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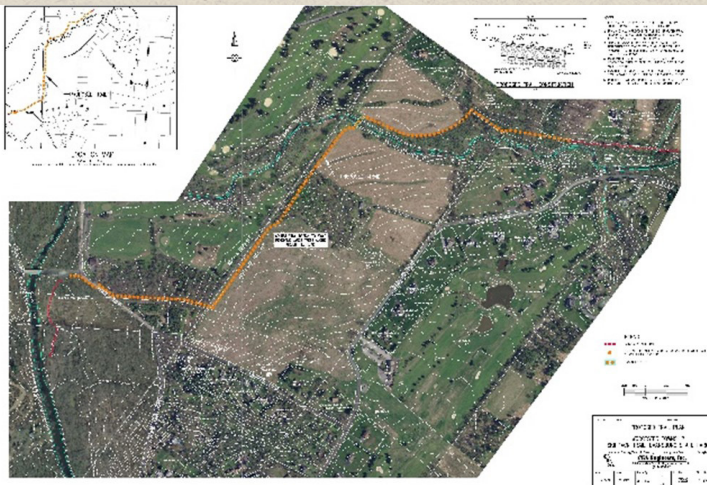
TOWNSHIP

At the Center Point

of Montgomery County

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS COMING SOON!

Things are happening in Worcester Township! The Township is working hard to provide some much-needed improvements to the community. All of these enhancements were made possible with grant funding that was received! See what is coming soon and some plans/renderings to illustrate these improvements to the community!



Zacharias Trail Extension - (joint partnership with Skippack Township funded in part by DCNR Non-Motorized Trails Grant)

Design and Survey Work has been completed and Construction is slated to begin in 2023. The trail route has changed slightly to avoid the PECO powerlines. The plan here shows the updated trail route.

Mt. Kirk Park Improvement Project (Funded in part by a Montgomery County 2040 Grant)

The Township has installed a pavilion with a restroom and drinking fountain. The parking lot and trail have been paved and the fencing and guardrails will be replaced. Tables and benches along with landscaping will be added as well. Project is slated to be completed by Spring 2023. 🐾



Tennis Anyone?

The always-popular PSCTA youth tennis program returns in 2023!

Children ages 10 & under can learn the sport and develop

skills with help of professional coaches from the Penn Suburban Community Tennis Association.



Here are the sessions that will be offered this year...

Spring Session 1: Wednesdays, April 19 to May 19 (make-up date – May 24)

Spring Session 2: Wednesdays, May 31 to June 28 (make-up date- July 5)

Summer Session: Wednesdays, July 19 to August 16 (make-up date - August 23)

Fall Session: Wednesdays, September 13 to October 11 (make-up date - October 18)

All sessions take place at the Heebner Park tennis courts. Children ages 5 to 8 will play from 5:15 to 6:00pm, and children ages 9 and 10 will take to the courts from 6:00 to 7:00pm. \$60 for residents, \$65 for non-residents.

To register complete and submit a Recreation Activity Form, available at worcestertwp.com.

Questions? Contact Mary Ann at (610) 584-1410, or by e-mail at mmurray@worcestertwp.com.



ELECTION DAY PLANT SALE

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 9:30AM - 3PM

Herbs, flowering annuals, summer vegetables & homemade goods

Variety - the Children's Charity of
the Delaware Valley
2950 Potshop Road
Worcester, PA



Pavilion and Gazebo Rentals

Spring is the perfect time to reconnect with friends and family! If you are looking for a new place to host a gathering, we have you covered. Heebner Park is home to two pavilions and one gazebo that are available for rental. These facilities can be reserved seven days a week, sunrise to sunset, in four-hour increments.

Visit our website or call Mary Ann at (610)584-1410 for more information.



“WHO GETS THE PROPERTY TAXES THAT I PAY?”

It’s a question we often receive at the Township Building, because the collection of real estate taxes can be a little confusing. So here’s the skinny...

A real estate tax bill includes three separate taxes... the property tax that’s levied by the county, the property tax that’s levied by the school district, and the property tax that’s levied by the municipality. Each entity has a different tax rate, so each entity receives a different percent of the total taxes paid.

So who gets the property taxes that are paid by property owners in Worcester Township?

88.7% goes to the Methacton School District. School districts usually have the highest tax rate.

11.2% goes to Montgomery County. This includes the County’s community college tax.

0.1% is collected by Worcester Township. Yes, our property tax rate is really that low! 🏡

WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Worcester Township helps preserve and improve the quality of life for residents and businesses within the community through the enforcement of the codes and ordinances of the Township. One of the ways the Township makes sure codes and ordinances are being followed is through the use of building permits.



When do you need a permit? The Township requires a building for any addition, alteration, demolition, replacement or new construction prior to the start of any work.

Below is a list of some common projects that require a permit:

- New construction
- Additions & interior renovations
- Electric & plumbing improvements
- HVAC & hot water heater installations
- Decks, patios & walkways
- Fences
- Gas fireplaces
- Swimming pools & hot tubs
- Sheds
- Detached garages
- Whole-house generators
- Grading (over 500 square feet)

After the building permit is issued and work begins, the Township will inspect the improvements to ensure the work done meets the approved plans. The required inspections will be listed on the permit.

To schedule inspections, please contact the Township at (610) 584-1410 at least 48 hours in advance. Inspections are scheduled on first-come, first-served basis. Please have the property address or permit number, inspection type, and contact name and phone number readily available when scheduling.

For permit applications, please visit www.worcestertwp.com. For more information about the permitting process contact the Township Building at (610) 584-1410, or by e-mail at alafty@worcestertwp.com. 🏡

2023 Road Improvement Program

This year, Worcester Township will continue implementation of its annual road improvement program. This program is designed to maximize the useful life of infrastructure through an aggressive maintenance plan and appropriately-scheduled capital improvements. The program, which includes a maintenance plan and a capital plan, allows the Township to maintain more than fifty-five miles of roads in good condition.

The maintenance plan includes pothole repair, street sweeping, roadside brush trimming, roadside swale maintenance and patch milling.

The capital plan includes the replacement and installation of culverts and stormwater pipes, and the resurfacing and reconstruction of roads. On average, the Township resurfaces and/or reconstructs between three and five miles of roadways each year.

The number of roads treated depends on many factors, including the extent of repairs needed, the cost of materials, and the damage done during the winter months. As such, road projects are often subject to change.

At this time projects proposed in 2023 include the repaving of:

- Defford Road
- Defford Circle
- Clyston Road
- Clyston Circle
- Landis Road
- Bayton Road
- Bayton Circle
- Highview Drive
- Merion Way
- A portion of Heebner Park
- Weber Road Culvert Replacement Project

When the list of roads to be resurfaced is confirmed this information will be posted to the Township website. Motorists using the above-noted roads may experience delays during construction. We thank you for your understanding and patience as we work to improve our community’s roadways.

Subdivision & Land Development Update

The following projects are now under review:

- **Palmer** – Seven commercial lots and one residential parcel at Skippack Pike & Valley Forge Road.
- **Palmer Village** – An eleven-lot single-family detached home subdivision, with a bank, convenience store, and pharmacy, at Skippack Pike & Valley Forge Road.

The following subdivision and land development projects are among those receiving approval in the recent years, and construction has not yet begun:

- **Bethel Development Associates**
– A two-lot single-family detached home subdivision at Skippack Pike.
- **Huganir** – An eight-lot single-family detached home subdivision at Artmar Road.
- **Stony Creek Village** – Office, retail, and restaurant buildings at North Wales Road & Township Line Road.
- **Zacharczuk** – 16-lot single-family detached subdivision at Skippack Pike.

The following approved subdivision and land development projects are now under construction:

- **Reserve at Center Square** – A residential subdivision at Skippack Pike that includes 125 townhomes and 125 single-family detached homes.
- **Horgan Brothers (2044 Berks Rd)** – An eight-lot single-family detached home subdivision at Berks Road.



Perkiomen Watershed Stream Clean-up

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

About the Stream Clean-up

- Annual event focused on removing trash, tires and other debris from local waterways.
- Over 100 sites located throughout the watershed.
- Sites can accommodate 5 - 50 volunteers depending on the location.
- Corporate volunteer opportunities on Friday, April 14, 2023.
- Largest single-day clean-up in the state of PA!



Saturday, April 15, 2023
9 AM - 12 PM

Clean-up sites located throughout the watershed!

Visit our website to learn more and sign-up:

www.perkiomenwatershed.org/stream-clean-up

HOW MUCH CANDY IN THE FISHBOWL?

In this fish bowl there is candy... Tootsie Roll Pops to be exact. And lots of them!

How many Tootsie Roll Pops is your guess, and if your guess is the closest to the actual number you'll win the candy and sweet bragging rights! Submit a guess before 4:00 PM on April 28th at the Township building. One guess per person. The winner will be announced in our next newsletter.



Congratulations to Nancy Moldofsky, the winner of last season's contest. We hope you enjoy your sweet treats! 🍬

SPRING YARD CARE TIPS FOR WATER QUALITY

Here are some tips from the Penn State Extension to consider when thinking about spring projects that can enhance water quality and manage stormwater.

Cleanup – Collect and properly dispose any stray trash winter winds may have left behind. Mulch or compost fallen leaves and garden cuttings you missed in the fall so they don't get washed away during a spring storm and end up in a stream or lake where they can lower oxygen levels.

Patch Grass – Inspect for bare spots in your lawn and landscape beds, especially if they are located on a hillside. A thick lawn produces less runoff than a thin lawn with exposed soil. Reseed grass in mid-spring, when the threat of hard frost is past but it's still too early for most weeds to grow. Add a layer of mulch to bare planting beds anytime, and consider planting them permanently with native meadow plants or groundcover before summer heat arrives.

Mulch Clippings – Grass clippings are a free source of nitrogen fertilizer, so let them decompose into your lawn.

Mow Sharp and High – A sharp mower blade cuts grass cleanly which improves turf health and promotes denser growth. Setting the mower deck high, 2 ½ inches or more, helps lawn grass shade-out weeds and survive dry spells reducing the need for weed control and irrigation.

Sweep Away Clippings and Fertilizer – Use a leaf blower or a broom to push stray grass clippings and fertilizer granules off sidewalks and driveways onto your lawn where they can do some good. Otherwise, they turn into runoff pollution when they wash into storm sewers, ditches, and streams.



Plant Trees and Shrubs – Spring is a good time to plant native trees and shrubs which provide important water quality benefits. They reduce stormwater when their leaves intercept rainfall, increase infiltration when their roots penetrate the soil, and filter pollutants in the rich leaf litter that gradually develops beneath their canopy. If you plant them along the edges of your lawn, they also gradually shrink the total area you need to mow!

Aerate Turf – Grass does best, and traps more stormwater, when it grows in loose soils. Surprisingly, many home lawn soils are just the opposite. They're often compacted from years of heavy use including outdoor parties, riding mowers, small tractors, and even parked cars. If your grass struggles despite proper fertilization and watering, compaction may be the problem. Core aeration is a process that removes finger sized soil plugs from the top layer of a lawn so air and rain water can support better root growth. Most yard care companies offer core aeration as a service and many garden centers rent the equipment for ambitious DIY's.

Go Big – Is this your year to install a major water quality practice on your yard? Possibilities include replacing turf with native meadow plants; protecting a stream or drainage swale with native trees and shrubs; capturing the discharge from your downspouts in a rain garden, or rain barrel; or redirecting any downspouts that currently spill onto sidewalks or a driveway into your lawn or planting beds so the stormwater soaks into the ground instead of running off. Finishing these projects in the spring means you get to watch them provide water quality benefits before winter returns. 🐦

IT'S TAX TIME!

IMPORTANT DATES

County-Municipal Taxes Issued: February 1
Discount Due Date: March 31
Face Value Due: May 31, 2023



Pat Gramm, CPTC
Worcester Tax Collector
Phone: (610) 489-4070
Fax: (610) 489-4529
E-mail: worcestertaxoffice@gmail.com

Branch and Leaf Drop-Off Location - Nike Park!

The branch drop-off site is open at Nike Park, 1575 North Trooper Road, just south of Potshop Road. The location will



be open two days a week, Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10am to 2pm year-round (except when there is holiday weekend, the drop-off site will be closed Saturday).

The Township chips tree branches and makes the mulch available to Township residents at no cost. The mulch, and other materials are available for pick-up at the compost bins that are located near the Public Works Building 24/7 and at our new branch drop-off location during hours of operation. Please note the mulch must be self-loaded.

Bagged leaves in biodegradable bags are also now accepted during the site's regularly scheduled operating hours.

For more information and the most up to date schedule, please visit www.worcestertwp.com/departments/public-works/branch-drop-off-site.

WORCESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATES

The Museum at the Farmers Union Hall will be open new hours this year; the second and fourth Saturday of each month, from 9 am to Noon, starting April 29 through September. Stop by and visit; there is something for all ages.

Our Annual Antique Fair and Flea Market will be held on May 6th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Worcester Township Hall in Fairview Village. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please check our website for further details.

Our Spring meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 26th, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Farmers Union Hall. The title of our program is "The Roads of Worcester Township from Anders to Zacharias," and will discuss the history of Worcester roads and their future. Plenty of great, old photos and maps. This will be a joint presentation between the Society and Worcester Township.

DECLUTTERING, SPRING CLEANING & RECYCLING TIPS

Spring is here! It is a great time to declutter, reduce, recycle and get some spring cleaning done.

- **Reduce:** Go room-by-room, drawer-by-drawer, closet-by-closet and group the items that you haven't used in a while. Chances are if you cannot remember the last time you used it, or you forgot that you had it, it is time to pass it on.
- **Reuse:** Avoid the "throw it away" mentality and think about how the item can be re-used. Can old furniture be re-finished or re-upholstered? Are there creative uses for the item that you haven't thought of?
- **Recycle:** Check out our Recycling page on our website, www.worcestertwp.com that has links on how to recycle different items.
- **Donate or Sell:** If you have items that you don't need or want, consider donating your items to Goodwill or a local clothing drive. If you think the item has value, try selling it at a garage sale or on an online site.




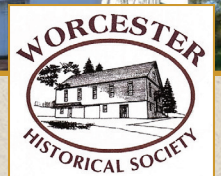
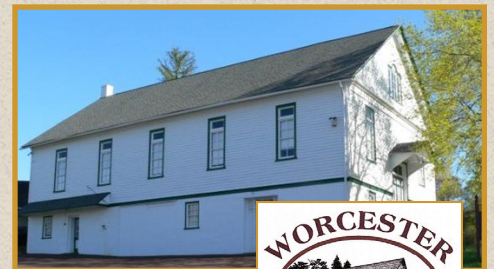
Reminder, all Montgomery County Residents are able to schedule curbside pickups for electronics and clothing. retrievr collects clothing at no cost, and charges a modest fee for the collection of certain electronics.

And scheduling a pick-up couldn't be easier. Simply...

retrievr 

- text PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH, or
- visit retrievr.com and click the "schedule" button.

Visit retrievr.com for the complete list of accepted items, fees, and additional program information. 



Please check our website at www.worcesterhistorical.org for more details or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/worcesterhistoricalsocietypa. 

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2023 Montgomery County, Pa Residential Events

By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required. Register at 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 or 610.278.3618.

Dates:

Saturday, April 29

Boyetown Middle School East
2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville

Saturday, June 24

Abington Middle School
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

Saturday, May 6

Oak Ridge Elementary School
465 Moyer Rd, Harleysville

Saturday, September 23

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

Saturday, May 20

Temple University–Ambler Campus
Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

Sunday, October 22

Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley

Saturday, June 17

Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

Drop-Off Guidelines:

- Montgomery County events are following state guidelines and public health restrictions.
- Leave items at home that are not for the event so that they are not removed accidentally.
- If you need your gas can or container returned, please tape a note to it stating that you want to keep it.
- You may arrive any time within your registered appointment window.
- Please print out your ticket or write your name and appointment time on a piece of paper.
- If you cannot attend the event, please cancel your appointment through your Eventbrite ticket or by emailing Recycling@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov, as others may be waiting for an opening.
- NO TVs, electronics, or appliances will be accepted.
- Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicle.
- **BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY**, no commercial/industrial waste accepted.
- Bring all substances in original containers with labels. Items must be identifiable. Do not mix materials.
- Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger container with newspaper to soak up leaks.
- NO 25- OR 50-GALLON DRUMS ALLOWED. Five-gallon buckets are the largest acceptable container. Maximum amount accepted per vehicle is 25 gallons or 220 pounds.
- There are no permanent drop off locations in the region for household hazardous waste, only the listed collections.

ACCEPTABLE HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS

PAINT PRODUCTS	OUTDOOR PRODUCTS	AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD OTHER
Turpentine	Swimming Pool Chemicals	Grease & Rust Solvents	Drain Openers	Acids, Caustics, Solvents
Paint Thinners	Weed Killers	Fuel Additives	Rug Cleaners	Flammables
Strippers & Removers	Septic Tank Degreasers	Carburetor Cleaners	Wood & Metal Cleaners	Oxidizers, Reactives
Oil-Based Paints	Asphalt Sealers	Transmission/Brake Fluid	Mothballs/Flakes	Lead
Stains, Varnish	Caulking Compounds	Antifreeze	Adhesives/Solvents	Aerosols
Shellac	Joint Compound	Car(lead-acid), Truck, Motorcycle, Marine, Batteries	Rechargeable Batteries, Lithium, Ni-Cad, Button, Lead Acid	Mercury (Thermostats & Thermometers)
Other Solvent-Based Paint Products	Roof Cements	Gas, Oil, Gas Oil Mixture	Spot Removers, Dry Cleaning Fluid	Fluorescent Tubes and CFLs
Wallpaper Cement	MINI Propane Tanks, No BBQ Tanks	Road Flares, No Marine Flares	Fire Extinguishers	Ballast (must be removed from light fixture)
Spray Paint	Pesticide		Kerosene	Electric Oil-filled Heaters

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Explosives & Ammunition	Electronics/Televisions	Asbestos	Appliances/White Goods
Infectious or Medical Waste, Prescription Drugs	BBQ-Sized Propane Tanks (leave at local exchange sites)	Radioactive Waste	Freon/Refrigerants
Tires	Helium Tanks	Unidentified Waste	25- or 50-Gallon Drums
Latex Paint* (Water-Based)	Gas Cylinders	Alkaline Batteries (Trash)	Smoke Detectors

* Take off lid, dry out paint, discard can without lid; or pour paint into plastic bag with absorbent material (clay based kitty litter, saw dust, rags) place bag and can without lid, in trash. Paint hardener can also be purchased at hardware stores.



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FAX: (610) 584-8901
WORCESTERTWP.COM

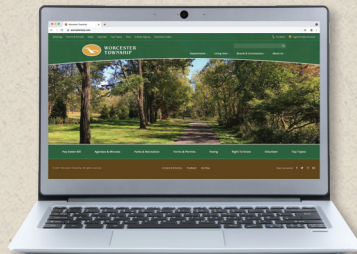
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Get Connected and Stay Informed!

There are many ways to get connected and stay informed about the happenings around Worcester Township!

- Our award-winning newsletter (*you are reading now!*) is mailed to every household in the Township four times a year.
- Our website, worcestertwp.com, provides the most up-to-date information on public meetings, proposed land developments, community events, road projects, and much more! Check out Top Topics (*at the top of home page*) for in-depth information on key projects throughout the Township.
- Connect with up on social media! Instant information about breaking news and events, timely tips, and much more!
- **Weekly e-mail updates.** For weekly updates sent directly to your inbox, sign-up for the Peek at the Week! *To enroll simply click the link at the top of our home page.*



 **Facebook:**
[@Worcestertownship](https://www.facebook.com/Worcestertownship)

As you can see, there is so many ways to get connected and stay informed depending on what works for you! If you have any questions about Township communications please contact Sean Halbom at (610) 584-1410, or by e-mail at shalbom@worcestertwp.com.



Boy Scout Troop 133 Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1st at 9:30 am
Rain Date: Sunday, April 2nd at 1pm

Boy Scout Troop 133 will hold its Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Heebner Park. Making a very special appearance this year will be the Easter Bunny, so grab a big basket and hop on down to Heebner Park! The event is free and open to children of all ages.