating month (February, April, June, August, October, December) at 7:00pm. Locations will vary.

## WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Whitemarsh Authority Building (next to Public Works), 2015 Joshua Road, Lafayette Hill, PA.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Third Monday of every other month starting January at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION

First Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

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

Second Wednesday of each month at 8:00am at the Township Building.

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Fourth Wednesday of every third month starting with January at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

## MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Fourth Monday of every other month starting with January at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

## LIBRARY BOARD

Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm at the William Jeanes Memorial Library, 4051 Joshua Road, Lafayette Hill, PA.

## PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

First Tuesday of every other month starting February at 7:00pm at Koontz Park.

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

## ZONING HEARING BOARD

First Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm, plus the second Wednesday following (if needed), at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

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

## BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*(Updated as of March 9, 2023)*

### ETHICAL STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

Nancy Langerfeld  
John E. Mitchell  
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

Sara Erlbaum  
John Fitzpatrick  
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

Christian Fassbender, *Chair*  
Natalie Borkowski, *Vice-Chair*  
David D'Amore  
Fran Kelly  
Vera Kosabutski

### WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

Timothy Ferris, *Chair*  
Jonathan Riesberg, *Vice-Chair*  
Jori Broad  
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

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

### LIBRARY BOARD

Diann Smith-Hoban, *President*  
Carly Greis, *Vice-President*  
Ellen Kirby  
Cathy Levin  
Rachel Schupack  
Tamika Walton  
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](http://www.whitemarshwp.org), or [Scan the QR code Here:](#)



## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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.

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@WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG](mailto:TBLOMSTROM@WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG). In the subject line of the e-mail, please include "Open Space Suggestion" to help us sort through those responses.

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.

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.



VISIT

[HTTPS://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/OSC](https://www.whitemarshtwp.org/osc)

## HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB)

Joint with Plymouth Twp.

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 8:00AM in the Whitemarsh Township building.



HARB is required to review any construction project on properties within the Historic District that are visible from a public road. The recommendation from HARB is transmitted to the Board of Supervisors, which is required to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for each such application before a building permit can be obtained.

HARB is happy 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. To be placed on a HARB agenda, please contact the Planning and Zoning Department.

## WHITEMARSH GREEN RECOGNITION PROGRAM

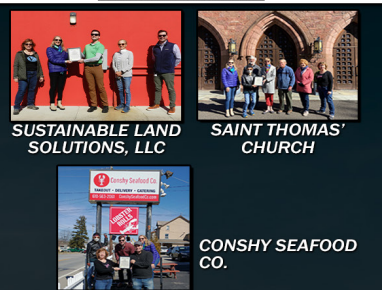
Presented by the Whitemarsh Township Environmental Advisory Board

This program highlights local businesses and organizations that make strides toward environmental sustainability.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- NO STRICT CRITERIA
- GENERALLY INCLUDES ANY STEPS TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE "5 R's" (Recycling, Repurposing, Refusing, Reducing, Reusing)

### Previous Winners:



To Apply, or For More Information:  
[WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/GREENRECOGNITIONPROGRAM](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/GREENRECOGNITIONPROGRAM)

Email Completed Applications to:  
[WGLECKNER@WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG](mailto:WGLECKNER@WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG)

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

## 2022 Year in Review

In 2022, the Whitemarsh Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) worked to fulfill its mission to improve the Whitemarsh environment, to advise the Township on policy and actions, and to provide useful information for residents.

### WHITEMARSH GREEN RECOGNITION AWARD

The EAB introduced the Whitemarsh Green Recognition Award that recognizes local organizations that take meaningful action to improve our local environment. We celebrated our first three awardees and look forward to recognizing more green organizations in Whitemarsh.

More information can be found on the Township website.

### ENERGY TRANSITION PLAN

The EAB met regularly with Township representatives to further implement the Energy Transition Plan passed in 2019.

In 2022, the Township signed a contract for 100% renewable electricity to supply Township buildings and purchased hybrid police vehicles. The EAB requested a review of the township fee for rooftop solar installations. As a result, unnecessary fees were eliminated for 2023.

### EDUCATIONAL & PROMOTIONAL OUTREACH

The EAB promoted environmental awareness at Township Day. We provided information and held demonstrations about electricity generation and how we can transition our country to green energy. There was a hands-on activity for children during which they turned a hand crank to illuminate a light bulb. Children were excited to learn that they were really making electricity.

The EAB also supported on-going efforts to improve the Township's tree canopy with education, such as our demonstration on correct tree mulching that avoids harmful mulch volcanoes, tree planting events, and a township-wide tree giveaway. Board members volunteered at tree planting and tree giveaway events.

We are completing our series of PSA's on the "5 R's": Recycle, Repurpose/Repair, Rot, Reduce, and Refuse. Look for them on Whitemarsh TV and the Township's YouTube channel. Our social media accounts have practical information for residents. Past topics include plants to support wildlife such as butterflies and lightning bugs; green lawn care, and the many benefits of trees. We look forward to hosting in-person educational events in 2023.



Credit: Andrew Conboy

### LIVE GREEN REDUCE WASTE



VISIT

[HTTPS://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/EAB](https://www.whitemarshtwp.org/eab)





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!

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 register for each program. Unless otherwise noted, all programs are courtesy of the Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library and **FREE** to all attendees!

- New collections to browse, new devices to check out, and new programs!
- 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!

## LIBRARY HOURS

Mon: 12 noon to 8 pm; Tues - Thurs: 10 am to 8 pm; Fri and Sat: 10 am to 5 pm; Sun: 1 to 5 pm  
Saturdays from June 3-Aug 26 hours: 10 am - 2 pm

\*\*Closed April 8-9, May 27-29, July 1-4, Sept. 2-4. and Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

4051 Joshua Road  
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444  
610-828-0441

jeaneslibrary.org  
jeanesinfo@mclinc.org

## 90TH ANNIVERSARY:

Look for special events to connect the community all year long!

- PEEP Diorama Contest in April!
- Tiny Art Show
- 90-Word Short Story Contest

And a **90th Anniversary Celebration at Highlands Mansion on Saturday, May 20th!**



## SUMMER READING FOR ALL AGES

### Summer Reading Kick-Off Saturday, June 17

Join us for a dynamic program from Talewise (formerly Sciencetellers) and a free KONA ice for the 1st 100 kids to sign up for our Summer Reading Challenge! **Plus, look for themed programs for all ages throughout the summer, and enter online for Adult, Teen, and Children's prizes!**

All Summer Reading programs and prizes courtesy of the Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library.



## SAVE THE DATES

**April 22:** Township Day

**May 20:** Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

**June - September:** Jewelry Collection for Fall Sale

**July 29:** Friends' One Day Summer Book Sale

**September:** Halloween Costume Collection

## CHILDRENS EVENTS

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CHECK OUR WEBSITE  
FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT  
THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### PEEP® Science—All April!

Gr 1-3 (Tuesdays @ 4:30)

Gr 3-5 (Thursdays @ 4:30)



#### Longwood Gardens

#### Community Read programs:

Sizzle POP! Sat, Apr 15 @ 2:00

Bring Me Some Rhubarb... Wed, Apr 19 @ 6:30

#### The Art of Capoeira: Dance and Martial Arts—

Sat, Apr 29 @ 2:00

#### May the 4th Star Wars Program

Thu, May 4 @ 6:30

#### MUSIC & STORYTIMES

- **0-18 mos Storytime:** Tuesdays @ 11:15
- **15-23 mos Storytime:** Tuesdays @ 10:15
- **24-35 mos Storytime:** Wednesdays @ 10:15
- **3-5 yrs Storytime:** Thursdays @ 11:15 or Mondays @ 1:15
- **18m-5 yrs Music & Movement:** Wednesdays @ 11:15 or Thursdays @ 10:15
- **2-7 yrs PJ Storytime:** Wednesdays Apr 12, May 10, Jun 14, Aug 9, and Sep 13 @ 6:30

#### MONTHLY PROGRAMS

**Young Knights Chess Club (Gr 1-5):** Every 2nd Monday @ 6:30, meetup & play (no instruction)

**Rainbow Reads (5-11 yrs):** Wednesdays Apr 26, May 31, and Sep 27 @ 6:30, books & activities with positive LGBTQ+ representation

#### FAMILY EVENTS

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 throughout the summer, Jun 21 – Aug 2, including the return of **Sam Sandler's Magic** (Jun 21), **Eyes of the Wild** (Jul 5), and **Mlanjeni Theater** (Jul 26), plus new programs like **Bollywood** dancing/storytelling (Jun 28), **Ujima Tales** (Jul 12), **Illstyle & Peace** hip-hop (Jul 19), and **Andrew's Big Show** (Aug 2)! And don't miss the finale on Saturday Aug 5 with the return of the dynamic duo **DJ Mixup** and the hilarious magic of **The Amazing Spaghetti!**

For additional information, details, and questions about children's programming, visit [jeaneslibrary.org](http://jeaneslibrary.org) or contact Rachel Fecho at [rfecho@mclinc.org](mailto:rfecho@mclinc.org) 610-828-0441 x104.

## TEEN EVENTS (GR. 6-12)

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

#### WEEKLY

#### Teen Cafe

Join us **Mondays @ 6:30 pm** for a drop-in craft, snacks, and conversation, or to just hang out with your friends. No registration necessary!

#### 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](http://jeaneslibrary.org/events) or contact Eileen Denton at 610-828-0441 ext 112, or [edenton@mclinc.org](mailto:edenton@mclinc.org).

## ADULT EVENTS

#### BOOK CLUBS

**Book Club:** 3rd Wed at 3:00 pm (hybrid)

**Romance Book Club:** 2nd Thurs at 6:30 pm (hybrid).

**Horror Book Club:** 4th Friday 7:00 pm (virtual)

**Any Old Book Club:** 4th Thurs at 7:00 pm (virtual)

**Lawn Chair Book Club** returns to Friday mornings this summer.

Visit the website for a schedule of books and discussion guides!

Plus **NEW: Virtual Talks with Bestselling Authors!**

Check the calendar for days and times, and register to ask your questions!

#### MONTHLY

**Crafty Little Things** meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 2:00. **Book Art** meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:30.

**Senior Social Hour:** 1st Friday at 10:30 am.

**Medicare Counseling:** 4th Wednesday at 1:00 pm.

**Matinee Monday:** 4th Monday at 1:00 pm.

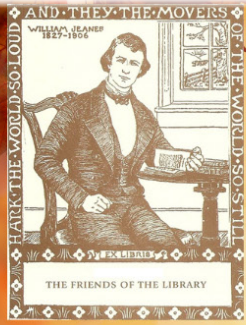
**NEW: Between Two BookShelves:** an in-person chat with a community member about their hobby or area of expertise! Get to know your neighbor at this casual hangout each month! **4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm**, in person and on Facebook Live.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Look for stand-alone programs, lectures, and presentations on **Thursday evenings**; the return of **ARTventure** workshops in June, July, and August; and **computer classes** throughout the year. Book **one-on-one instruction** or have an exam proctored by our Reference Librarians. Plus: **Rep. Mary Jo Daley's monthly Constituent Office Hours**, and **Red Cross Blood Drives** on May 30 and Aug. 7.

For additional information, please visit our website, [jeaneslibrary.org](http://jeaneslibrary.org), or contact Jennifer Rusche, Adult Services Librarian, at 610-828-0441 ext. 107 or [jrusche@mclinc.org](mailto:jrusche@mclinc.org).

# FRIENDS USED BOOK SALES



One-Day Mini-Sales  
July 29  
December 2

FALL 2023  
SATURDAY SUNDAY  
OCT 7 OCT 8  
10AM-1PM 1PM-3PM

retrievr

We all have clothes and electronics we no longer use cluttering our closets, drawers, and basements. Retrievr is the only program that collects these items right from your door and then recycles them for you.

Your neighbors have already discovered the joy of decluttering their homes by recycling over 50 tons of clothing and electronics. Now you can, too!

Thanks to Montgomery County's partnership with **retrievr**, you can recycle your clothing and electronics right from your doorstep. This service is FREE for all clothing, textiles, and small electronics. **Simply visit [retrievr](#) or text the word PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH (757-703-3824), and **retrievr** will send a truck to your home. Bag up your items and leave them on your porch; or, leave them inside your door and tell **retrievr** to ring your bell when they arrive.**

Convenience fees apply only for certain items: \$10 for each microwave, \$35 for each TV under 150 lbs, and \$100 for each TV 150 lbs or more.

Visit [retrievr](#) or text PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH to get started.

1



Tell us what you're recycling

2



Pick a date for your pickup

3



A truck comes to your door

### FAQ

**When does the program go into effect?**

Right now! Simply visit [retrievr.com](#) or text the word PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH (757-703-3824) and follow the guided scheduler to set a date.

**What if I can't send text messages?**

Call our number and leave a voicemail. Someone will contact you to schedule a pickup.

**What items do you accept?**

Visit [retrievr](#) for a full list of accepted items.

**Where should I leave my items?**

You can leave your items on your porch, just outside your door, or just outside your garage.

**What if I have items I don't want to leave outside, is that okay?**

Yes! You might prefer to keep items like computers, phones, or tablets indoors until the driver arrives. When you schedule your pickup, you can ask **retrievr** to ring your bell when they arrive.

**Can I get a tax write off for items collected?**

No. Just as your recycled paper, bottles and cans are not tax deductible, neither are recycled clothing and electronics.

If you have access to a local donation center and prefer to donate some or all of your items, we respect that choice. Donation keeps your items out of the landfill, which makes us happy.

# TOUGH-A-TRUCK

SEE YOUR FAVORITE VEHICLES UP CLOSE & PERSONAL! JUMP BEHIND THE WHEEL & LEARN ABOUT THE PEOPLE & VEHICLES THAT HELP BULID, PROTECT, & SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!



THE FEE IS \$2.00 PER PERSON AGES 2+ PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED DUE TO LIMITED PARKING. TIME SLOTS ARE HOURLY AND THE EVENT RUNS 11:00AM-2:00PM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD



FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM STREETSIDE BBQ & KONA ICE



MILES PARK LOWER PARKING LOT  
374 GERMANTOWN PIKE  
LAFAYETTE HILL, PA 19444



SEP 23RD, 2023  
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