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WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**MARY JO DALEY**

148TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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# STATE REP. MARY JO DALEY IS HOSTING SATELLITE OFFICE HOURS!

## Every third Wednesday of each month 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### Whitemarsh Township Building 616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Constituents of the 148th District are encouraged to stop by Representative Mary Jo Daley's Satellite District Office, which will take place on the third Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Whitemarsh Township Building.

Call the district office at (610) 832-1679 with any questions.

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP



## 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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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Whitemarsh Township is currently working on several projects this Fall to enhance our parks system. Miles Park is currently undergoing a major transformation to the playground area by removing the old equipment to a more inclusive playground design for all to enjoy. The new design will be equipped with features for all ages and abilities to enjoy for years to come. Also, both Cedar Grove Park and Leeland Park are scheduled for all new play structures in the Spring of 2025. The Board is excited to inform everyone that much of the funding for all these projects will be received through grants or other funding sources received by the Township.

In 2024, we welcomed two new officers to the Whitemarsh Police Department. Officers Conor Perdoch and William Betts were sworn in as the newest officers to the force. We wish them the best of luck with long, prosperous careers. Two current officers received promotions to the ranks of Sergeant and Corporal. Congratulations to Corporal Vince Mundy to Sergeant, and to Officer John Hartman to Corporal. Thank you both for your continued service to the Whitemarsh Community.

On June 27, 2024, Detective Sergeant James Cotter retired from the Police Department after 38 years of protecting and serving the citizens of Whitemarsh Township. Thank you Sergeant Cotter for your service.

On September 28, 2024, 250 more native trees were provided to residents of the Township. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this program.

The best way to stay informed on the latest Township news is to signup for email notifications via "Notify Me" on our Township website, [WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG). You can also watch our monthly Board of Supervisors Meetings on YouTube (@WhitemarshTownshipPA), and on Whitemarsh TV (Comcast Channel 965, and new Verizon Channel 2146). You can also reach Township Staff during regular business hours at (610) 825-3535, or any of the Supervisors via email from our website or contacting the Township Building.

Finally, don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 5, 2024!

*Fran McCusker*  
Fran McCusker  
Chair, Board of Supervisors



*Whitemarsh*  
PENNSYLVANIA 1704

## YOUR WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



**FRAN McCUSKER**  
Chair



**JACY TOLL**  
Vice Chair



**VINCENT MANUELE**



**ELIZABETH MOY**

## TOWNSHIP MANAGER



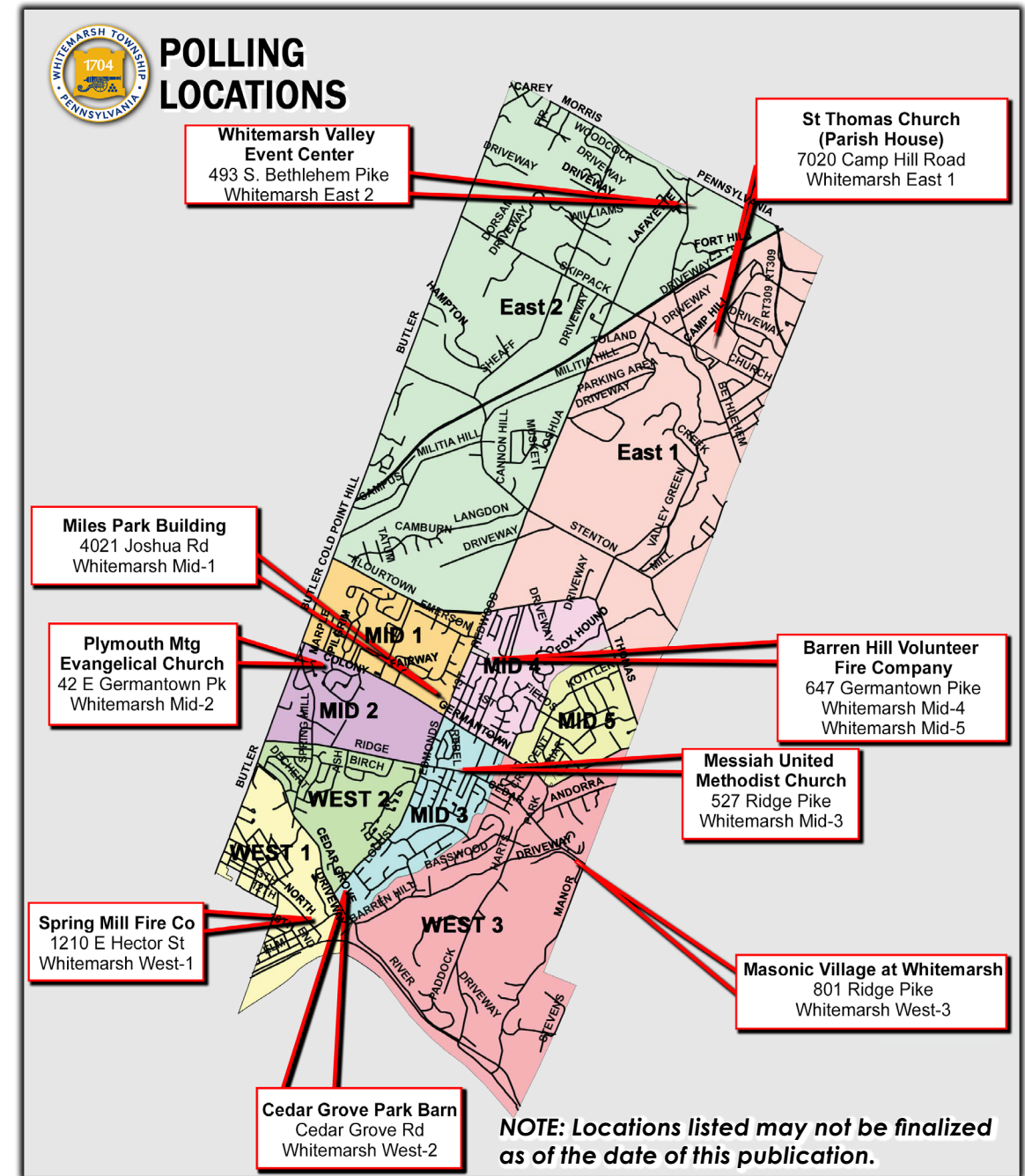
**Craig T. McAnally**  
Township Manager



# GET READY TO VOTE

## WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP POLLING LOCATIONS

2024 General Election: Tuesday, November 5th  
Polling Location Hours : 7:00AM to 8:00PM



### REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

**OCTOBER 21:**  
Last day to Register to Vote, or to make changes to voter registration information

**OCTOBER 29:**  
Last day to apply for Absentee or Mail-in Ballot.

Check your voter registration status at:  
[www.vote.pa.gov](http://www.vote.pa.gov)

For Updated County Voting Info:  
[WWW.MONTCOPA.ORG/VOTERSERVICES](http://WWW.MONTCOPA.ORG/VOTERSERVICES)  
(610) 278-3280  
[montcovotes@montcopa.org](mailto:montcovotes@montcopa.org)

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE 2024 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required.

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

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

610.278.3618

## DATES:

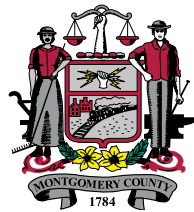
**SUNDAY, October 13**

Lower Merion Transfer Station

1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection



[MontcoPARecycles.org](http://MontcoPARecycles.org)



### MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jamila H. Winder, *Chair* • Neil Makhija, *Commissioner* • Thomas DiBello, *Commissioner*

## WTV Has Gone High Definition!

### Our New Verizon Channel

This past Summer, WTV moved to a new HD Verizon channel, 2146. Our previous Verizon channel, 46, has been discontinued as of August 27th. Verizon/FIOS customers can only get the HD channel using HD equipment, but Verizon will upgrade or replace affected set top boxes upon request, **at NO COST to the resident.** Please address any billing questions to Verizon.

### System Upgrades

Observant WTV viewers may have noticed a new look on our Infographic Slideshow/Bulletin Board rotations. Or, the absence of a crackling noise heard occasionally during live Board of Supervisors Meetings. In April, WTV's broadcast system, installed before WTV's official launch in 2010, received a much-needed upgrade. The new system affords greater flexibility for station staff in adding content, scheduling, and the look of our slideshow rotations. But most importantly, all featured content is in HD - hence, the sharper picture on our Verizon channel. Our Comcast Channel 965, whilst still in Standard Definition, features better audio quality.

### Full Program Schedule:

View the latest Program Schedule at [WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/WTV](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/WTV), or during the Infographic Slideshow/Bulletin Board rotation on WTV (when no video content is running). Please check back often, as the schedule is frequently updated.

### WTV is on YouTube! (@WhitemarshTownshipPA)

Whitemarsh Township is also on YouTube! Visit [WWW.YOUTUBE.COM](http://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM) and "SUBSCRIBE" to stay updated on the latest Board of Supervisors public meetings, Public Service Announcements, Informational Videos, and more!

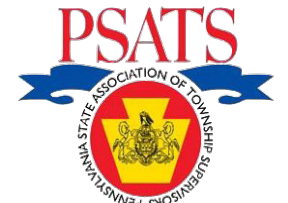
### Public Service Announcements:

We're always on the lookout for new topics or issues that we can help address with Township residents through a PSA or Informational Video! Send us your questions or topic ideas to: [WTV@WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG](mailto:WTV@WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG).

### About Whitemarsh TV:

The purpose of the Whitemarsh Township Government Access Channel is to provide Township residents information on local government and local government-related community programs and events.

On April 8, 2010, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2010-18 establishing a mission statement, guidelines and policies for the Government Access Channel.



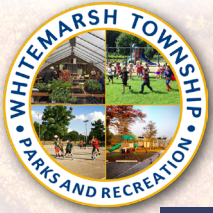
### MEDIA COMMUNICATION AWARDS

2010 - 2nd Place:  
Cable TV Program,  
"The Haunted Barn"

2011 - 3rd Place:  
Cable TV Program,  
"Dr. Matt's Solar Home"

2023 - 2nd Place:  
Cable TV Program,  
"Snow Emergencies PSA"

See Township Website for Staff Directory



# UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS!

**WHITEMARSH SHREDDING DAY**  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH  
 8AM-12PM  
 MILES PARK LOWER PARKING LOT

Event is held rain or shine!

FREE community event with donations accepted and appreciated! Contributions benefit Spring Mill Fire Company and the Whitemarsh Parks & Rec Department.

Please remove documents from binders of any kind (metal clips, folders, etc.) prior to event.

Load your documents in your trunk and stay in your car, the volunteers will handle it!

Residential event - no business or commercial recycling!

**K** KARAMOOR ESTATE WINES  
 Highway MATERIALS, INC.  
 GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC. ENGINEERING & CONSULTING SERVICES  
 Spring Mill FIRE DEPARTMENT

WWW.WHITEMARSHPARKS.ORG 610-828-7276

**WELLS STREET CLEAN-UP**  
 LOCATED ON WELLS STREET ACROSS FROM CEDAR GROVE PARK

Join our team of "Enviroteers" to help us clean and continue to restore this area to a naturally beautiful space for everyone in Whitemarsh Township to enjoy!

All "Enviroteers" will be provided with tools, clean-up bags, gloves, and an "Enviroteer" shirt. Please wear long pants and long sleeves.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH  
 8AM-11AM

JOIN EVENT AS A SPONSOR:  
 WHOLE FOODS 610-828-7276  
 GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC. ENGINEERING & CONSULTING SERVICES  
 Spring Mill FIRE DEPARTMENT

**music with gina**  
 FALL OUTDOOR  
**CHILDREN'S CONCERT!**

FOOD! MUSIC!  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2024  
 4:00PM-5:00PM  
 CONCERT WILL TAKE PLACE AT MILES PARK PAVILION. BRING BLANKETS AND CHAIRS FOR GRASS SEATING.

FREE ENTRY!  
 NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED! RAIN OR SHINE!  
 WWW.WHITEMARSHPARKS.ORG 610-828-7276

**K** KARAMOOR ESTATE WINES  
 Highway MATERIALS, INC.  
 Kona Ice King of Prussia  
 Streetside BBQ

**TEENIE HALLOWEENIE**  
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST  
 10:00AM-11:00AM  
 CEDAR GROVE BARN

100 CEDAR GROVE ROAD, CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428  
 \$5.00 PER CHILD AGES 2-6 & PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

PUT ON YOUR SPOOKIEST COSTUME AND JOIN THE FUN!  
 MUSIC, GAMES, SNACKS, PRIZES, KARATE DEMO, & MORE!

**K** KARAMOOR ESTATE WINES  
 Highway MATERIALS, INC.  
 Slawek Orthodontic  
 Kona Ice  
 Desello's Premier Martial Arts  
 Gilmore & Associates, Inc. Engineering & Consulting Services

WWW.WHITEMARSHPARKS.ORG 610-828-7276

# THE HIGHLANDS MANSION & GARDENS

7001 Sheaff Lane, Fort Washington, PA 19034  
215-641-2687

The Highlands is often referred to by neighbors as the hidden gem of Whitemarsh Township. Nestled on the pastoral corner of Skippack Pike and Sheaff Lane, this recently restored historic estate in Fort Washington is owned and operated by the Highlands Historical Society.



It features a Georgian-style mansion surrounded by 59-acres of preserved open space, eleven outbuildings, and a two-acre formal garden to explore. The land preservation was made possible by the support and contributions from Whitemarsh Township, community members and HHS board of trustees.



The north field and Moulton Meadow have trails that are open to the public, free of charge, from dawn to dusk daily and serve as a refuge from busy everyday life.

The Highlands offers community programs, family-friendly events, school field trips, historic tours, goat walks, and is a beautiful place for weddings and celebrations.



Please follow us on **Instagram (@thehighlandsmansion)** for up-to-date information. And check out our website, **WWW.HIGHLANDSHISTORICAL.ORG**, for additional details on these awesome upcoming events:

**OCTOBER 27th, 2024**  
Night of Jack O' Lanterns

**DECEMBER 8th, 2024**  
A Visit with Santa

**JANUARY 24, 2025**  
Winter Warm-Up Bonfire Night

**MAY 31, 2025**  
3rd Annual Gala in the Gardens





# KOONTZ PARK NATIVE GARDENS & GREENHOUSE PROGRAM



## Our Goals:

- Restore a healthy ecosystem for all Whitemarsh Township Residents - humans, animals, insects, micro-organisms, and plants.
- Promote the inclusion of native plants in public and private gardens.
- Educate township residents and visitors about the benefits of native plants in the landscape.
- How native plants improve the environment
- Encourage collaboration and information-sharing among neighbors and Township departments, boards/commissions, and local civic associations.

## How to Participate:

- Volunteers often meet in the mornings weekly at the Koontz Park. Start time varies, depending on time of year.
- ALL volunteers, regardless of skill level, are welcome. We take great pleasure in sharing what we know and learning from one another. Please join as your schedule allows.

This project, in collaboration with Whitemarsh Township, is run entirely by local volunteers who are passionate about growing, planting, nurturing, and promoting native species. They gather regularly to practice sustainable gardening. No fertilizers or pesticides are used in the park gardens.

Located in Koontz Park, the greenhouse is a Township gem and home base to the garden volunteers, who tend to the native gardens. Volunteers and local groups grow native varieties and vegetables plants, some of which are given away at various events, as well as planted in the Township's native gardens. The vegetables are planted in local community garden donation plots and harvested for weekly distribution at a local food bank

### For More Information on the Program

Contact Karen by:  
Email: [knemeth28@gmail.com](mailto:knemeth28@gmail.com)  
Phone: 610-405-4269

### WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT.

Koontz Park  
2391 Harts Lane  
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444  
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am - 4:30pm  
Phone: 610-828-7276  
Email: [parkandrec@whitemarshwp.org](mailto:parkandrec@whitemarshwp.org)  
Website: [www.whitemarshparks.org](http://www.whitemarshparks.org)



# HISTORIC HOPE LODGE

553 South Bethlehem Pike  
Fort Washington, PA 19034

Historic Hope Lodge announces a busy schedule of Fall events! The state historic site, located adjacent to Fort Washington State Park on Bethlehem Pike near Skippack Pike, is a peaceful place encompassing 42 acres that has much to offer our community. This site's main attraction is the historic Hope Lodge mansion, built between 1743 and 1748 on ground originally deeded from William Penn. We offer tours on Sunday.

The Friends of Hope Lodge, the volunteer group that manages the site, will be hosting a number of interesting events. October's events include the annual Tavern Night-Roaring '20's fundraiser, and Halloween Lantern tours. In November, we have the annual 1777 Whitemarsh Encampment Reenactment, and in December the Guided holiday tours and Holidays at Hope Lodge with Colonial Tavern.

The 1777 Whitemarsh Encampment Reenactment is the signature event of the year. It will be held on Saturday, November 2nd. It celebrates the time in November 1777, when the Continental Army encamped near Hope Lodge. Each year, British and Continental soldier reenactors 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), are advertised by Whitemarsh Parks & Recreation and local media and on our Facebook and Instagram.



[WWW.HISTORICHOPELODGE.ORG](http://WWW.HISTORICHOPELODGE.ORG)  
215-646-1595



# PLANNING & ZONING



## RIDGE PIKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT Status Report

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

Since our Spring update, Section D is continuing Stage 3 operations (continuation of road widening on the southern side of the roadway) with only one lane open in both directions throughout the entire project area. As previously noted in the Spring Update, Barren Hill Road is closed again in order to shorten the length of Stage 4 and keep the project on its current schedule. If you are not signed up already for our email notices, please visit the project website at [WWW.RIDGEPIKEPROJECT.COM](http://WWW.RIDGEPIKEPROJECT.COM) to do so. The County continues to anticipate substantial completion of Section D of the Ridge Pike Improvement Project by the end of 2024. Updates and detours will be posted regularly on their project website.

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

The County is actively progressing the final design stage of this section and have started the right-of-way (ROW) phase. They have submitted their ROW and construction plans to PennDOT for approvals, and residents will be hearing from the County's representatives in the coming months. If Section C's construction will directly affect your property, a County representative will be in contact with you directly. Due to the number of residents affected by this project, they anticipate a prolonged ROW phase, and construction for Section C is anticipated to begin later this decade.

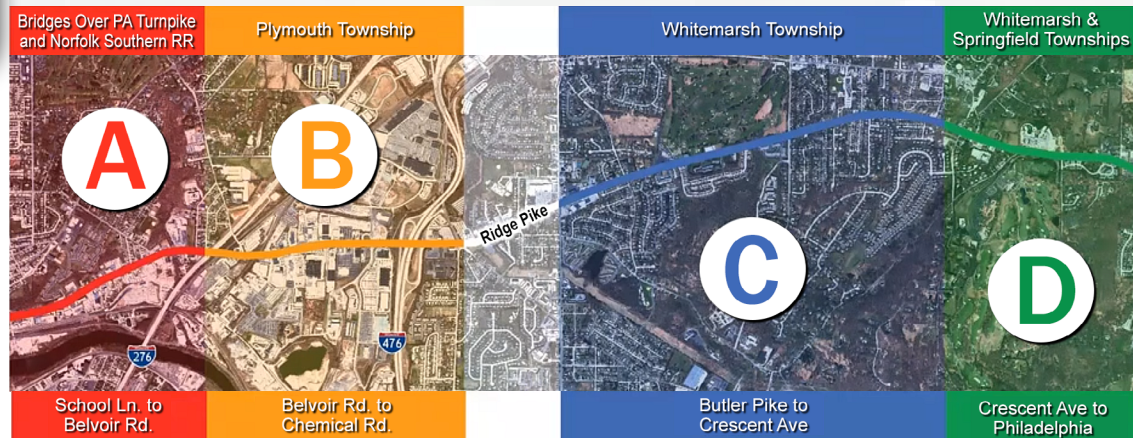
### Section B (Belvoir Road to Chemical Road):

For residents that travel further west on Ridge Pike towards Norristown, Section B of the Ridge Pike Improvement project began construction in Fall of 2023 and will continue through January 2028. Updates and detours are posted regularly on their project website.

### Section A (School Road to Belvoir Road):

This section is the shortest but most complicated, because it will involve reconstructing a railroad bridge and the bridge over the Pennsylvania Turnpike. This project 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 would like to call the Section D construction management team directly, you can reach them at **(484) 534-8188**.



**CHARLIE GUTENPLAN, AICP**  
Director of Planning and Zoning  
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CGutenplan@whitemarshtwp.org



# PLANNING & ZONING

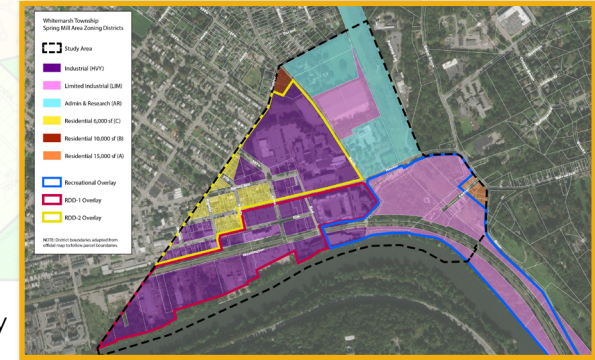
## SPRING MILL AREA ZONING: *Moving Ahead*

Beginning in the Fall of 2022, the Township's consultant, Bergmann, a firm of architects, planners, and engineers (now rebranded as Colliers Engineering & Design), began work on a zoning analysis and potential revision options for the Spring Mill area of the Township. The consultant worked with staff and a Steering Committee that was originally established in 2021 to implement a number of zoning recommendations from the Township's 2020 'Selective Comprehensive Plan Update'.

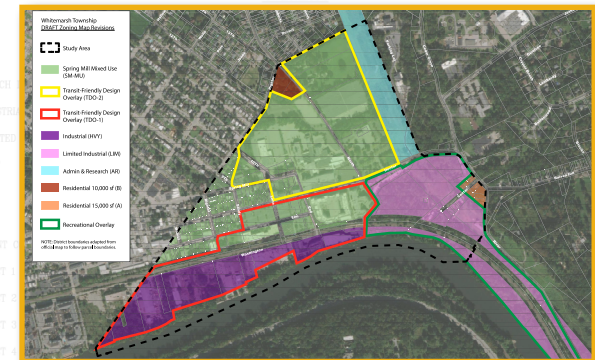
The zoning revisions for the Spring Mill area were specifically designed to be appropriate for underdeveloped and other parcels identified in the more recently adopted Spring Mill Multi-Modal and Land Use Study, a further amendment of the Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2022. This Spring Mill area zoning work is being done based upon the land use policies in that study as well as those contained in the 2020 Selective Update. A draft of a new Spring Mill Mixed Use District was completed last Fall, which would replace much of the existing HVY Heavy Industrial District in this area. Also completed is a 'companion' new Transit-Friendly Design Overlay District (replacing the current Riverfront Development Overlay District). The Overlay District contains provisions in recognition of the proximity of the Spring Mill (SEPTA) Train Station, and extends down to the river. Since last Fall, staff and the Township Solicitor have been reviewing the draft ordinances, making necessary adjustments and edits.

The drafts of the zoning amendments and the proposed map have been reviewed by the Township Planning Commission at several meetings. At the most recent meeting in August, the Commission requested a few final changes and with those made, recommended that the Board of Supervisors set a public hearing date to consider the text and map amendments for adoption. Hearings are included on the Board's agendas that can be viewed in the Agenda Center on the Township's website.

The proposed Spring Mill zoning is on our website in the 2024 Subdivision and Land Development List ([WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/SLD](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/SLD)), including the most recently updated drafts. The proposed zoning map, alongside the current zoning map for the area, is shown here for reference.



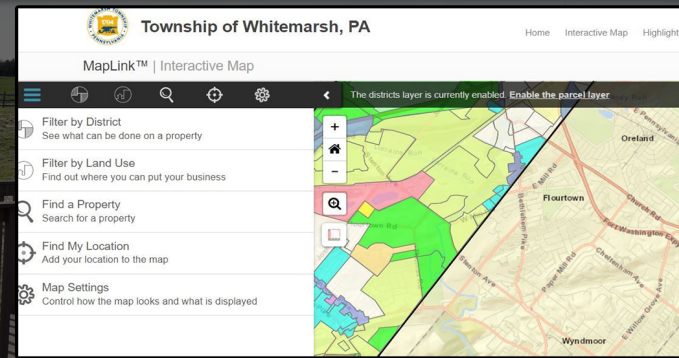
EXISTING



PROPOSED



# INTERACTIVE ZONING MAP



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

Accessible from the Township Website homepage.



# WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG

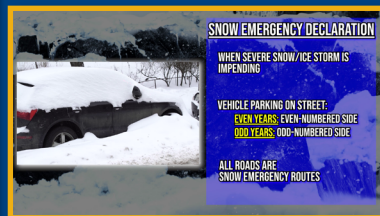


**JOHN FIELDS**  
Public Works Director  
(610) 825-3424  
JFields@whitemarshwp.org

WATCH THESE PSA's AND INFORMATIONAL VIDEOS ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:



SNOW CLEARANCE PSA



SNOW EMERGENCIES PSA



STREET OWNERSHIP PSA

CHECK BACK FOR THE LATEST INFORMATIONAL VIDEO CONTENT, BOTH ONLINE AND ON WHITEMARSH TV.

Dear Resident,

This is a friendly reminder about winter road snow removal operations. Please see the attached illustration (next page) of parking at the end of your driveway. This illustration will help you as the resident and the Township truck operator.

Each year, with the first snowfall, the Township is flooded with telephone calls regarding the rules and policies affecting snow removal. Please note the following:

- Depending on snow/rain amounts, the Highway Department will start to brine the roads 24-48 hours prior to a snow event.
- As soon as snow or freezing rain begins, the Highway Department starts salting and applying cinders on Township roads. Snow plowing begins when the snow depth reaches 3 - 4 inches.
- Many of our arterial roadways, such as Germantown Pike, Joshua Road, Ridge Pike, North Lane, Cedar Grove Road, Skippack Pike, Bethlehem Pike, Pennsylvania Avenue, Stenton Avenue, Flourtown Road, Militia Hill Road and Butler Pike are not maintained by the Township, as these roads are owned and maintained by PennDOT or Montgomery County.
- Please limit vehicle parking in Cul-de-sacs, to assist the snowplow operators.
- The Township Code prevents residents from shoveling, blowing, or plowing snow into any roadway.
- To assist with snow and ice removal, the Township Code requires all vehicles to be parked off-street when snow reaches a depth of 3 to 4 inches requiring plowing. Residents and businesses without sufficient off-street parking are required to adhere to the following schedule:

**On even-numbered calendar years (2022, 2024, etc.), parking is permitted on the side of the street with even-numbered addresses.**

**On odd-numbered calendar years (2023, 2025, etc.), parking is permitted on the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses.**

**On streets with permanent parking restrictions (No Parking Here to Corner, No Parking, etc.), the permanent restrictions shall prevail.**

- The Township Police Department will strictly enforce these regulations during winter storms in order to insure that the Public Works Department can plow, salt and cinder the roads to make them passable and safe for everyone. Violators are subject to fines up to \$1,000.
- Residents and business owners also are reminded that all sidewalks and parking lots must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of the end of a snowfall. Compliance with this ordinance allows for pedestrian passage, particularly elementary school children walking to school.
- The U.S. Postal Service requests the cooperation of postal customers in keeping walkways and curbside mailboxes clear of snow and ice, in order to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of mail this winter. Letter carriers are especially vulnerable to slips, trips and falls during the winter months.

Residents who receive mail delivery to curbside boxes are asked to keep the approach to and exit from their mailbox clear of snow, ice, vehicles, trash cans and other objects.

- If there is a fire hydrant near your house, do your part to keep it accessible this winter. Remove any snow and ice, clear a wide enough perimeter (recommend 3 feet) around the hydrant for firefighters to work, and clear a path from hydrant to street. Every second counts in an emergency by doing your part you may save a property or a life.

The cooperation of all Township residents and businesses is greatly appreciated during winter storms.

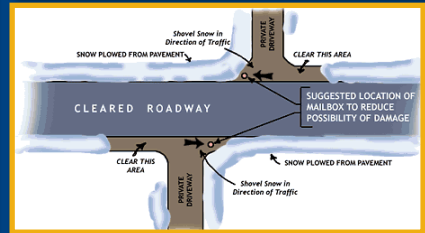
**Tips for Clearing Snow**

- Wait until the snowplows have made a first pass before clearing your driveway. Be sure snow piles are located to the right of your driveway. This way, less snow will be re-directed into the driveway with each passing truck.
- Know the Township's snow emergency parking regulations. Stay tuned to KYW (1060 AM or 103.9 FM) for all snow emergency announcements.
- Clear your sidewalks and curbs. Neighborhood children need safe access to schools and bus stops throughout the winter months. Clearing your sidewalk helps children travel to school safely.
- Be patient. State, County, and Township crews will work around the clock, if needed, to ensure all roadways are cleared as quickly as possible.

Thank you, and we appreciate your patience during winter storms. Please note that the Public Works Department will do everything possible to clean up all Township roadways safely, efficiently, and as quickly as possible.

*John Fields*

Public Works Director



**CURBSIDE BASKETBALL HOOPS**

PLEASE REMOVE CURBSIDE BASKETBALL HOOPS PRIOR TO LEAF COLLECTION AND WINTER STORM OPERATIONS TO GIVE ROOM FOR PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT.

**2024 Leaf Collection & Composting Program**

Each Fall, the Public Works Department collects an average of 1,500 tons of leaves from every curb in Whitemarsh Township. Leaf collection typically runs once a week (weather permitting) between October and December. These leaves then undergo a months-long process at our Public Works Building that turn them into mulch. Typically by mid-summer, the mulch becomes available for residents to purchase and use.

**2024 Collections will start OCTOBER 21st, and run through DECEMBER 6th (weather dependent).**

To ensure proper curbside collection, and the safety of our Public Works crews and equipment, residents should:

- **Keep sticks, debris and waste out of leaf piles**
- **Do NOT bag leaves! Bagged leaves cannot be collected by our machines.**



**For more information about the Program, Call or Email Public Works, or go Online to: [WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/LEAFCOLLECTION](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/LEAFCOLLECTION)**



**Non-Emergency Phone Number:**  
610-825-6530

**For ALL Emergencies, Dial 9-1-1**

As 2024 moves into Autumn, and our children return to school, I ask that we all try to be aware of our school zones, our crossing guards, our unmanned crossings, our bus stops, and the children that sometimes get distracted from the safety planning that we put in place for all these items to ensure their safety. This request is not just for Whitemarsh Township, but for everywhere that school children may be found during the school year on school days.

As we settle back into the routine of the non-summer months, let's all try to be more neighborly to the people we live with in our community. Not only do we want to keep a protective eye on our children, but also on our older population, and all people that come to be in our Whitemarsh Community. Let's hold the door for the next person everywhere, not just at Wawa. Let's drive like every street is the one that we live on, and our children play on. Let's keep that spirit of community alive in Whitemarsh, where everyone that lives here and visits here is important and deserves our respect, whether we know them or not.

The men and women of the Whitemarsh Police Department strive to uphold the principals of "community", and that special "community" that we have here in Whitemarsh. Please feel free to join us as we work to keep Whitemarsh a "Great Place to Live and Work."

Thank you for your support.

*Christopher P. Ward*



### COP CAMP

Our 24th COP Camp Program was held in June of 2024. 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 26 years (with two years missed for COVID). During this week, the campers can meet all our police officers, our staff and our K9s. The children get to experience the various police functions that the Whitemarsh Township Police Department performs, including 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 2024, 35 children had the opportunity to attend Cop Camp. Sgt. Michael Kolar led the cadre of Cop Camp instructors that included Sgt. Matthew Stadulis, Cpl. Vincent Mundy, Det. Stephen Kerns, Ofc. John Hartman, Ofc. Jon Cooney, and Ofc. James Sweeney.



### HIRING

On June 23, 2024, Ofc. William Betts was hired as a police officer with the Whitemarsh Township Police Department. Ofc. Betts is a 2010 graduate of Conestoga High School, a 2015 graduate of Widener University, and a 2017 graduate of the Philadelphia Police Department Municipal Police Academy. Ofc. Betts has been assigned to the Field Training Program with "A" Squad, under the supervision of Field Training Officer Grier Conard.

### RETIREMENT

On Thursday, June 27, 2024, Detective Sergeant James Cotter retired from the Police Department after 38 years of service. Sgt. Cotter joined the department in May of 1986 as a police dispatcher and was hired in September of 1986 as a police officer. Sgt. Cotter entered the department as a patrolman, was promoted to Detective in 1995, and promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2004.

The men and women of the department wish Sgt. Cotter all the best in retirement.



Chief Ward (right) presenting Detective Sergeant James Cotter with his retirement badge.

### GRADUATION

Sgt. Michael Burton graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command on Thursday, June 13, 2024. This police executive level training, which is recognized nationally as one of the top police executive training opportunities, was hosted by the Philadelphia Police Academy.

Sgt. Burton attended this ten-week program with 31 other police supervisors from the Delaware Valley. Sgt. Burton will bring his newly learned skills back to Whitemarsh Township to aid in his duties as a Patrol Sergeant of our police department and the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township.



Pictured left to right: Sgt. Matt Stadulis, Lt. Amanda Johnson, Sgt. Michael Burton, Chief Christopher Ward, and Lt. Brian Mack

### 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](#).





The Whitemarsh Weekly

WHITEMARSH WEEKLY

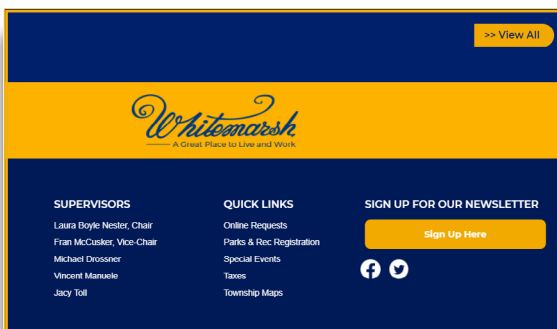
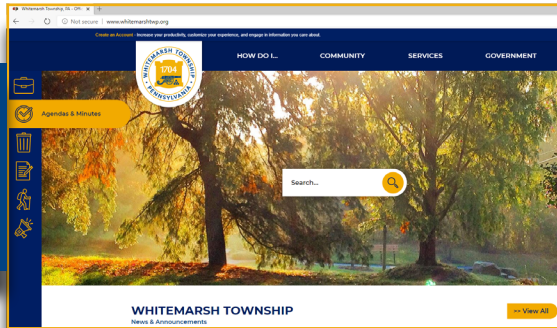
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# TOWNSHIP NEWS SENT STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX!

Stay up to date on everything that's happening in Whitemarsh Township, by signing up to receive the **Whitemarsh Weekly E-Newsletter** in your e-mail!

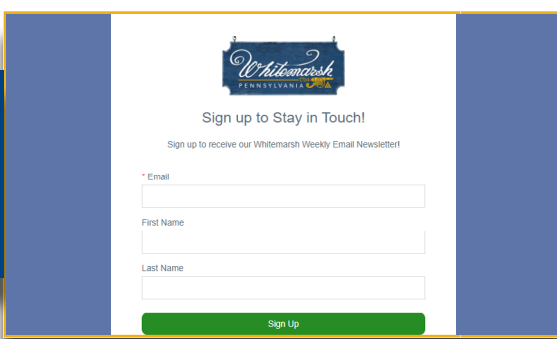
Join hundreds of your neighbors who already stay updated via the Whitemarsh Weekly!

1 Visit the Whitemarsh Township website at [www.whitemarshwp.org](http://www.whitemarshwp.org)



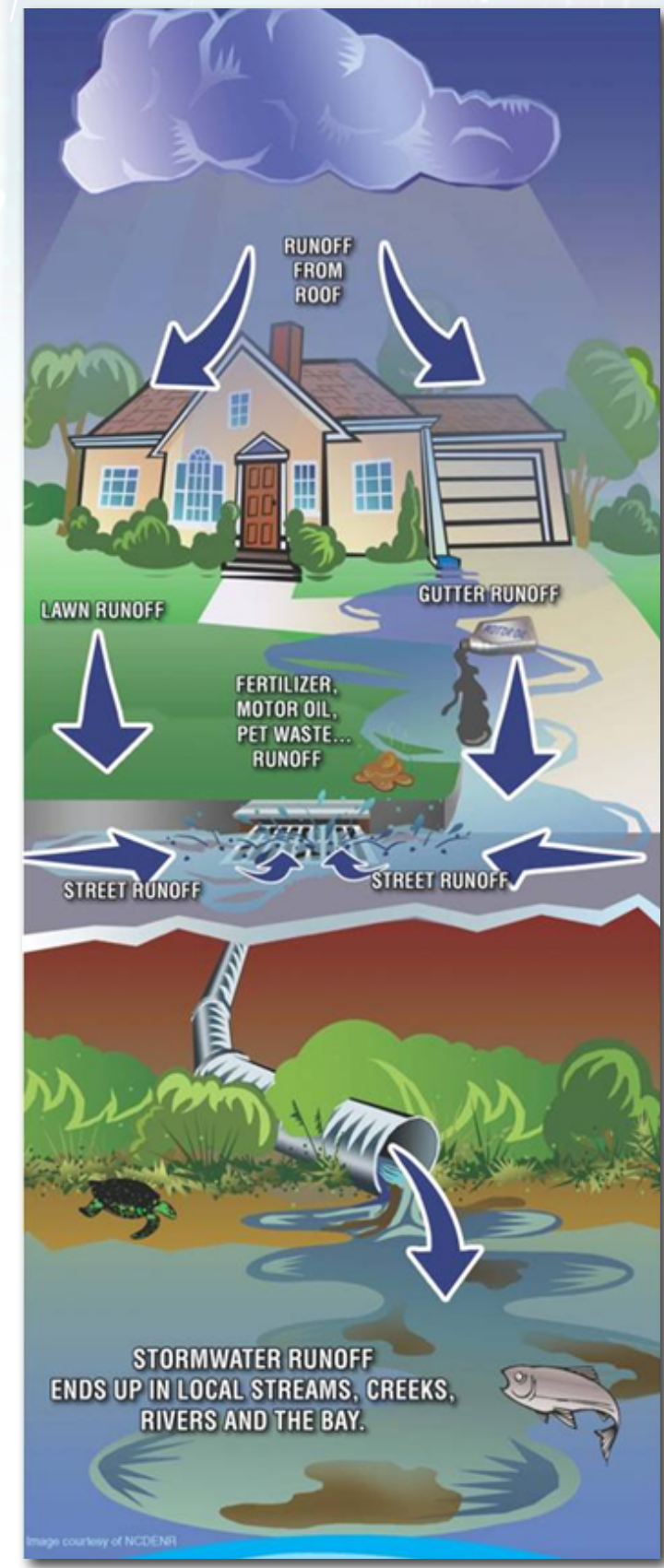
2 Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the **Sign Up Here Button.**

3 Fill out the information requested on the form that pops up, and click **Sign Up** to finish!



## 1704 MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER (MS4) SYSTEM

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: FALL / WINTER



As we prepare for the upcoming Fall and Winter Seasons, it is important to be mindful of our outdoor maintenance activities and how they impact the environment, especially those that affect the quality of our waterways. We can limit negative impacts by making a few simple and easy changes.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Use low-nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers in lawn and garden areas, and use these sparingly. This will reduce the amount of nutrients carried away by stormwater.
2. Keep leaves, yard waste and other debris out of the gutters. These get carried away by rain and melting snow, decay in streams and impact water quality and wildlife. Gutter guards in your downspouts are preferred and leaf removal from the street is conducted by the Township Department of Public Works.
3. Use salt and de-icers only when and where appropriate, and apply the least amount necessary to keep surfaces safe. De-icers are ineffective when greater than three (3) inches of snow has accumulated. Store in a dry, covered area to prevent runoff and sweep up excess de-icing materials if a storm does not occur.
4. Clean up after your pet year-round during walks, as well as in your own backyard, as animal waste contributes to stormwater contamination.
5. Consider planting native trees and shrubs on your property; they are best suited for our climate, conserve water and require less fertilizer/pesticide applications. Many are available at local garden centers. Autumn is the perfect time for planting; the cool weather gives new plants a chance to establish their root system before the ground freezes.

For More Info & Additional Resources: [WWW.WHITEMARSHWP.ORG/STORMWATER](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHWP.ORG/STORMWATER)

### FIRE MARSHAL/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

For Fire Plan Reviews, Fire Protection Permits, and General Fire Safety or Questions, please contact: **Andrew Thomas, Fire Marshal & Emergency Mgmt Coordinator:** ATHOMAS@WHITEMARSH.TWP.ORG - (484) 594-2614

For Fire Inspections, Smoke Detector Installations, and Fire Safety Presentations, please contact: **Nate DiDonato, Fire Inspector:** NDIDONATO@WHITEMARSH.TWP.ORG - (484) 594-2615



# 5 Steps to Portable Generator Safety



## SMOKE ALARMS **SAVE LIVES**

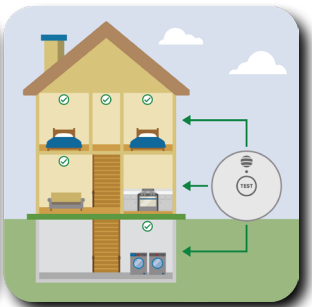
Smoke alarms are needed in your home! They should be in the following locations:



**ONE IN EACH SLEEPING AREA** (i.e., Each Person's Bedroom)



**OUTSIDE OF SLEEPING AREAS, LIKE IN A HALLWAY**



**ONE ON EACH FLOOR**



**REPLACE SMOKE ALARMS WHEN THEY ARE 10 YEARS OLD OR STOP RESPONDING WHEN TESTED**



# SMOKE ALARMS



## Make Them WORK For You!



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

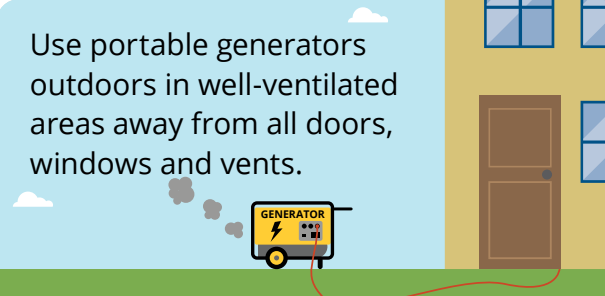
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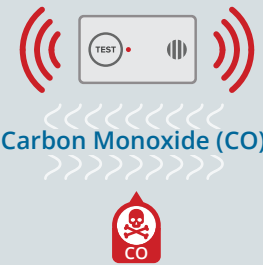
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Portable generators are useful when the power goes out, but if not used safely, they can cause injuries and death.

Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows and vents.

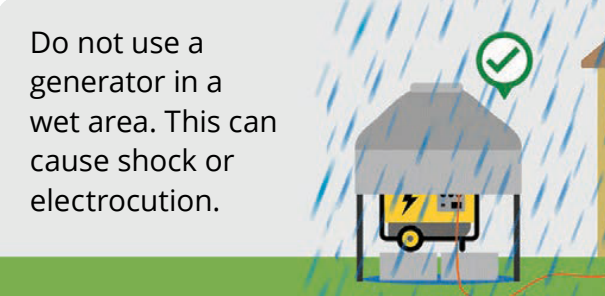


Make sure you have carbon monoxide alarms in your home.

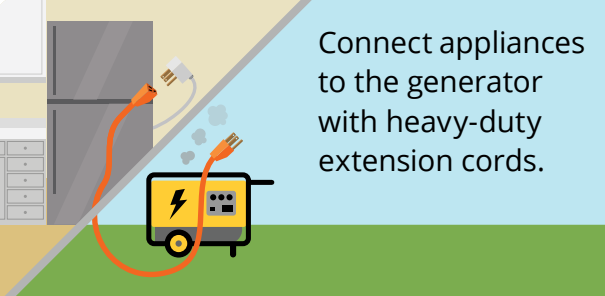


Carbon Monoxide (CO)

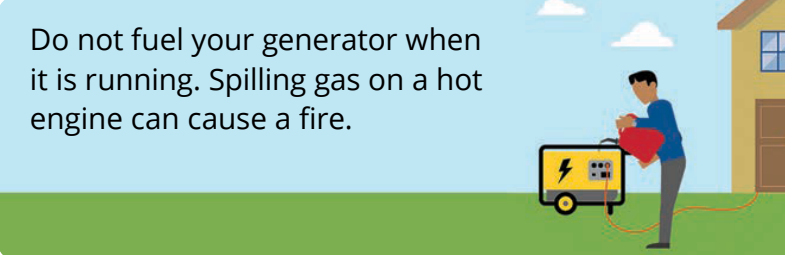
Do not use a generator in a wet area. This can cause shock or electrocution.



Connect appliances to the generator with heavy-duty extension cords.



Do not fuel your generator when it is running. Spilling gas on a hot engine can cause a fire.



For more information and free resources, visit [usfa.fema.gov](https://usfa.fema.gov)

## READYMONTCo

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR READYMONTCo?

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)






# BARREN HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

647 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444 • (610) 825-2250 • www.barrenhill.com

Proudly serving Whitemarsh Township and our Neighboring Communities since 1915



## PROPERTY TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE

The Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors and the Montgomery County Commissioners have recently enacted up to 100% property tax credits for volunteers who meet certain criteria. These rewards are intended to offer an incentive to current and new volunteers for their service and, ultimately, maintain the volunteer numbers serving our communities.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROPERTY TAX CREDITS?** Check out [WWW.BARRENHILL.COM/VOLUNTEER](http://WWW.BARRENHILL.COM/VOLUNTEER) to see how you can join our family and become eligible for Township and County property tax credits.

### 2024 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
- Chief Engineer:** Tim Lyons
- Fire Police Captain:** Scott Rotenbury

### 2024 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

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

### 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Chairman:** Shel Klein
- Members:** Mike Gaffney, Pat Gaffney, Cameron Smith, Jamie Viall, Jon Walker, Scott Yoder

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!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

As we enter the Fall season, our plates are full of back-to-school, Fall sports, Eagles football, Red October, and many holidays in the next few months. While all our volunteers have these same events scheduled in their family calendars, we also have a full slate of Fire Company events to share with the Community. There are block parties, Touch-A-Truck, Halloween parades, Fall festivals, our 109th Anniversary, the Hanukkah Parade, Santa Runs, and many more. On top of these events, we will continue to hone our skills during Monday night training. Oh yes, don't forget each call for service that our volunteers respond to, where they have stopped what they are doing, left their families and responded to our neighbor's call for help.

Speaking of responding to calls, the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company is at a historic pace for responding to calls for services in 2024. Through the first seven months of the year, we were on pace for 90 more responses in 2024 than 2023, a nearly 17% increase. Despite this incredible single-year increase, our volunteers have not wavered or slowed down and remain committed to answering your call.

We need your help! Our doors are open, and we are always looking for new members. We will train you, provide you with the proper personal protective equipment, and give you a seat at our family table, **ALL AT NO COST TO YOU! IT'S FREE!** If you don't want to be a firefighter, we have other options, such as administrative members, fundraising committee members, and fire police officers who assist at scenes with traffic and crowd control. The argument cannot be "there isn't anything I can do" because we have a place and room for everyone.

Check out [WWW.BARRENHILL.COM/VOLUNTEER](http://WWW.BARRENHILL.COM/VOLUNTEER), or scan the QR code for more information. If you still need more to consider, stop by our station to say hello and get a first-hand look at what you are missing out on! Stop by TODAY!

The future is bright at the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company. We look forward to continuing to serve our friends and neighbors and partnering with our community stakeholders to ensure a fire-safe Whitemarsh Township.

~ Chris Schwartz, Fire Chief ~



## 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 space 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](http://WWW.BARRENHILL.COM/HALLRENTAL).



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



### Prakash Bhuyan

Firefighter Bhuyan has volunteered at the Barren Hill Fire Company since 2015. Firefighter Bhuyan, better known as "Doc," is an infectious disease specialist with more than twenty (20) years of medical and scientific experience. He is currently a Chief Medical Officer for a small biotech company focused on developing pandemic and epidemic countermeasures. Previously, he was the head of Clinical Development for Vaccines and Immune Therapies at a major manufacturer. "Doc" has resided in Lafayette Hill for more than twenty (20) years with his wife and children.



### Jamie Viall

Captain Viall has volunteered at BHVFC for the last twenty-one (21) years. Captain Viall has held many positions in the fire company, including Lieutenant and Captain in the Fire Brigade and Secretary and Trustee on the administrative side of the Company. Captain Viall is responsible for all fire prevention activities in which the Fire Company participates. **"Barren Hill has become a second home to me and my family and has brought me a great source of pride and purpose in my life. I love supporting the Whitemarsh Township Community."**



### Semeion Hall

Firefighter Hall joined the Barren Hill Fire Company family in 2021. Firefighter Hall is married, lives in the City of Philadelphia, and works in Law Enforcement. Firefighter Hall currently serves as the Secretary of the Fire Company. In his off-time, Firefighter Hall enjoys all things music, target shooting, weightlifting, traveling, and studying the Bible. Firefighter Hall is passionate about the brotherhood/sisterhood of the Fire Service, as well as the training and leadership at the Barren Hill Fire Company.



### Mike Monahan

Firefighter Monahan joined the Barren Hill Fire Company family in 2022. Firefighter Monahan lives in the City of Philadelphia and works as a grocery order writer for Whole Foods Market in Plymouth Meeting. Firefighter Monahan said, **"From day one, they took me in and treated me like family. I like their professionalism, integrity, compassion, loyalty, and honesty to the Community and fellow members. It is more than the fire service to me; it is a second home filled with outstanding men and women. A great company filled with amazing people. I highly recommend joining."**



### Sherri Klein

Fire Police Officer Sherri Klein has been a Barren Hill Fire Company member since 1994. A stay-at-home mom raising her children, Fire Police Officer Klein looked for a way to give back to her community when her children were in school. Fire Police Officer Klein is married and raised her three children in Whitemarsh Township. She said, **"I don't save lives. I direct traffic around them. From the day I joined, I have always felt welcome and like I belonged. I feel like what I am doing is worthwhile and meaningful."**

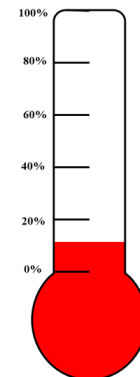
## REACHING NEW HEIGHTS CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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.

After the first year of the campaign, community support has raised just over 3% of our goal. Shockingly, only 10% of the nearly 6,000 campaign solicitations were returned. While we understand everyone's financial position is different, we make a plea with you and ask you, what is the value of state-of-the-art firefighting equipment, protecting you, your family, and your neighbors for the next 25 years? Thank you to those who have contributed to the campaign. We have a long way to go, but we are confident that our Community will lift us up. Check out [WWW.BARRENHILL.COM/DONATIONS](http://WWW.BARRENHILL.COM/DONATIONS) for more information or to donate.

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 for our new tower ladder during a community event.

We are excited to include our community in the Reaching New Heights campaign.





# 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)  
 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 - Ron Rossbach (2020)

## ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP

President - John Pierce (2008)  
 Vice President - Jeff Heil, Sr. (2002)  
 Treasurer - Joe Rogers (2019)  
 Secretary - John Warner (1992)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Co-Chair of the Board - Paul Davis (1971)  
 Dave Hertzler (2002)  
 Joe Heil (1998)  
 Steve Ambs (1983)  
 Michael Center (2019)  
 Liza Mattis (2016)  
 Jennifer Krier (2003)  
 Mason Pelchat (2022)

**OVER 400 Combined total years  
 of service**

## 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/>

## WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

We proudly recognize the following member who recently joined SMFC to volunteer for our community.

**Jeff Bryan**

**WE ARE ALWAYS  
 IN NEED OF  
 VOLUNTEERS!**



**venmo**

Looking for ways to be active in your community? Join your neighbors who volunteer at Spring Mill Fire Company. We are people just like you; parents, coaches, students, ordinary people doing something extraordinary. There is more to Spring Mill Fire Company No. 1 than fighting fires! For example, our members contribute as Fire Police, and our Dive Team does underwater search and recovery. Our doors are open, and we are actively looking for new volunteers.

## DIVE TEAM

We are looking for divers of all experience levels to join our team. The Dive Team provides services to the local community and surrounding areas for underwater searches and recovery. Equipment and training is provided for our members to use. The team dives in the river and quarries in the area for training in real-life situations. It might not be glamorous, but you can be a part of providing a valuable resource for your community.



## FIRE POLICE

Have you ever wanted to get involved with the fire Department but were not sure you wanted to go into a burning building or thought I am too old to join? Well, the Fire Police might be able to help you serve the community. The Fire Police help out not only the fire department but also the Police Department as well. We help keep the road clear and people out of the way so firefighters can do what they need to do. We also assist the police with closing roads when trees and wires are down or there is a vehicle accident. The best part is no experience is necessary. We will train you by sending you to class at the fire academy for basic fire police and provide you with all the necessary equipment you will need. It is a win-win. You learn a new skill and we get volunteers that help the community.

**To find out more about joining us at Spring Mill Fire Company No. 1, call or stop by the firehouse and be sure to check out our website: [WWW.SPRINGMILLFIRE.COM](http://WWW.SPRINGMILLFIRE.COM).**

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

**Donations are Appreciated**



### The perfect upscale venue for your special event!

When you're planning a wedding, birthday party, fundraiser, corporate event, holiday party, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, shower or any other event - contact Spring Mill Ballroom for the best event space in the area. You'll enjoy fantastic amenities and friendly service.

Our recently renovated 3,800 square foot ballroom will fit up to 225 seated guests. You and your guests will enjoy our large dance floor, state of the art kitchen, full bar with various beverage packages and additional service options.



Contact info is noted below

1210 E. Hector Street  
Conshohocken, PA 19428  
610-283-2371  
[springmillballroom@gmail.com](mailto:springmillballroom@gmail.com)



### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Our current ambulance facility is outdated and no longer meets the needs of our growing community. The facility has significant maintenance issues, and does not have the space or equipment we need to provide the best possible care for our patients.

We are asking for your support to make this new ambulance facility a reality. Please register your support or consider a donation to WCAA. Any donation, no matter how small, will make a difference!

For years, we've sent this important message about a critical 9-1-1 call and how crucial your support is. We also want you to know other ways we can support our community. Whitemarsh Ambulance is dedicated to our community beyond the dispatch for 9-1-1.

We are willing and able to aid our community with CPR, first aid and other classes aimed at keeping us all safe. Set up a class or come meet our staff including Teddy, our emotion support/certified therapy, hypoallergenic goldendoodle. Please reach out to us at [WCAA318@WHITEMARSHEMS.ORG](mailto:WCAA318@WHITEMARSHEMS.ORG), or call us at 610-828-3056.



In 2023, we had a record year, handling 4,979 calls! Currently, we are projected to have another record-breaking year for 2024!



DONATE

[HTTPS://WWW.WHITEMARSHEMS.ORG](https://www.whitemarshems.org)



PLEASE JOIN OUR 2024-2025 SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE!

[HTTPS://WWW.AMBULANCEBILLINGOFFICE.COM/SUBSCRIPTIONS/WCAA](https://www.ambulancebillingoffice.com/subscriptions/wcaa)

## DANCE CLASSES

AGES: 18 MO-100 YRS  
FEE SESSION: \$285.00 WHITEMARSH RES/ \$329.00 NON-RES  
(INCLUDES COSTUME FEE)

\*PLEASE CHECK COMMUNITY PASS OR CALL 610-828-7276 FOR PRICING AND DATES FOR FAMILY AND LINE DANCING CLASSES\*

\*MUST CALL IN FOR SIBLING AND MULTIPLE CLASS DISCOUNTS\*

LOCATION: MILES PARK BUILDING- 4021 JOSHUA ROAD



### MONDAY

- 12:30-1:00 SILLY SLIPPERS 1 AGES 3-5
- 1:00-1:30 FAMILY DANCE 1 AGES 18MO-4
- 4:30-5:00- SILLY SLIPPERS 2 AGES 3-5
- 5:00-5:45- TEEN/ADULT TAP AGES 15+
- 5:45-6:45- SENIOR MODERN AGES 12-16
- 6:45-7:45- SENIOR JAZZ/HEELS AGES 13-18
- 7:45-8:45- SENIOR HIP HOP AGES 13-18

### WEDNESDAY

- 10:00-10:30 FAMILY DANCE 3 AGES 18MO-4
- 10:30-11:00 SILLY SLIPPERS 4 AGES 3-5
- 4:15-5:00- BALLET/TAP COMBO AGES 4-6
- 5:00-5:45- JAZZ/HIP HOP 1 AGES 4-6
- 5:45-6:15- SILLY SLIPPERS 5 AGES 3-5
- 6:15-7:15- JAZZ/HIP HOP 3 AGES 6-8
- 7:15-8:00- MODERN 1 AGES 7-9
- 8:00-9:00- MODERN 2 AGES 10-15

### TUESDAY

- 10:30-11:00 FAMILY DANCE 2 AGES 18MO-4
- 11:00-11:30 SILLY SLIPPERS 3 AGES 3-5
- 4:15-5:00- BALLET 1 AGES 4-6
- 5:00-5:45- BALLET 2 AGES 5-7
- 5:45-6:45- BALLET 3 AGES 8-12
- 6:30-7:30- LINE DANCE 1 AGES 15+ (ROOM A)
- 6:45-7:45- POINTE 1 AGES 12-18
- 7:45-9:00- POINTE 2 AGES 13+

### THURSDAY

- 1:00-1:30 FAMILY DANCE 4 AGES 18MO-4
- 1:30-2:00 SILLY SLIPPERS 6 AGES 3-5
- 4:30-5:15 JAZZ/HIP HOP 2 AGES 5-7
- 5:15-6:00 LIP SYNC SHOWTIME AGES 6-12
- 6:00-6:45 JAZZ/HH 4 AGES 7-10
- 6:30-7:30 LINE DANCE 2 AGES 15+ (ROOM A)
- 7:00-8:00- JAZZ/HIP HOP 5 AGES 9-12
- 8:00-9:00- TEEN HIP HOP AGES 13+





# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



**WITCH'S OF Whitemarsh Hayride**

October 22nd & 23rd & 24th  
5:00PM-8:00PM  
Cedar Grove Park

Pre-Registration is required \$5.00 per-person  
Walk ups are \$7.00 per person & are based on availability

[whitemarshparks.org](http://whitemarshparks.org) 610-828-7276



**Eat & Enjoy Senior Social Series**

**GREAT FOOD! GREAT FRIENDS! GREAT TIME!**

JOIN US FOR LUNCH & A SHOW FOR \$10.00 PER PERSON! SOCIALS RUN 12PM-2PM AT 4021 JOSHUA ROAD & PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH  
PERFORMANCE BY: SAVANTS ACOUSTIC DUO

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH  
PERFORMANCE BY: AL GROUT-JUGGLER, MAGICIAN, & COMEDIAN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH  
PERFORMANCE BY: FOUR TUNE HUNTERS QUARTET

SPONSORED BY:



[WWW.WHITEMARSHPARKS.ORG](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHPARKS.ORG) (610)-828-7276



**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

★ OCTOBER 26TH  
★ NOVEMBER 23RD  
★ DECEMBER 14TH

MILES PARK BUILDING  
4021 JOSHUA ROAD  
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

ENJOY A NIGHT OUT!

★ \$25.00 PER CHILD (WHITEMARSH RESIDENT)  
★ \$28.00 (NON-RESIDENT)

PIZZA, SNACKS, DRINKS, & CRAFTS INCLUDED  
AGES 3-11 (POTTY TRAINED)

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## Our Vision for Abolition Hall



We are dedicated to preserving the rich history of the Corson Tract. From its significant impact on the abolitionist movement and the founder's unwavering dedication to equality. The traditions of profound influence on shaping the local arts and socio-political movements over the last three centuries is a story that needs to be told and a tradition that needs to be upheld.



There is a wealth of history to be honored, preserved and shared. In an effort to uplift marginalized communities within our reach, we are expanding our programming to benefit those who can be inspired by the power of creativity.



With the unified leadership of the Whitemarsh Art Center's Board of Directors, the support of Whitemarsh Township, the Karabots Foundation, Friends of Abolition Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and members of the Divine Nine, we are developing a vision that will provide opportunities for all citizens and aspiring artists throughout Whitemarsh Township and the surrounding communities.



We have chosen to partner with Mark B. Thompson Associates, PC (MBTA), an architecture and planning firm specializing in facility assessment, site planning, historic preservation, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse for nonprofit institutions. For over 50 years, MBTA has supported missions that foster deeper community connections and preserve the character of significant buildings and landscapes.

For more information visit:  
<https://whitemarsharts.org/abolition-hall>





# 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 2146), and livestreamed on YouTube (@WhitemarshTownshipPA).

## EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Third Wednesday of the month, now on a QUARTERLY basis (February, May, August & November) at 7:00pm. Locations will vary.

## WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

Third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Whitemarsh Authority Building (2015 Joshua Road, Lafayette Hill - next to Public Works).

## 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 7:00pm at the William Jeanes Memorial Library (4051 Joshua Road, Lafayette Hill).

## 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.

## ABOLITION HALL STEERING COMMITTEE

Three public meetings scheduled: July 29, Sept. 30 & Nov. 4th, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Township Building, with an option to attend virtually. Further meetings will be added if deemed necessary by the Steering Committee.

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 September 13, 2024)

## ABOLITION HALL STEERING COMMITTEE

Laura Boyle-Nester, *Chair*  
Dana Dorsey  
Deborah Lukens  
Edmond Shinn  
Darren Sudman

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Stephen J. Kaufman, *Chair*  
Christopher L. Lane, *Vice-Chair*  
Beth Howard  
Stephen Malloy  
Hugh G. Moulton  
Andrew Tarry  
Richard Williamson

## PLANNING COMMISSION

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

## VACANCY BOARD

Patrick Doran  
Sara Erlbaum  
Salam Ibrahim  
Chris Solecki  
Johanna Wood

## MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Ryan Hurley, *Chair*  
Sharon Harvey, *Vice-Chair*  
Mark Cratin  
Megan Griffin-Shelley  
Crystal Taylor

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Deborah Sheero, *Chair*  
Debra Harris, *Vice-Chair*  
Gordon Geasland  
Leia Heritage  
Victor Low  
Karen Kabnick  
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 Qirus  
Gene Swider

## PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Kevin C. Kissling, *Chair*  
Joanne S. Crawford, *Vice-Chair*  
James Convey  
Meghan Hector  
Thomas J. Manley, Jr.  
Jerome Robinson

## ZONING HEARING BOARD

James F. Behr, *Chair*  
Robert A. Bacine, *Vice-Chair*  
William E. Kramer  
Gregory Nester  
Marc Weinstein

## LIBRARY BOARD

Diane Smith-Hoban, *President*  
Carly Greis, *Vice-President*  
Cathy Levin  
Tamika Walton  
*Library Appointees:*  
Chris Cahill  
Ellen Kirby  
Rachel Berkson-Schupack

## HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Gerald Rafter, *Chair*  
Kenneth A. Parsons, AIA, *Vice-Chair*  
Tom Higgins  
John Von Essen

(Plymouth Township also appoints 4 members.)

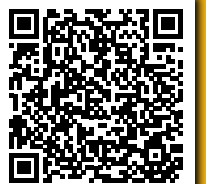
## EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

John Lukens, *Chair*  
Eileen Behr, *Vice-Chair*  
Alex DiGiacomo, Jr.  
Carol Proud  
Chad Waters  
Renard Rose (BHVFC)  
Chris Schwartz (BHVFC)  
John Pierce (SMFC)  
Wayne Masters, Jr. (SMFC)  
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.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG), or [Scan the QR code:](#)





# WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## ABOLITION HALL STEERING COMMITTEE

[WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/ABOLITIONHALL](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/ABOLITIONHALL)



### DUTIES:

The purpose of the Abolition Hall Steering Committee is to make recommendations to the Township Board of Supervisors related to the use of Abolition Hall, the Main House, and the surrounding grounds to ensure long-term sustainability and public use of the buildings and grounds while preserving the rich history of the property. The Steering Committee will assist in the planning and facilitation of the uses and operations of Abolition Hall and the Main House to ensure the Township's compliance with the Grant Agreement with the Karabots Foundation, thereby fostering recreational and educational programs for diverse groups of people, including underserved and disadvantaged youths. The Steering Committee shall also assist the Township in identifying, advancing, and promoting opportunities to secure funding to preserve, improve, and enhance Abolition Hall so the Township's commitment and vision for the property can be fulfilled.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS:

Appointed by the Board of Supervisors in June 2024, the Steering Committee has held two of its three scheduled public meetings on July 29th and September 30th. The third one is scheduled for Monday, November 4th. All meetings start at 7:00pm at the Whitmarsh Township Building, with an option to attend virtually. Further meetings will be added by the Steering Committee if they deem it necessary.



Topics so far have included property maintenance, accessibility, preserving the site's history, and ensuring the Whitmarsh Art Center can move its operations and classes to that location. Representatives from the Township, the Karabots Foundation, and the Whitmarsh Art Center have attended. Roy Wilson and wife Ann, representing the Corson family, provide firsthand perspectives - both personal and historical - of the property they lived in for over 40 years.

All Abolition Hall Steering Committee meetings can be viewed in full on our YouTube Channel (under the "Abolition Hall Steering Committee" playlist), and every night on Whitmarsh TV following replay of the most recent Board of Supervisors Meeting.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Visit [WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/ABOLITIONHALL](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/ABOLITIONHALL) for more information, including additional links and a comprehensive history of the site, courtesy of Roy Wilson.

## THE HISTORY OF THE CORSON HOMESTEAD:

**1767:** Corson Homestead established as a farm, complete with a one-story farmhouse.

**1856:** George Corson adds a second floor to his farmhouse, calling it "Anti-Slavery Hall" (known today as Abolition Hall).

**1860:** George Corson dies of consumption.

**1881:** Helen Corson marries painter Thomas Hovenden; Both move into the house at the corner (known today as Hovenden House).

**1882:** Thomas Hovenden paints his best-known work, "The Last Moments of John Brown."

**1895:** Thomas Hovenden is heroically killed in a train accident just near his home.

**1952:** The Maulsby Barn (aka, the Stone Barn) is reconstructed into a family home, as seen off Butler Pike today.

**2016-2020:** Townhome development proposed adjacent to Abolition Hall and Stone Barn. Developer later withdraws after years of community pushback.

**2022:** Abolition Hall and Corson Tract purchased by Whitmarsh Township in partnership with the Karabots Foundation for a combined \$4 million (\$2M from Open Space Funds, \$2M from the Karabots). This site will become the Whitmarsh Art Center's new home, while being preserved as public open space for future generations.



## PARK & RECREATION BOARD

[WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/PARKANDRECBOARD](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/PARKANDRECBOARD)

### ACTIVE RECREATION SURVEY

The Whitmarsh Parks and Recreation Board is interested in learning the opinion of residents regarding active recreation opportunities and needs in the Township.

The Township owns and maintains seven parks offering active and passive recreation opportunities for residents. In total, the Township parks and open space measure over 550 acres. Residents also can use facilities owned and maintained by other entities, including Fort Washington State Park and the Schuylkill River Trail.

You can offer your thoughts by completing a short survey developed by the Parks and Recreation Board. There are three ways to access the survey: (1) Visit the Township's website to find the link, (2) Type the survey URL into your browser ([WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/WHITEMARSHACTIVERECREATION](http://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/WHITEMARSHACTIVERECREATION)), or (3) Scan the QR Code. The survey includes less than 20 questions including the following:

- What recreation opportunities have you participated in at Whitmarsh Township parks or recreation facilities in the last year?
- How would you assess the amount of active recreation spaces and facilities in Whitmarsh Township?

The survey will be open until **October 20th**. Please complete just one survey per household. Thank you in advance for your time.



## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

[WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/OSC](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/OSC)

The Whitmarsh 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 recreational opportunities, 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! The Open Space Committee is an appointed advisory group that makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. 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 at [WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/OSC](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/OSC).



## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD [WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/EAB](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/EAB)

The Environmental Advisory Board promotes the conservation and improvement of our natural resources through environmental awareness and programs. Their hard work will improve the quality of the environment and ultimately improve the quality of life throughout the Township.

### GREEN ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Do you or someone you know belong to an organization that strives to become more sustainable? Check out our Green Recognition Award Program!

- This Program highlights local businesses and organizations in Whitemarsh that are acting as stewards of our Township and our planet by recognizing those that have taken significant and meaningful steps in one or more of these areas: **(1) Reducing CO2 emissions, (2) Increasing biodiversity, (3) Significantly reducing waste, (4) Managing stormwater, and (5) Using best practices for management and maintenance of their property.**
- Awardees are (1) Presented with a framed award for display at the organization, and (2) Highlighted on the EAB's website.
- Since the Program's inception in 2022, we celebrated five (5) awardees and look forward to recognizing more green organizations in Whitemarsh. More information and the application can be found on the Township Website ([WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/EAB](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/EAB)).



### THE BENEFITS OF LEAVES



Fall brings colder weather and falling leaves. Did you know that those leaves are a terrific natural resource and bring many benefits to your yard? Leaves left around trees and bushes and in your garden beds create a natural mulch that helps to suppress weeds while fertilizing the soil as it breaks down. The leaves also serve as a habitat for wildlife including lizards, birds, turtles, frogs, and insects that overwinter in the fallen leaves. These living creatures help keep pests down and increase pollination in your garden, so having a habitat for them in the fallen leaves can help to keep them around. In the Spring, there is no need to remove them since they continue to provide their benefits year-round.

### CHECK OUT OUR LATEST PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Learn about the 5 R's: Recycle, Repurpose/Repair, Rot, Reduce, and Refuse on Whitemarsh Township's YouTube Channel, and on Whitemarsh TV!

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION [WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/SHADETREE](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/SHADETREE)

The Shade Tree Commission is established to:

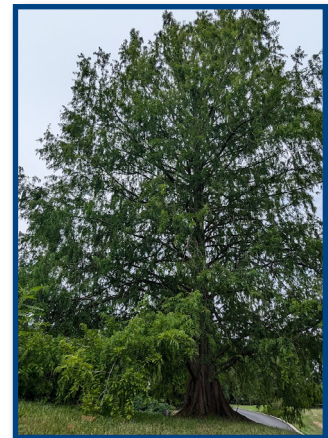
- Preserve, protect and maintain existing trees in Whitemarsh Township and to increase the overall tree canopy and under-story on both public and private lands therein.
- To preserve, protect and encourage the replacement of native species with native species.
- Review and provide recommendations on landscaping required for subdivision and land development projects and ensure the selection of proper and suitable plant materials.
- Regulate the planting, removal and maintenance of vegetation within the ultimate rights of way of streets and highways within the Township.

### TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION

Whitemarsh Township was recently awarded with a TreeCityUSA designation from the Arbor Day Foundation for the 14th time in a row!



### NOMINATE A HERITAGE TREE!



Help us celebrate the Township's Heritage Trees by having them formally recognized!

- A Heritage Tree as defined by the Township ordinance has a diameter breast height (DBH) greater than 36 inches or an age greater than 75 years.
- If this sounds like a tree you know, you can fill out the Heritage Tree Nomination Form and return it to the Township. Completed applications will be considered at a public Shade Tree Commission meeting. Successfully nominated trees will receive a recognition plaque to be planted beside the tree.

### 4th ANNUAL TREE GIVEAWAY

This year, 250 trees were given to residents. Species included:

- Heritage' river birch
- Hackberry
- Black gum
- 'Prok' persimmon
- Autumn Brilliance serviceberry
- White Oak
- 'Prairiefire' crabapple
- Eastern Redbud
- DD Blanchard magnolia

To get notified for next year, sign up for alerts with the Community Events Calendar.





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.

## SAVE THE DATES

**September 28-29: Friends' Fall Book Sale**  
**October 12: Costume Giveaway**  
**November 2-3: Jewelry Sale Fundraiser**  
**November 11: Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**December 7: Friends' One-Day Mini Book Sale**  
**Coming in 2025: Library Lovers' Month, National Library Week, and the Wine and Cheese Fundraiser.**

Our complete **Calendar of Events** is available on our website [jeaneslibrary.org](http://jeaneslibrary.org) and at either Check-Out Desk.

## 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  
 \*\*Closed November 28-29, December 24-26 & 31st, and January 1st, 2025. \*\*

4051 Joshua Road  
 Lafayette Hill, PA 19444  
 610-828-0441  
[jeaneslibrary.org](http://jeaneslibrary.org)



## CHECK US OUT!

The William Jeanes Memorial Library is open to everyone, regardless of where you live. Stop by to get a **FREE Library card** or renew yours today.

- New collections to browse, new devices to check out, and new programs for all ages!
- Look for our **Library of Things**, including Board Games, Lawn Games, and **pre-loaded e-readers**, packed with bestsellers.
- 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.
- Look for new titles coming soon in **BookPage** and **Booklist Reader**—available at either check-out desk and on our website.
- Follow us on Facebook, X, and Instagram for important updates and fun content!

## WINTER READING FOR ALL AGES

Our Winter Reading Challenge returns in January, with prizes for **ALL AGES** courtesy of the Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library.



## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

### FAMILY EVENTS

\*Look for special evening programs every **Wednesday night** including Pajama Storytime, Paws and Read, Family Movies, and more!

### WEEKLY STORYTIMES AND MUSIC PROGRAMS

FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH THROUGH AGE 5, A VARIETY OF OPTIONS EVERY WEEK!

- **Toddler (18-35 mos.)** Tuesdays @ 10:15 am or Wednesdays @ 10:15 am
- **Babies (0-17 mos.)** Tuesdays @ 11:00 am or 11:30 am
- **Music and Movement (18 mos-5 yrs.)** Wednesdays @ 11:15 am or Thursdays @ 10:15 am
- **Preschool (3-5 yrs.)** Wednesdays @ 1:15 pm or Thursdays @ 11:15 am

### MONTHLY BOOKCLUBS AND MORE

**Magic Tree House Book Club**—Last Tuesday of the Month @ 4:30 pm, for grades 1-3.

**I Survived Book Club**—Last Thursday of the Month @ 4:30 pm, for grades 4-6.

**Young Knights Chess Club**—2nd Monday @ 6:30 pm, for grades 1-5 to meetup and play (no instruction.)



### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Come Play with Me:**

Mondays @ 10 am starting **October 14th**. During these workshops, children ages 1- through 3-years and their caregivers play together, meet other caregivers, become familiar with the Librarian and Library resources, and meet local health and human service professionals. It's an opportunity to learn more about and bond with children in an informal, interactive setting. **Registration Required.**

For additional information, specific dates, and additional special programs for children, please visit [jeaneslibrary.org](http://jeaneslibrary.org) or contact Rachel Fecho at [rfecho@mclinc.org](mailto:rfecho@mclinc.org) or Eileen Denton at [Edenton@mclinc.org](mailto:Edenton@mclinc.org) or 610-828-0441 ext.104 (Rachel) or ext. 112 (Eileen).

## ADULT BOOK CLUBS

**Book Club:** 3rd Wed @ 3:00 pm (hybrid—in person or Zoom)

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

**Silent Book Club:** 2nd Sunday @ 1:30 pm

**History of Mystery Book Club:** 2nd Wed. @ 1:00pm (hybrid)

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

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!

## TEEN EVENTS (GR.6-12)

### 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!

#### Sketchbook Sessions

Join us **Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm** For teens in grades 6-12 who love to draw! Drop in every Tuesday and practice techniques & fundamentals of drawing.



### SPECIAL EVENTS

The Teen **Murder Mystery** party returns on Friday, October 25th! Check our website for details.

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

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

### MONTHLY

**Senior Social Hour:** 1st Fri @ 10:30 am.  
**Movies You May Have Missed:** 2nd Tues @ 1:00 pm.

**Book Art:** 3rd Thurs @ 6:30 pm.

**Writer's Group:** 3rd Sun @ 2:00 pm

**Senior Commons:** 3rd Fri @ 10:30 am.

**Matinee Monday:** 4th Mon @ 1:00 pm.

**Afternoon Book Art:** 4th Thurs @ 2:00 pm.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

\*Look for an Adult program every Thursday night!

October 3rd @ 6:30 pm Noah Lewis will bring to life Ned Hector, a black Revolutionary War hero.

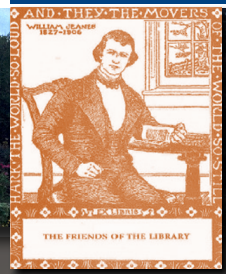
November 7th @ 6:30 pm: The Audubon Center presents Birds of Prey.

Also, step into spooky season at the **Adult Murder Mystery Party**, *Murder at the Hatter's Ball*, taking place on Saturday October 26th @ 6:30 pm.

Programs returning in the fall: **Medicare Counseling**, **ARTventure workshops**, and **Quilts for the NICU**.

Plus, book **one-on-one tech help** or **exam proctoring** by our Reference Librarians.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE, [JEANESLIBRARY.ORG](http://JEANESLIBRARY.ORG), OR CONTACT JENNIFER TYSON, ADULT SERVICES LIBRARIAN, AT 610-828-0441 EXT. 107 OR [JTYSON@MCLINC.ORG](mailto:JTYSON@MCLINC.ORG).



The FRIENDS OF THE WM JEANES MEMORIAL LIBRARY was established in 1950 as an all-volunteer organization, separate from the library.

Since that time, it has been a vital force in supplementing Library funding. Donations received through the annual Membership Drive and proceeds from our used book sales have enabled the Friends to support Library services in many ways.

- We have:
- Augmented the purchase of new technology, books, and other media
  - Sponsored Adult, Teen and Children's programs
  - Provided funding for purchase of a variety of annual passes to local cultural institutions
  - Contributed as a major donor to the building renovation and expansion
  - Responded to special funding requests as they continue to arise

Some recent examples include sponsorship of the Mary Knowles Technology Fund, the Nancy Corson Creative Writing Fund, and the Summer Reading Challenge, and BookPage and Booklist Reader (print and digital versions).

This past year, the Friends of the Library were pleased to be able to present a special Year-End Gift to the Library in the amount of \$3,000 to the Mary Knowles Technology Fund. Library Director Lisa Clancy identified just some of the projects for which the monies would be used: Computers and monitors, e-Readers, and a display screen.

The Friends group invites participation and membership of all Whitemarsh residents, library patrons and library lovers. Please visit us at [WWW.JEANESLIBRARY.ORG](http://WWW.JEANESLIBRARY.ORG) and become a member today!

## 2024 Used Book Sale Dates

One-Day-Only Mini Book Sale: December 7

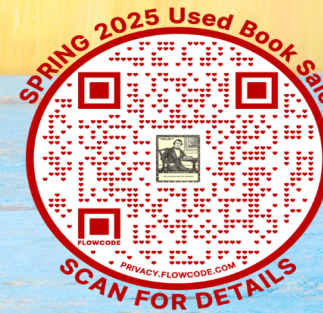
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**SATURDAY  
APRIL 5  
10AM-1PM**

**SUNDAY  
APRIL 6  
1PM-3PM**

**SPRING  
2025**

**FRIENDS  
of the  
WILLIAM JEANES  
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USED  
BOOK  
SALE**



**WILLIAM JEANES MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
AND NICHOLAS AND ATHENA KARABOTS CENTER FOR LEARNING  
4051 Joshua Road Lafayette Hill, PA 19444



## WINTER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

**JOIN THE ANNUAL TRIP TO SEE**

**CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**  
with the RADIO CITY ROCKETTES

11 AM MATINEE SHOW

**DECEMBER 5, 2024**

**\$155 A PERSON**  
COVERS ADMISSION & TRANSPORTATION

EXPLORE THE CITY FOLLOWING THE SHOW!

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**GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING PARTY**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH  
10:00AM - 12:00PM  
CEDAR GROVE BARN  
100 CEDAR GROVE ROAD  
CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428

FEE PER HOUSE IS \$25.00 \*LIMITED SPOTS\*  
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED & DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH.

This program is not recommended for children under the age of 4. Adult supervision is required. Houses come assembled with icing. Hot chocolate, water, Panera pastries, and minimal candy will be provided. Please bring your own candy for decorating.

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**Light Up Whitemarsh**

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 20TH

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 16TH

THINK YOU HAVE THE BEST HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY IN WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP?  
REGISTER YOUR HOME IN ONE OF OUR FIVE CATEGORIES ONLINE @[WWW.WHITEMARSHPARKS.ORG](http://WWW.WHITEMARSHPARKS.ORG), OR CALLING THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 610-828-7276

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**8TH ANNUAL MLK CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER**

Proceeds support the Colonial Neighborhood Council & Whitemarsh Township Day 2025!

Collecting usable & wearable men's, women's & children's clothing, shoes, accessories, belts, handbags, hats, scarves, ties, gloves & other small items.

Donations should be placed in standard 13-gallon kitchen trash bags, or any other drawstring garbage bags. No hangers or shoe boxes & please tie bags shut.

DROP-OFF LOCATION: CEDAR GROVE BARN  
100 CEDAR GROVE ROAD  
CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428

In-person drop-off dates & times:  
Wednesday, January 15th: 8AM-2PM  
Thursday, January 16th: 8AM-2PM  
Friday, January 17th: 8AM-2PM  
Saturday, January 18th: 8AM-12PM  
Monday, January 20th: 8AM-2PM

Non-staffed drop-off:  
At times that staff are not on-site, you are able to drop bagged donations in the designated area under the overhang.

Donation deadline: Thursday, January 23rd at 8PM

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