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WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP

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Whitemarsh Township uses several avenues to keep residents and community members informed of the latest Township news, events and information. Outlets range from social media and our Website, to newsletters and cable television.



Township Website
www.whitemarshtwp.org



Weekly Email Blasts
Signup Form on the Township Website



Whitemarsh Television
(Government Access Channel)
Comcast/Xfinity Ch. 965
Verizon/FIOS Ch. 2146



Whitemarsh Living
(Township Newsletter)
Published Every Spring & Fall
Available In Print and Online



The Recreator
(Parks & Recreation Program Brochure)
Published Seasonally In-Print and Online

 **YouTube**
Official YouTube Channel
@WhitemarshTownshipPA
www.youtube.com



Electronic Community Sign
Located across from Miles Park
More info at:
www.whitemarshparks.org



Social Media

Facebook:
Whitemarsh Township

X (frmrly. Twitter):
@Whitemarshtwp



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

Hello Whitemarsh!

As the warm glow of summer fades and crisp autumn air rolls in, our Township is buzzing with change, gratitude, and progress.

Starting **October 27th through December 12th**, our hardworking Public Works crews will be out on the streets tackling one of the toughest jobs of the year—leaf collection! Week by week, they'll make their way through every neighborhood. It's a dirty job, but they take it on with pride, keeping Whitemarsh clean and beautiful for all of us.

This past summer also brought a heartfelt farewell and well-earned congratulations to a longtime member of our Police Department. **Sgt. Michael O'Doherty** retired in August after 29 years of service. His dedication has left a lasting impact on Whitemarsh.

The Department also celebrated the promotions of two outstanding officers: **Corporal John Hartman** to **Sergeant**, and **Officer Stephen Dunning** to **Corporal**. We thank them both for their continued commitment, which only strengthens the safety and spirit of our community.



Big things are happening underground, too. Thanks to a **\$929,294 LSA Grant**, stormwater pipes in the **Laurel Drive neighborhood** were relined this August. This modern method prevents flooding, extends the lifespan of aging pipes, and avoids costly, disruptive digging. Next up is the **Jackson Drive neighborhood**, with a **\$642,950 ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) H2O Grant** set for late 2025/early 2026. These improvements may not be flashy, but their impact will protect Whitemarsh for decades to come.

As always, we encourage you to show your support for the incredible people who serve our Township every day—our Fire Companies, Ambulance Service, Library, Art Center, and countless volunteers who enrich our lives in big and small ways.

Finally, and speaking of the Library, mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 6th**, when the Friends of the William Jeanes Library will host its one-day Mini Used Book Sale from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

Your Township Supervisors and Staff are here for you. Reach us anytime through our website or call the Township Building at **(610) 825-3535**.

Wishing you a warm, safe, and joyful autumn,

Jacy Toll

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Board of Supervisors Chair



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YOUR WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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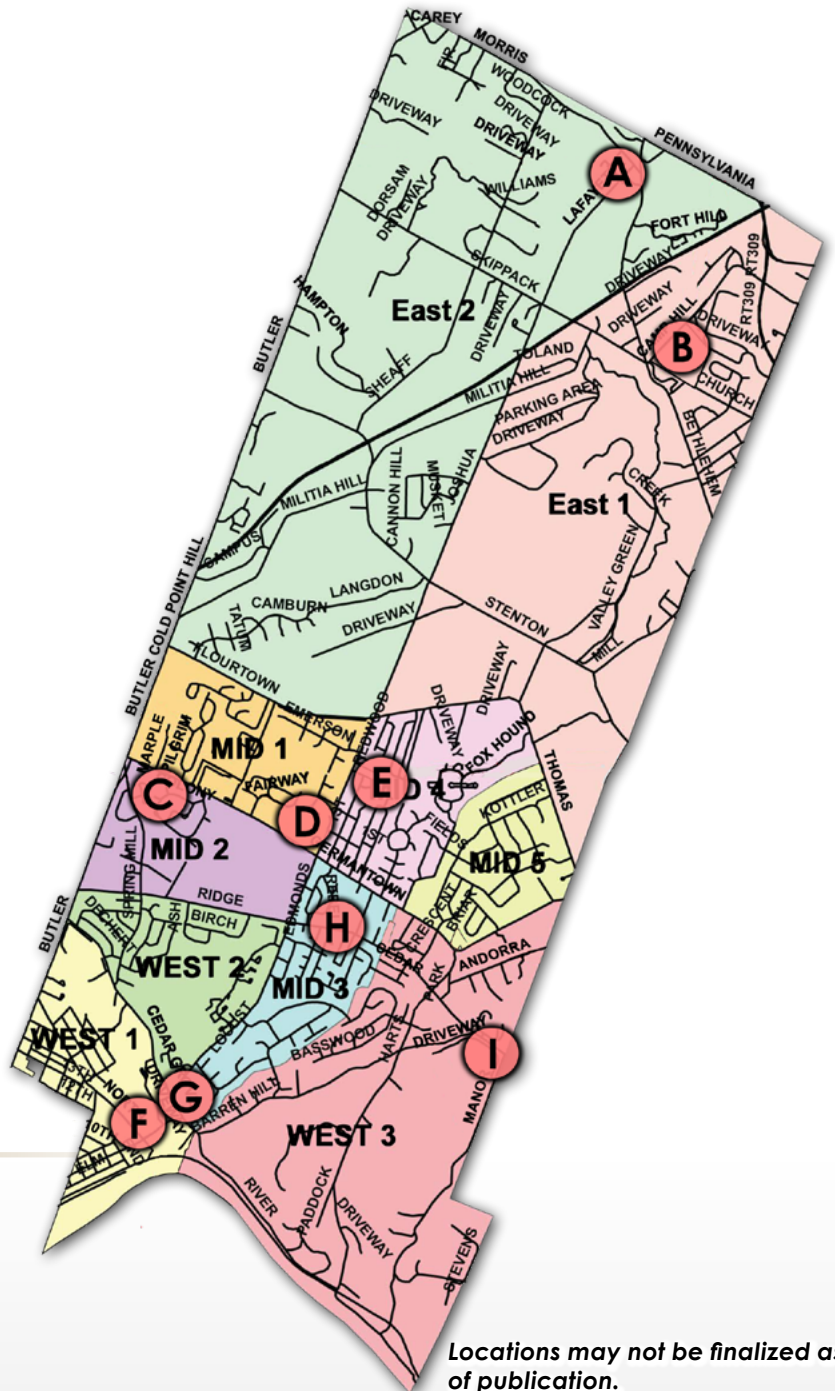
Craig T. McAnally
Township Manager



2025 General Election: Tuesday, November 4th

Polling Location Hours : 7:00AM to 8:00PM

- A WHITEMARSH VALLEY EVENT CENTER**
493 South Bethlehem Pike
Whitemarsh East-2
- B ST. THOMAS CHURCH (PARISH HOUSE)**
7020 Camp Hill Road
Whitemarsh East-1
- C PLYMOUTH MEETING EVANGELICAL CHURCH**
42 E. Germantown Pike
Whitemarsh Mid-2
- D MILES PARK BUILDING**
4021 Joshua Road
Whitemarsh Mid-1
- E BARREN HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**
647 Germantown Pike
Whitemarsh Mid-4 & Mid-5
- F SPRING MILL FIRE COMPANY NO. 1**
1210 E. Hector Street
Whitemarsh West-1
- G CEDAR GROVE PARK BARN**
Cedar Grove Road
Whitemarsh West-2
- H MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
527 Ridge Pike
Whitemarsh Mid-3
- I MASONIC VILLAGE AT WHITEMARSH**
801 Ridge Pike
Whitemarsh West-3



Locations may not be finalized as of publication.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

October 20:

Last day to Register to Vote, or to make changes to voter registration information

October 28:

Last day to apply for Absentee or Mail-in Ballot

For Updated County Voting Info:
WWW.MONTCOPA.ORG/VOTERSERVICES
(610) 278-3280

Check your voter registration status at:
www.vote.pa.gov



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

MARY JO DALEY

148TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Website: www.RepMJDaley.com • Email: RepMaryJoDaley@pahouse.net

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.

312 Old Lancaster Rd. • Merion Station, PA 19066 • (610) 832-1679 • Toll-Free: (833) 787-1543
RepMaryJoDaley@pahouse.net • www.RepMJDaley.com



KOONTZ PARK NATIVE GARDENS & GREENHOUSE PROGRAM

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 vegetable 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

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@whitemarshntp.org

Website: www.whitemarshparks.org



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.



Upcoming Fall Events

WHITEMARSH SHREDDING DAY

Saturday, October 4th
8AM-11AM

FREE
This is a free community event with donations accepted and appreciated! Contributions benefit Barren Hill Fire Company and the Whitemarsh Parks and Rec Department.

Miles Park Lower Parking Lot

RULES
Please remove documents from binders of any kind (Metal Clips, folders, etc). Load your documents in your trunk and stay in your car the volunteers will handle it!

RESIDENTIAL EVENT
This is a residential event, no business or commercial recycling! Event is held rain or shine!

WWW.WHITEMARSHPARKS.ORG
610-828-7276

WHOLE FOODS MARKET

Whitemarsh
PARKS & RECREATION

FALL WELLS STREET Cleanup

LOCATED ON WELLS STREET ACROSS FROM CEDAR GROVE PARK

Saturday, October 11th
8AM-11AM

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, trash bags, gloves and an "Enviroteer" shirt. Please wear long pants and long sleeves.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
WWW.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!

<p><u>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH</u> PERFORMANCE BY: PATRICE HAWTHORNE SINGING MOTOWN CLASSICS</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH</u> PERFORMANCE BY: SKYLARK CIRCUS ARTS</p>
<p><u>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH</u> PERFORMANCE BY: JEFF KRICK SINGING OLDIES & COUNTRY</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH</u> PERFORMANCE BY: FORTUNE HUNTERS QUARTET</p>

SPONSORED BY:

STREETSIDE BBQ | **home instead**

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

CONNECTING EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

A free monthly social program for young adults aged 18+ with special needs and abilities

October 17th
November 21st
December 19th

CEP takes place on the third Friday of every month from 6:00PM-9:00PM at the William Jeanes Memorial Library.
4051 Joshua Road Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

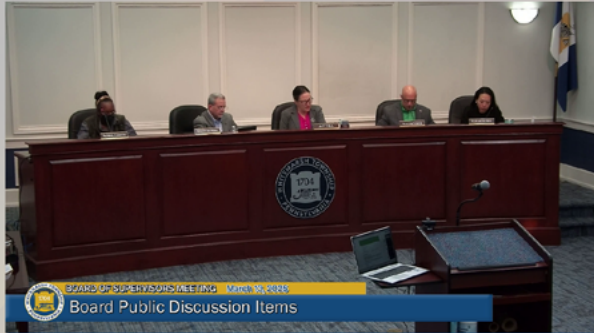
This program is run by Whitemarsh Township Parks and Recreation staff.

Interested in learning more about this program?
Questions and RSVP for future socials can be sent to:
Audrey Gillitzer 610-828-7276
agillitzer@whitemarshwp.org

CEP is made possible in part by a grant from CCRES.



is on YouTube



RECENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS



INFORMATIVE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEOS



TOWNSHIP EVENT HIGHLIGHTS & PROMOS



...AND MUCH MORE!

**Method 1:
Via WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/WTV**



**Method 2: Via WWW.YOUTUBE.COM
Lookup:
"Whitemarsh Township PA"**



The Township also **LIVESTREAMS** the Board of Supervisors Meetings the night they are scheduled, starting at **6:30pm**. Those with cable access can still watch it live on Whitemarsh TV.



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.

The Friends of Hope Lodge, the volunteer group that manages the site will be hosting a number of events of general interest to the community. Events this Fall include the annual Halloween Lantern tours in October, the annual 1777 Whitemarsh Encampment Reenactment in November, and Guided holiday tours and Holidays at Hope Lodge with Colonial Tavern in December.

The 1777 Whitemarsh Encampment Reenactment is the signature event of the year; and this year, it will be held on Saturday, November 1st. The event commemorates the time in November 1777, when the Continental Army encamped near Hope Lodge after the Battle of Germantown. 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, advertised by Whitemarsh Parks & Recreation and local media, and on Facebook and Instagram.

The Friends of Hope Lodge is a volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that manages daily operations at the site for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. We invite you to come and enjoy this unique site located along Bethlehem Pike in Fort Washington. This site offers a quiet place for the community to walk, sit, picnic, and experience nature. The grounds are open daily from dawn to dusk, and seasonal tours of the historic mansion are held on Sundays from April through October.

Check our website, WWW.HISTORICHOPELODGE.ORG and social media for news and our calendar of events.



Phone Number:
(215) 646-1595

Follow Historic Hope Lodge
on social media:



Visit our new website:
whitemarsh.art



Register your account
 Check out new and upcoming:

- Classes
- Events
- Workshops

ADULT
 CLASSES



CHILDREN'S
 CLASSES



OPEN
 STUDIO



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Featured Fall Programming



Fridays, October 10 & 24 | 7–9:30

Making Ceramic Pumpkins

No experience necessary. Use basic hand building techniques, create and glaze pumpkins over two Friday nights. BYO pumpkin latte, IPA and/or pumbkin spice libations. 21+ ONLY.



Artist Spotlight | October 2025

Pat Parson

A Leather and Wood Burning artist. His intricate and labor-intensive pieces are admired, he says, not for innate talent but because he was "too stubborn to quit".



Workshop | November 2025

Jewelry Making

Design and create your own unique jewelry. Learn new skills, express your personal style and make something beautiful in our hands-on workshop!

Friday, December 5 | 5 – 8pm

Student Teacher Expo

Just in time for the holidays, visit Whitemarsh Art Center to shop beautiful and unique gifts for your friends and family. Meet the artists. Enjoy appetizers, deserts, and drinks. Leave inspired!



Access | Awareness | Advocacy | Education

WHITEMARSH FOUNDATION

& THE DIXON MEADOW PRESERVE

Located in the heart of Whitemarsh Township and right outside of the City of Philadelphia, the Whitemarsh Foundation is dedicated to the conservation and stewardship of open space in the Whitemarsh Valley and surrounding areas. Our mission is to promote awareness of, advocacy for, education about, and access to preserved and conserved land. Since our founding, the Whitemarsh Foundation has acquired nearly 200 acres of the historic Erdenheim Farm, supported the conservation of the entire contiguous farm property, and raised \$43.5 million for land protection, stewardship and historic landscape preservation in our community.

Our Dixon Meadow Preserve project transformed a frequently flooded roadway intersection and adjacent fallow field into a thriving 14-acre habitat with trails and a boardwalk. Today, it attracts over 25% of all bird species found in the continental U.S. and 24,000 human visitors annually. The restored Dixon Meadow House (2016) and the new BLBB Education Pavilion (2023) provide expanded community and educational spaces. Ongoing initiatives include annual youth programs, public nature walks, lectures, and partnerships with Birdability and the Horizons summer school programming, promoting outdoor access for all ages and abilities.



Explore The Whitemarsh Foundation's
Dixon Meadow Preserve
with Troy Bynum

*Whitemarsh Foundation Program Director
& Owner, TB Wildlife Photography LLC*

Guided Bird Walk

Saturday, November 8, 2025,
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

COST: FREE (Suggested donation \$15)

Join Troy in a guided bird walk hosted in partnership with the Whitemarsh Foundation at Dixon Meadow Preserve. Spaces and parking are limited

Introduction to Photography: Wildlife Edition

Saturday, November 8, 2025
12:00 PM, Dixon House

COST: \$15

Perfect for beginners and seasoned photographers alike, this workshop cultivates the skills needed to capture images with your unique artistic flair. By the end, you'll confidently use manual settings to photograph wildlife and diverse subjects.

TO REGISTER, AND FOR MORE PROGRAM LISTINGS, PLEASE VISIT
**[whitemarshfoundation.org/
new-events](http://whitemarshfoundation.org/new-events)**



Upcoming Fall/Winter Events

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION
 PRESENTS
WITCHES OF Whitemarsh Hayride

October 21st, 22nd & 23rd
 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

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

@ MILES PARK BUILDING
 4021 JOSHUA ROAD

SEPTEMBER 27TH *\$25 PER CHILD (RESIDENT)
 OCTOBER 25TH *\$28 NON-RESIDENT
 NOVEMBER 15TH *AGES 3-11 (POTTY TRAINED)
 DECEMBER 13TH *5:00-10:00PM

ACTIVITIES

- MUSIC MOVIES
- PIZZA, SNACKS, & JUICE CRAFTS & OUTDOOR PLAY

(610) 828-7276
 WWW.WHITEMARSHPARKS.ORG

TEENIE HALLOWEENIE

FRIDAY, 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

MUSIC, GAMES, SNACKS, CRAFTS, KARATE DEMO, & MORE!

WWW.WHITEMARSHPARKS.ORG (610) 828-7276

JOIN THE ANNUAL TRIP TO SEE

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
 RADIO CITY ROCKETTES

11 AM MATINEE SHOW

DECEMBER 3, 2025

\$160 A PERSON
 COVERS ADMISSION & TRANSPORTATION

EXPLORE THE CITY FOLLOWING THE SHOW!

WWW.WHITEMARSHPARKS.ORG 610-828-7276

PLANNING & ZONING



CHARLIE GUTTENPLAN, AICP
 Director of Planning and Zoning
 (484) 594-2625
 CGuttenplan@whitemarshtwp.org

New Planning Assistance Contract with Montgomery County Planning Commission

Beginning July 1st, Whitemarsh Township entered into a Planning Assistance Contract with Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC). The main purpose of the contract is to provide assistance in continuing our update of the Township's Zoning Ordinance. Tim Konetchy, Senior (Community) Planner is our assigned liaison with MCPC and will be attending the Township's monthly Planning Commission meetings.

Mr. Konetchy started attending Planning Commission meetings beginning with the one held on July 8th. At his first meeting, he explained how the County Planning Commission works and what it offers the Township, including the specific work program under our Planning Assistance Contract. He also talked about how input and comments will be solicited from the Commission members as well as how we will be providing adequate opportunity for input from the public. He then discussed some findings and preliminary thoughts on the first work item, considering amendments to our Steep Slope Conservation Overlay District, to modify the impervious coverage limits it currently imposes in certain residential districts. At future meetings, Mr. Konetchy will be reviewing alternatives for addressing specific zoning issues the Township has identified, as well as reviewing draft language for text amendments.

In addition to having a senior-level experienced planner assigned to our contract, the Township will also benefit from having access to more than 30 MCPC planners and be able to tap their knowledge and experience in all areas of planning. They know what techniques and regulations have been used in other municipalities and what works and what doesn't. Mr. Konetchy will also attend Board of Supervisors meetings/hearings as needed, and he will also be conducting all subdivision, land development, and ordinance amendment reviews that the County is required to do under the State Planning Code. Having greater knowledge about Whitemarsh and its policies, when appropriate, these reviews can be more in-depth and can also include conceptual re-designs of a developer's proposed site plan.



Timothy Konetchy, Senior Community Planner with Montgomery County Planning Commission, gives a presentation about Whitemarsh Township's Steep Slope Overlay Ordinance at the Township's August 12th Planning Commission meeting.



PLANNING & ZONING



RIDGE PIKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT Status Report

Section D (Crescent Avenue to Northwestern Avenue):

As part of its commitment to long-lasting, high-quality infrastructure, Montgomery County directed its contractor in August to remove and replace initially completed roadwork in the area of Section D. This action followed the County's discovery that the asphalt initially laid by the contractor along Ridge Pike did not meet the specifications required for durability and performance. Without corrective measures, the current asphalt would have deteriorated prematurely over time under the high traffic volume along Ridge Pike.



The County said in its statement, "We believe residents deserve roads that last, and we are holding our contractor accountable to deliver the quality promised in their contract with Montgomery County. This additional roadwork comes at no additional cost to taxpayers." They added the contractor would pay the full cost of the milling and repaving of this section of Ridge Pike.

The work was conducted in late-August on Ridge Pike between Northwestern Avenue and Crescent Avenue. The recently repaved Manor Road, Barren Hill Road, Harts Lane, and Church Road was not impacted.

Section C (Harmon Road to Crescent Avenue):

The County continues to refine the final design of this section and, as many know, have started the right-of-way (ROW) acquisition phase. Remember, if Section C's construction will directly affect your property, a county representative should have been in contact with you by now. Due to the number of residents affected by this project, they anticipate a lengthy ROW phase, and construction for Section C is anticipated to begin in approximately 2028.



Whitemarsh Township produced a short video highlighting the design plans presented at the County's March 24th Public Open House at the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company. It is available on the Township's YouTube Channel, and was also shared with the County.

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. Montgomery County's contractor placed deck beams on the westbound side of the new bridge over Norfolk Southern Railroad near Belvoir Road in late spring. Utility contractors completed the installation of the new PECO gas and AQUA water mains crossing the bridge in early July, allowing workers to begin preparation for pouring the concrete deck in August. The reconstruction of Ridge Pike's eastbound lanes over I-476 and Plymouth Creek was completed, and Montgomery County's contractor is currently preparing the area for opening to traffic. A traffic switch to allow for the rehabilitation work on the westbound lanes is scheduled for late July. Updates and detours are posted regularly on our 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 construction later in 2025.

For more information, and to sign up for update notifications, please visit the County's website at WWW.RIDGEPIKEPROJECT.COM. If you'd like to reach out to the construction management team directly, you can contact them at **484-534-8188**.



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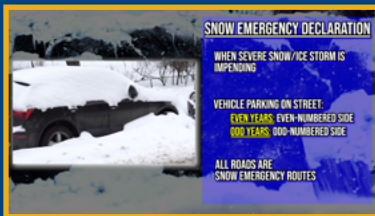
PUBLIC
WORKS**JOHN FIELDS**

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 (2024, 2026, etc.), parking is permitted on the side of the street with even-numbered addresses.

On odd-numbered calendar years (2025, 2027, 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



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

2025 Leaf Collection & Composting Program

October 27th - December 12th (weather dependent)

Each Fall, the Public Works Department collects an average of 8,000 cubic yards 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.

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.**

Residents can also watch some short videos about the Leaf Collection itself, and how the leaves are turned into mulch and compost. They can be viewed on our official YouTube Channel, and during the Fall/Winter seasons on Whitemarsh TV.



For more information about the Program, call or email Public Works, or go online to:
WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/LEAFCOLLECTION



MONTGOMERY COUNTY IS PARTNERED WITH GOODWILL TO PROVIDE **FREE** ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SERVICES FOR ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS.

Electronic Items Goodwill Keystone Area Accepts

The following list of electronics will be accepted at all **Goodwill Keystone Area** stores and donation centers.

Computing and Peripheral Devices

- ✓ Computers
- ✓ Monitors
- ✓ Peripheral devices: keyboards, mice, printers, printer/scanner/copier all-in-one devices, networking equipment

Entertainment Electronics

- ✓ Video players: VCR/DVD/Blu-ray players
- ✓ Gaming systems
- ✓ Audio devices: stereos, radios, MP3 players

Communication Devices

- ✓ Telephones
- ✓ Mobile devices

Visual and Imaging Equipment

- ✓ Cameras: cameras, video cameras
- ✓ Televisions
- ✓ Cable or set-top boxes

Small Appliances

- ✓ Toasters
- ✓ Vacuum cleaners
- ✓ Miscellaneous electronics/items
- ✓ Cables
- ✓ Electronic wiring
- ✓ Answering machines

Electronic Items Goodwill Keystone Area Cannot Accept

The following list of electronics will **NOT** be accepted at **Goodwill Keystone Area** stores and donation centers.

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| ✗ Loose batteries | ✗ Any devices containing mercury |
| ✗ Bulbs | ✗ White goods: refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, freezers, unit air conditioners, washing machines, clothes dryers and other similar domestic and commercial large appliances |
| ✗ Smoke detectors | |
| ✗ Hazardous household waste | |
| ✗ Freon-containing devices | |

*To learn where to recycle electronics Goodwill cannot accept, visit <https://iwaste.epa.gov>.



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PRESENTS

Light Up Whitemarsh

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 19TH

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 17TH

2025 CATEGORIES

**CLARK GRISWOLD – MOST ELEGANT – TRADITIONAL – THROUGH A
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UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Fall/Winter 2025

MULTI-SESSION PROGRAMS

Skyhawks Sports Academy (Upcoming Sessions)

VOLLEYBALL Session 2	10/6 - 11/21/25 Thursdays	5:00pm-6:00pm Ages 6-9	6:00pm-7:00pm Ages 10-14	Cost: \$95	Location: Leeland Park
MULTI-SPORT Session 2	10/11 - 11/1/25 Saturdays	9:30am-10:10am Ages 18 Mo. - 3 Yrs.	10:20am-11:00am Ages 4-6	Cost: \$95	

Aquatic Swim Programs (Upcoming Sessions)

ADULT MORNING LAP SWIM	10/6 - 11/21/25 Mondays (No Class 10/20)	5:45am-6:45am Ages 18 Years+	Cost: \$105 (Wm. Res.) \$115 (Non-Res.)	Location: Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School Pool
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Mad Science STEM Odyssey

10/6 - 11/10/25 Mondays	5:00pm to 6:00pm	Ages 5-10	Cost: \$140	Location: Cedar Grove Barn
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Young Rembrandts: The Power of Drawing (Elementary Drawing)

Session 2: 10/18 - 11/8/25	Early Elementary Drawing 9:00am-9:45am Ages 4-6	Drawing 10:00am-11:00am Ages 7-14	Cartooning 11:15am-12:15pm Ages 7-14	Location: Koontz Park
Session 3: 11/15 - 12/13/25 (No Class 11/29)				
Saturdays	Cost Per Child Per Session: \$75 (Whitemarsh Resident); \$85 (Non-Resident)			

Fall Pickleball (Upcoming Sessions)

SESSION 2 10/19 - 11/16/25 Sundays	Youth Junior Clinic 10:00am-11:00am Ages 6-14	Adult Beginner Class 11:00am-12:30pm Ages 18+	Adult Intermediate Class 12:30pm-2:00pm Ages 18+	Location: Miles Park
	Cost: \$125	Cost: \$210	Cost: \$210	

Fitness Classes with Kim Brock (Upcoming Sessions)

SESSION 2	Gentle Flow Yoga 10/21 - 12/2/25 Tuesdays Cost: \$81 (Wm. Res.) \$90 (Non-Res.)	Strength/Balance/Stretch 10/22 - 12/3/25 Wednesdays Cost: \$81 (Wm. Res.) \$90 (Non-Res.)	Pilates Mat Basics 10/23 - 12/4/25 Thursdays Cost: \$66 (Wm. Res.) \$75 (Non-Res.)	Location: Koontz Park Building
WORKSHOPS	Yoga for Joint Health Thurs., 10/9/25 5:30pm-6:45pm Cost: FREE	Gentle Flow Yoga Thurs., 11/13/25 5:30pm-6:45pm Cost: FREE	Core Yoga/Pilates Flow Thurs., 11/20/25 5:30pm-6:45pm Cost: \$15 (Wm. Res.) \$20 (Non-Res.)	

OTHER PROGRAMS AND EVENTS (* Pre-Registration Required)**Kids Halloween Cupcake Decorating Class***

October 17, 2025 5:30pm-6:30pm	Cedar Grove Barn	Ages 5 to 15 <i>(Parent Participation Optional)</i>	Cost: \$48 Per Child (Includes 6 cupcakes, 3 piping bags, all decorations, and take-home box)
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Snapology Monster Mania*

October 20, 2025 9:00am-12:00pm	Koontz Park	Ages 5 to 12	Cost: \$75
Students will use Lego bricks to create their own monster fighter. Build a haunted town and have a scary good time during this program. Come in costume!			

Music With Gina - Fall Outdoor Children's Concert

October 25, 2025 4:00pm-5:00pm	Miles Park Pavilion	Ages: N/A	Cost: FREE
Concert will take place at the Miles Park Pavilion. Bring blankets and chairs for grass seating. Event will feature food trucks and live music. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED - Rain or Shine.			

Princess Yoga*

October 25, 2025 10:00am-11:00am	Cedar Grove Barn 100 Cedar Grove Rd.	Ages 3-8	Cost: \$20 per Child
Join our lost slipper and beauty princesses for light movement, stretches, games, follow-along songs, crafts and a treat with juice!			

Kids Holiday Cupcake Decorating Class*

December 5, 2025 5:30pm-6:30pm	Koontz Park Program Room A	Ages 5-15 <i>(Parent Participation Optional)</i>	Cost: \$48 per Child (Includes 6 cupcakes, 3 piping bags, all decorations, and take-home box)
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Gingerbread House Decorating Party*

December 6, 2025 10:00am-12:00pm	Cedar Grove Barn 100 Cedar Grove Rd.	Ages 4+ <i>Adult Supervision Required</i>	Cost: \$25 per House
Gingerbread houses come assembled with icing, hot cocoa, water, pastries, and minimal candy will be provided. Please bring your own candy to decorate.			

Snapology Holiday Robotics*

December 13, 2025 10:00am-12:00pm	Cedar Grove Barn 100 Cedar Grove Rd.	Ages 4+	Cost: \$75
Students will work together with an adult family member to build winter holiday-inspired robotic models, play games with their models, and modify their work to learn the basics of robotics and coding.			

More information on these and other upcoming events, and pre-registration are at:
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POLICE**



Non-Emergency Phone Number:
610-825-6530

For ALL Emergencies, Dial 9-1-1

As we get ready to say goodbye to the last month of summer, I want to take a moment to reflect on the technological advancements within the department.

In the last decade, we all have witnessed a rapid development in the tools and technologies that support and enhance how we live, work, learn, and connect. Unsurprisingly, this same impact has been felt in the police department. We have worked diligently to monitor and evaluate changing technology, while embracing the best advancements that support the goals and objectives of the department.

Earlier this year, the department upgraded our in-car and body worn cameras to the newest technology from Axon. Axon is a premier leader in the body camera industry. We also upgraded the Taser that each officer carries to the newest available model. Taser technology has helped bring many conflicts to a resolution without injury to subjects or officers and negated the need to use higher levels of force. Our department has also acquired drones. The drones are an invaluable tool, assisting officers during accident reconstruction, search and rescue missions, and crime scene documentation. These are just a select few of the technological advances that we have implemented in the recent past. We are constantly reviewing our current technology for necessary upgrades, while monitoring external advancements that might prove suitable for the department.

We remain deeply committed to ensuring that the department's technology serves the needs of all members of our community. We look forward to seeing what the next great advancement might bring. You might even end up seeing it here in Whitemarsh!

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Amanda Johnson

Amanda Johnson
Lieutenant

COP CAMP

Our 25th COP Camp Program was held in June of 2025. 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 27 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 Pennsylvania State Police Mounted Division, the Pennsylvania State Police Aviation Division, 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 2025, 38 children had the opportunity to attend Cop Camp. Sgt. Michael Kolar led the cadre of Cop Camp instructors that included Sgt. Matthew Stadulis, Sgt. Vincent Mundy, Det. Stephen Kerns, Cpl. John Hartman, Ofc. Jon Cooney, and Ofc. Todd Burton.



The 25th Cop Camp cadet class, surrounded by Whitemarsh Police officers and staff. Joining them are two Pennsylvania State Police troopers and their assigned horses.

RETIREMENT

On Thursday, August 28, 2025, Traffic Safety Sergeant Michael O'Doherty retired from the Police Department after 28 years of service. Sgt. O'Doherty joined the department in February of 1997. Sgt. O'Doherty entered the department as a patrolman, was promoted to Corporal in 2006, and promoted to Sergeant in 2009, taking over as the Sergeant of the Traffic Safety Unit. The men and women of the department wish Sgt. O'Doherty all the best in retirement.



Sgt. Michael O'Dougherty (left) and Ofc. Rick Stemple at the scene of a recent serious accident.

GRADUATION

Sgt. Mark Williams graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command on Friday, April 18, 2025. This police executive level training, that is recognized nationally as one of the top police executive training opportunities, was hosted by the Bucks County Public Safety Training Academy. Sgt. Williams attended this ten-week program with 32 other police supervisors from the Delaware Valley. Sgt. Williams will bring his newly learned skills back to Whitemarsh Township to aid in his duties as a Patrol Sergeant of our police department.



Sgt. Williams (left) and Chief Ward

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*.



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LICENSE PLATE RESTORATION EVENT

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PENNSYLVANIA
SAT., OCTOBER 11, 2025
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Whitemarsh Township Police Department
616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444



FIRE MARSHAL/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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WELCOME, JOHN!

Whitemarsh Township would like to welcome John Geliebter, our new Fire Inspector/Deputy Fire Marshal. John comes to the Township with a very long background in emergency services.

John started out as a Paramedic serving in Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties, during that time he served in the United States Navy as a Hospital Corpman assigned to the Marine Corps Aircraft Group 49. While in the Navy he was active duty during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and was Honorably discharged in 1995, obtaining the rank of Hospital Corpman 2nd Class. After serving as a Paramedic John pursued a career in Law Enforcement with the City of Philadelphia.



John started in the 19th District (West Philadelphia) on patrol and then worked on plain clothes details. John was promoted to the rank of Detective and served in several different units; John worked in General Investigations and then in Special Investigations at Northwest Detective Division. John then was assigned to the Counter Terrorism Operations where he performed multiple roles including dignitary protection, major incident response team, hazardous material incident response, hostage and crisis negotiator, as well as an instructor. In 2019, John was assigned as a task force officer with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) on the Philadelphia Region arson and explosives task force. John retired from Law Enforcement in April of 2025.

John currently is a Captain with the Wyndmoor Hose Company in Springfield Township. He resides in the Orelan Section of Springfield with his wife and daughter. We welcome John and all the years of experience he brings to the Fire Marshal's Office and the Office of Emergency Management.

3 SIMPLE STEPS FOR FLASH FLOOD SAFETY

During a flood, water levels and the rate at which the water is flowing can quickly change. Remain aware and monitor local radio and television.



[weather.gov/flood](https://www.weather.gov/flood)

1 GET TO HIGHER GROUND

Get out of the areas subject to
Flooding

2 DO NOT DRIVE INTO WATER

Do NOT drive or walk into
flooded areas. It only takes 6"
of water to knock you off your
feet.


3 STAY INFORMED


Monitor local radar, television,
weather radio, internet or
social media for updates.


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Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home


Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses this kind of battery.


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 hoverboards


 tablets


 cordless vacuum cleaners


 e-vehicles


 power tools


 mobile phones


 remote control cars


 e-scooters


 laptops


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 drones


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 smart watches


 headphones


 toys


LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES store a lot of energy in a small place. These batteries can overheat, start a fire, or explode if overcharged or damaged. By learning how to **BUY**, **CHARGE**, and **RECYCLE** these batteries safely, you can help prevent a fire in your home.


 **BUY** only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.


 **CHARGE** devices safely. Always use the cables that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.

 **CHARGE** your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

 **STOP** using your device right away if the battery smells weird, gets too hot, makes popping noises, changes in shape or color. If it is safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.


 **RECYCLE** batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire.

 **RECYCLE** your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.




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2025 OPERATIONS OFFICERS

Fire Chief: Chris Schwartz
Deputy Chief: Renard Rose
Assistant Chief: Scott Yoder
Battalion Chief: Bucky Swider
Captain: Jamie Viall
Captain: Shaun Maher
Safety Officer: Tim Tygh
Chief Engineer: Tim Lyons
Fire Police Captain: Scott Rotenbury



2025 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

President: Renard Rose
Vice President: Bucky Swider
Secretary: Semeion Hall
Treasurer: Cameron Smith



President Renard Rose



Vice President Bucky Swider



Treasurer Cameron Smith



Secretary Semeion Hall

2025 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman: Shel Klein
Members: Prakash Bhuyan
 Mike Gaffney
 Shaun Maher
 Jamie Viall
 Jon Walker
 Scott Yoder

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF AND PRESIDENT

The Fall season is one of the busiest times of the year for the Fire Company. The first week of October is Fire Prevention Week, where our volunteers visit schools and businesses during the week, and participate in various regional Fire Prevention Expos, including the Colonial Fire Prevention Expo, right here in our area. Our annual awards banquet takes place in November where our volunteers will be celebrating 110 years of service to Whitemarsh Township and the neighboring communities. As we head toward the end of the year, we have our annual Hanukkah Parade and Santa Runs to celebrate the Holiday season with our friends, families, and community. As the seasons remain busy and holidays with friends and family are occurring, remember, your volunteers are here when you need them.

For 110 years, volunteers have been responding to your calls for service, without asking for anything in return. Trucks have changed, equipment has changed, technology has changed, and tactics have changed, but our commitment has never changed and never wavered.

It is time to have one of those family conversations. You know the type, where we, as a family, sit around the table, look each other in the eye, and discuss the hard truths. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We **NEED** your ability, we **NEED** your skills, we **NEED** your drive, we **NEED** your time. **Our doors are open**, and we are always looking for new members to join our family. We will train you, we will provide you with the proper personal protective equipment, and we will give you a seat at our family's table. It gets better, though; **ALL AT NO COST TO YOU! IT'S FREE!** If you do not 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, 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! 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.

~Renard Rose, President & 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.



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS CAMPAIGN UPDATE

In the Spring newsletter, we expressed the reality that your greatest concern in our Reaching New Heights campaign fundraiser had been recognized. Our aging Tower Ladder had suffered a catastrophic failure, placing it out of service for an extended period of time. While the lack of the aerial ladder truck was concerning, we are dealing with another hard reality. The Reaching New Heights fundraising campaign is far from achieving its goal of \$600,000.



We are now a little more than 31 months into the **Reaching New Heights** campaign, and the new truck is expected in the Spring of 2026. While there was a significant push this past Spring as we asked for help specifically for this campaign instead of our general fund drive, we have raised just 29.1% of our \$600,000 goal. (Or just 9.2% of the overall \$1,900,000 price tag.)

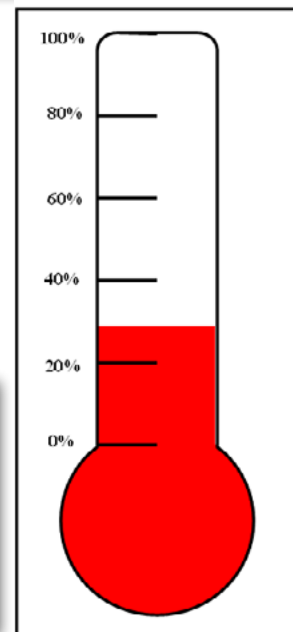
We understand everyone's financial position is different. We plead to you and ask you, what is the value of state-of-the-art firefighting equipment protecting you, your family, and your neighbors for the next 25 years?

Please consider a donation above your annual contribution or a campaign-specific tax-deductible donation to our Reaching New Heights 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 for more information or to donate.

Donors who give \$1,000 or more will receive special recognition for our new tower ladder during a community event.



\$600,000 - Campaign Goal
\$174,803.91 - Raised to Date
29.1% of Campaign Goal
9.2% of Total Cost



THE BARREN HILL BULLETIN

In July 2025, we rolled out a new way to stay connected with you, our friends, our family, and our community. The **Barren Hill Bulletin** shows a brief glimpse of what our volunteers are doing each quarter. We will share our fundraising and community engagement events, the interesting sides of our members, and of course, pictures from the training grounds and incident scenes where our volunteers served you. Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages to stay connected.



Municipal & County Property Tax Credits



Are you tired of paying property taxes?

The Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors has approved an ordinance enacting a property tax credit for active volunteers. Active Volunteers can receive a 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100% tax credit based on their participation and service to the Community.

The Montgomery County Commissioners also approved an ordinance enacting a property tax credit for active volunteers. The County Ordinance also offers active volunteers a 25%, 50%, 75% or 100% tax credit based on their participation and service to the Community.

Check out www.barrenhill.com/volunteer to learn how to become a member so you may also qualify for a tax credit!





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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)
 Chief Engineer - Carmen Lilick (2015)
 Fire Police Captain - Michael Center (2019)
 Fire Police Lieutenant - Marvin Haines (1996)

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVE TEAM LEADERSHIP

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

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

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 Michael Center (2019)
 Liza Mattis (2016)
 Jennifer Krier (2003)
 Hal Kahn (1974)

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DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LOCAL FIRE COMPANIES ARE VOLUNTEERS?

Did you know....

The fire service needs 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 firefighters. Firefighters will be trained in various aspects of firefighting and rescue skills.

We also need member 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

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

**Quincy Richardson
 JJ Kwasny
 Robert Biddle
 Sean O'Hara
 Ludwin Joya Ventura**



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

Donations are Appreciated



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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, according 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 can access 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!



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Tucked away in the heart of Conshohocken, the Spring Mill Ballroom is one of Montgomery County's best-kept secrets—a spacious, elegant, and surprisingly affordable event venue that brings timeless charm to every celebration. Whether you're planning a wedding, milestone birthday, baby shower, fundraiser, memorial luncheon, or corporate event, the Spring Mill Ballroom provides the perfect setting for moments that matter. With its soaring ceilings, sparkling chandeliers, and warm, neutral decor, the ballroom offers a beautiful blank canvas that can be transformed to match any vision or theme. The space comfortably accommodates both intimate gatherings and large-scale events, and includes a full-service bar, ample on-site parking, and a dedicated team that's ready to help you bring your event to life.



To schedule a tour or inquire about availability, call (610) 283-2371, email springmillballroom@gmail.com, or visit www.springmillballroom.net.

Let your next celebration shine at the Spring Mill Ballroom
—where every event is a special occasion.



WHEN EVERY SECOND COUNTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP

Whitemarsh Community Ambulance has been answering 9-1-1 calls for generations, responding when our neighbors need it most. In 2024, we had a record year, handling 5,152 calls, including 3,325 emergency 911 calls and 1,827 transports. **We rely on donations, from people like you, to continue this life saving care.**

Our community is growing—but our ambulance station is not. Our current ambulance station is in dire need of updates. It lacks the space, equipment, and infrastructure needed to support modern emergency care. We need your help to build a new facility – one that matches the level of care we are proud to provide.

Will you be part of the solution?

Your generous donation brings us one step closer to a safer, stronger community. No amount is too small.

And we're not just here in emergencies. Our team offers CPR, First Aid, and community safety classes to keep Whitemarsh prepared. You can even meet Teddy, our beloved, hypoallergenic therapy dog who brings comfort wherever he goes.

Together, we can save lives—not just today, but for years to come.



Contact Us:

✉ WCAA318@whitemarshems.org

☎ 610-828-3056

📘 @WhitemarshCommunityAmbulanceAssociation

🌐 <https://www.whitemarshems.org>



**Donate today to support
the future of emergency
care in Whitemarsh.**

HELP US HELP YOU - SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL AMBULANCE!

Whitemarsh Community Ambulance is a *non-profit* without **dedicated tax dollars** - we rely on supporters like you. A subscription helps cover emergency care costs and protects you from unexpected ambulance bills. It's both peace of mind for your family and vital support for your community.

Learn more about subscriptions below, or call our station for more information.



DONATE

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



**PLEASE JOIN OUR 2024-2025
SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE!**



**4051 Joshua Road
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
610-828-0441**
jeaneslibrary.org
jeanesinfo@mclinc.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, DIY tools, and new appliances), 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.
- 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!

NEW: This fall, the Library will start accepting plastic material recycling. Help us win a bench from NexTrex! See website for details!

Look for our Annual Appeal letter in your mailbox or around the Library this fall—
Thank you for your support!

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.



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.

The William Jeanes Memorial Library is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit public library.

SAVE THE DATES

September 27-28: Friends' Fall Book Sale

November 8-9: Jewelry Sale Fundraiser

November 22: Teen Craft Fair

December 1: Red Cross Blood Drive

December 6: Friends' One-Day Mini Book Sale

Our complete **Calendar of Events** is available on our website 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 27-28, Dec 24-26 & 31, and Jan 1, 2026**

CHILDRENS EVENTS

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CHECK OUR WEBSITE

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:



SPECIAL EVENTS

New, hands-on, active programs coming this Fall for grades 1-2 and 3-5:

Artists in the Afternoon—The focus will be on the process of *exploration* rather than the end product.

Creative Writing Club—Different elements of writing will be explored through a variety of exercises and activities, perfect for both new and experienced young writers!

STEM Explorers (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)—This program is accessible to a variety of ability levels, with assistance provided so all children can be successful!

Music & Storytimes

- **0-17 mos. Storytime:** Tues @ 11:00 am or 11:30 am
- **18-35 mos. Storytime:** Wednesdays @ 10:15 am or Thursdays @ 10:15 am
- **3-5 yrs. Storytime:** Tuesday @ 10:15 am or Wednesdays @ 1:15 pm
- **18 mos.-5 yrs. Music & Movement:** Wednesdays @ 11:15 am or Thursdays @ 11:15 am
- **2-7 yrs. PJ Storytime:** One Wednesday per mo. @ 6:30 pm

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

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

Magic Treehouse Book Club once a month @ 4:30 pm (Gr. 1-3),

I Survived Book Club once a month @ 4:30 pm (Gr. 4-6)

FAMILY EVENTS

Look for special Wednesday evening programs at 6:00 or 6:30 pm including **Pajama Storytime**, **Paws and Read**, and **Family Movie Night**. **Registration is required.**

For additional information please visit our website, jeaneslibrary.org, or contact Rachel Fecho, Children's Librarian, at 610-828-0441 ext. 104 or rfecho@mclinc.org.

TEEN EVENTS (GR. 6-12)

Youth Advisory Board (YAB) meets monthly on a Friday from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Teens grades 6-12 help create, plan, and implement teen programs for the Library.

WEEKLY

Teen Cafe

Join us **Mondays @ 6:00 pm** for a drop-in craft, snacks, and conversation, or to just hang out with your friends. No registration necessary!

Teen Game Night

Tuesdays @ 6:00 pm Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to hangout, play some games and eat snacks! Drop-In

Special Events

Teen Murder Mystery ***Murder at the Skull Manor***. Sat. October 25 @ 6:30 pm Reg. Req'd.

For additional information, dates, and times of monthly and special Teen events, please visit jeaneslibrary.org/events or contact Eileen Denton at 610-828-0441 ext 112, or edenton@mclinc.org.

ADULT EVENTS

BOOK CLUBS

Daytime Book Club: 3rd Wed @ 3:00 pm (hybrid)

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

The History of Mystery Book Club: 2nd Wednesday @ 1:00 pm (hybrid)

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

Coming this fall: *Jane Austen Book and Movie Club!*

MONTHLY

Evening Book Art: 3rd Thursday @ 6:30 pm

Afternoon Book Art: 4th Thursday @ 2:00 pm

Senior Social Hour: 1st Friday @ 10:30 am

***NEW* Memory Café :** 2nd Friday @ 11am

Senior Commons: 3rd Friday @ 10:30 am

Movies You May Have Missed: 2nd Tues. @ 1:00 pm

Matinee Monday: 4th Monday @ 1:00 pm

Mystery Matinee: Once a month at 1:00 pm

Writer's Group: 3rd Sunday @ 2:00 pm

Silent Writing Club: 4th Sunday @ 2:00 pm

***NEW* Stitching Socials:** 4th Tuesday @ 6:00 pm and 2nd Saturday @ 1:00 pm

Special Events

Look for stand-alone programs, lectures, and presentations such as our **Monthly Financial Seminars** beginning in **September**, **Montco Murder Mysteries** and the **Adult Murder Mystery** in **October**, **A Tea Tasting** in **November** and the return of **ARTVentures** Book one-on-one instruction, or have an exam proctored by our Reference Librarians.

For additional information, please visit our website, jeaneslibrary.org, or contact Jennifer Tyson, Adult Services Librarian, at 610-828-0441 ext. 107 or jtyson@mclinc.org.

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WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARDS & COMMITTEES



The Board of Supervisors receives the assistance of various advisory boards and committees in the operations of the Township. The various boards and commissions are staffed by citizen volunteers who commit hours of their personal time and bring their talents and skills to our Township government.

Most boards and committees meet **IN-PERSON** at the Whitemarsh Township Building. Check the Township Website for the latest meeting schedule and format.

BOARD/COMMISSION	NORMAL MEETING SCHEDULE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	<p>Every 2nd Thursday at 6:30PM (Regular Meetings) Also <i>TELEVISED</i> on Whitemarsh TV (Comcast 965, Verizon/FiOS 2146), and <i>LIVESTREAMED</i> on YouTube (@WhitemarshTownshipPA).</p> <p><u>Quarterly Departmental Workshop Meetings:</u> 1st Thursday at 6:00PM (February, May, August & November)</p>
EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD	3rd Wednesday Every Third Month (February, May, August, November) at 7:00PM Location Varies
WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY	Every 3rd Wednesday at 6:30PM Whitemarsh Authority Building, 2015 Joshua Road (in front of Public Works)
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD	3rd Monday Every Other Month (starting with January) at 6:30PM
SHADE TREE COMMISSION	Every 1st Tuesday at 6:30PM
HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD	Every 2nd Wednesday at 8:00AM
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	4th Wednesday Every Third Month (January, April, July, October) at 7:00PM
MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD	4th Monday Every Other Month (starting with January) at 7:00PM
WILLIAM JEANES LIBRARY BOARD	4th Wednesday Each Month at 7:00PM William Jeanes Memorial Library, 4051 Joshua Road
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD	1st Tuesday Every Other Month (starting with February) at 7:00PM Koontz Park Building, 2391 Harts Lane
PLANNING COMMISSION	2nd & 4th Tuesday Each Month at 6:30PM
ZONING HEARING BOARD	Every 1st Wednesday at 6:30PM, plus additional dates as announced
ABOLITION HALL STEERING COMMITTEE	All Meetings Start at 7:00PM; Check Township Website for Upcoming Meetings

Some meetings may be cancelled, rescheduled, relocated, or reformatted. Check the Township website for the latest meeting schedule.

BOARD & COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

(Updated as of September 17, 2025)

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

- Stephen J. Kaufman, *Chair*
- Christopher L. Lane, *Vice Chair*
- Beth Howard
- Stephen Malloy
- Andrew Tarry
- Richard Williamson
- (VACANCY)

PLANNING COMMISSION

- Aaron Kostyk, *Chair*
- J. David Shula, PLS, *Vice Chair*
- Carmen Bushong
- Sherri Glantz Patchen
- Donald Norbeck
- Scott Quitel
- Elizabeth Shaw-Fink

VACANCY BOARD

- Laura Boyle-Nester
- 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
- Karen Kabnick
- Victor Lowe
- (VACANCY)
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SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

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

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

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

ZONING HEARING BOARD

- Gregory Nester, *Chair*
- Marc Weinstein, *Vice Chair*
- James F. Behr
- Patrick Doran
- James Tone

ABOLITION HALL STEERING COMMITTEE

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

WILLIAM JEANES LIBRARY BOARD

- Diane Smith-Hoban, *President*
- Carly Greis, *Vice President*
- Cathy Levin
- Jennifer Swope

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 four (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)

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

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, or [Scan the QR code Here:](#)





WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ABOLITION HALL STEERING COMMITTEE The Public Engagement Process

This past Spring, the Abolition Hall Steering Committee launched a survey to both residents and community members to gauge them on their overall awareness of the Abolition Hall property, its long history, public accessibility and walkability, and more. In turn, the Committee received responses from about 250 participants, the results of which were discussed during their June 30th meeting. This survey is a good example of the Steering Committee's efforts to engage the public in its ultimate goal of holding community programs and activities on the site, while recognizing its long history as an important stop along the Underground Railroad, and the generations of Corson descendants who became devoted artists and sculptors.

But the public engagement process doesn't stop there! From the beginning, and through the services of Whitemarsh TV (WTV), all Abolition Hall Steering Committee meetings are fully recorded to allow anyone unable to attend physically or online to stay updated on the most recent discussion items. All previous meetings are available to watch (or re-watch) on the Township's official YouTube channel, while the most recent meeting is re-broadcast nightly on WTV (Comcast Ch. 965, Verizon/FIOS Ch. 2146), following the evening Board of Supervisors Meeting rebroadcast.

For the latest updates on the Abolition Hall Steering Committee, including upcoming scheduled meetings, please visit the Steering Committee's page on the Township website. All meetings start at 7:00pm at the Whitemarsh Township Building, with the option to attend virtually via Zoom.



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WWW.WHITEMARSHTP.ORG/ABOLITIONHALL

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE Help Us Preserve Open Space in Whitemarsh!

The Whitemarsh Township Open Space Committee is continually seeking opportunities to preserve and expand open space throughout the Township. While large properties are obvious candidates, smaller parcels can also enhance the quality of life for our community by providing:

- ✓ Floodplain buffers along brooks, streams, and creeks
- ✓ Environmental preservation within the critical Watersheds
- ✓ Recreational opportunities

We encourage residents to participate in this important effort! If you know of any properties that could be preserved or converted into open space for public use and benefit, please let us know:



SUBMIT YOUR SUGGESTIONS

Email: TBLOMSTROM@WHITEMARSHTP.ORG
Subject Line: "OPEN SPACE SUGGESTION"

The Open Space Committee will review all suggestions, prioritize them, and explore acquisition possibilities.

Thank you for your support in preserving the natural beauty of Whitemarsh Township!



To learn more about our mission and efforts, visit:

WWW.WHITEMARSHTP.ORG/OSC



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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

"Leave the Leaves"



Fallen leaves in autumn are a unique resource for your yard! By keeping fallen leaves in your yard, they will provide numerous benefits to your plants, trees, birds, small mammals, reptiles and amphibians, like salamanders and toads, and beneficial insects, including butterflies and lightning bugs. The dropped leaves will also improve the soil and save you money and time in the Spring.

What's the best way to **"leave your leaves?"** Glad you asked.



Rake whole leaves into garden beds, under shrubs, and around your trees. Leaves will help to maintain the moisture in the soil and will break down over the winter, supplementing the nutrients in your soil. Your plants will greatly benefit from this natural fertilizer in the Spring, so no need to purchase fertilizers! The leaves will also serve as a mulch, reducing some of those unwanted spring weeds! When you rake whole leaves into garden beds, under shrubs, and around your trees, you create shelter for animals in the cold winter months. Whole leaves also support and house beneficial insects. Many butterflies, moths, and native bees place their eggs and cocoons in fallen leaves. If you check under your leaves in early Spring, you should see many small cocoons and sacs harboring developing insects that will soon emerge, if they haven't already. You will also be supporting birds who will forage amongst the leaves all year, looking for a good meal of insects or worms.



Whole leaves are best. Rake or use a blower (preferably an electric blower) to move the leaves to their designated locations. Try to avoid shredding your leaves with a mower as shredding destroys the beneficial insects, their eggs and cocoons.

Leaves are a valuable resource for property owners so put them to work for you and for the beneficial wildlife in your yard. Better yards, better Whitmarsh, better planet!



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WWW.WHITEMARSHTWP.ORG/EAB



Watch the most recent "Pollinator Garden" Demonstration event hosted by the EAB!

Part 1, which was held in June, focused on how to establish a pollinator garden in your yard prior to adding native plants.

Part 2, held early in the Fall season, focused on the actual planting process and what those native plants will do. Look for this in the coming weeks on WTV and on YouTube!





WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARDS & COMMITTEES

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Fall Update

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 "Tree City USA" designation from the Arbor Day Foundation for the 15th time in a row!

NOMINATE A HERITAGE TREE

- A Heritage Tree is defined by the Township ordinance as a tree that 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 a 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.

5th ANNUAL TREE GIVEAWAY

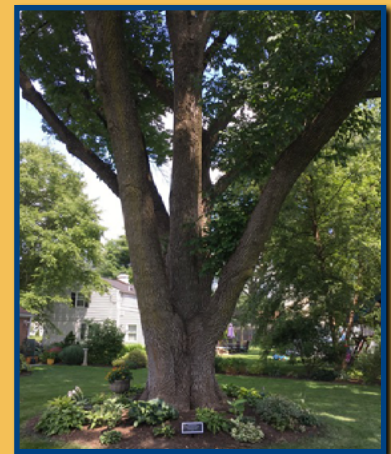
This year, 250 trees were given to residents. Species included:

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| • Carolina Silverbell | • "Princeton" Elm |
| • Eastern Redbud | • Prok Common Persimmon |
| • Eastern White Pine | • Sourwood |
| • Kentucky Coffeetree | • Swamp White Oak |
| • Pagoda Dogwood | • Willow Oak |

To get notified for next year, sign up for alerts with the Community Events Calendar on our Township Website!



Tree City USA Designation



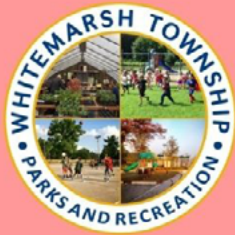
Heritage Trees



Tree Giveaway

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9TH ANNUAL MLK CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Proceeds support the Colonial Neighborhood Council & Whitemarsh Township Day 2026!

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 14th: 8AM-2PM
Thursday, January 15th: 8AM-2PM
Friday, January 16th: 8AM-2PM
Saturday, January 17th: 8AM-12PM
Monday, January 19th: 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 22nd at 8PM

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



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

www.whitemarshtwp.org/opt-out



GO PAPERLESS!

