

# Worcester Erier



## WORCESTER IS “GROWING GREENER”

As Worcester residents, we feel that our community is special. Last November, the Open Space Committee held a public meeting to ask what you, the residents, value about Worcester. You told us – it is the farm fields, woods, and beautiful views that set us apart from the more developed neighboring townships. You said it is important to protect our streams and water quality, preserve our rural character, protect home values, and hold down the cost of municipal services. But can our township do this and still grow? Across Pennsylvania, communities are finding out that they *can* save their open spaces while development is taking place. How? It is called “conservation subdivision design,” or “Growing Greener.” It allows municipalities to make sure that new development creates more livable neighborhoods for all residents.

Each time a property is developed into a residential subdivision, there is an opportunity to add land to a township-wide network of open space. These opportunities are often overlooked, but with Growing Greener as a development option, they do not have to be. Growing Greener will simply rearrange the development on each parcel as it is being planned, so that at least half of the land is set aside as open space. The same number of homes can be built as with conventional development, and the important features on the property – woods, streams, farm fields, and beautiful views from the road – can be permanently protected. The residents of those new homes will have the benefit of open space at their front and back doors, and Worcester will be able to keep more of its fields and woods for all of us to appreciate.

Growing Greener is different from “cluster” design because it allows a landowner multiple options. While preserving half of the total acreage, Growing Greener allows the same number of homes to be built as under the current zoning. Alternatively, the landowner can choose to build fewer homes on larger estate lots, called conservancy lots. On lots over 5 or 10 acres, one or more accessory dwelling units can be permitted. The landowner can also combine these options, as long as at least half of the land is preserved as open space or is included in larger conservancy lots. With this flexibility, developers can design an attractive residential community. Over the years, using Growing Greener design when property is developed, will preserve scenic views, stream corridors, woods, and farm fields throughout the township.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing soon to consider adding the Growing Greener design approach to our ordinances as one of the options for residential development in the AGR zoning district. This is an important step toward enabling Worcester to take more control of how our township will look as it grows. It will help preserve open space on a parcel along with the houses. At the same time, it will ensure conservation of our important natural resources, which are the foundation of Worcester as we know it, and as we want to keep it.

### WARNING: FALSE ALARMS: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The Pennsylvania State Police have taken control of fines for false alarms under section 7511 of Title 18 Chapter 75 which reads;

(c) False Alarms Prohibited,

A person that owns, uses or possesses an alarm device or automatic dialing device may not, after causing or permitting three false alarms to occur in a consecutive 12-month period, cause or permit a subsequent false alarm to occur in the same consecutive 12-month period. A person that violates this paragraph commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300.00.

A copy of the entire Title 18 Crimes and Offenses, Chapter 75 Other Offenses Section 7511 Control of Alarm Devices and Automatic Dialing Devices is available at the Township Office, or on our web site.



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## Radio City Christmas Spectacular - November 21, 2005

Join us for America's most beloved holiday theatrical, The Radio City Christmas Spectacular, starring the world-famous Rockettes. Worcester Township is offering first mezzanine seating and luxury coach transportation to the November 21, 2005 11am performance.

The coach will depart the Worcester Township Building at 7:30am on Monday, November 21. We have seats reserved in the first mezzanine section. Free-time will be available after the show for lunch and shopping. We will depart New York City at 4pm.

Cost - \$70 per person for Worcester residents (first mezzanine seat and bus transportation). Non-Worcester residents are \$75 per person.

Only a handful of seats on this popular trip remain. Please contact the Township Building at 610-584-1410 to sign up today.

## Discounted ski lift tickets available this winter

Worcester Township plans to once again offer discounted winter ski lift tickets for a variety of ski resorts in the area, including, but not limited to Camelback, Big Boulder/Jack Frost Mountain, Bear Creek and Elk Mountain. Tickets



will be available in late November/early December and can be purchased at the Township Building. A full menu of available resorts and prices will be available on our web site ([www.worcestertwp.com](http://www.worcestertwp.com)) later this fall.

## Local resident to participate in Cultural Winter Olympics

Worcester resident, Kevin Gregory, an accomplished ice sculptor, recently competed in an Olympic pre-qualifying event in Chicago that has earned him a spot in the 2006 Cultural Winter Olympics. Gregory, president of Ice Concepts, Inc., won a national ice carving competition in 2004, earning him a spot in the Olympic pre-qualifying event.

ItalyArt, the cultural portion of the XX Olympic Winter Games, began in the first week of October, and will run for five months, reaching its peak at the Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy in February.

Gregory and his partner at Ice Concepts, Tony Young, each earned one of only four spots available in the ice sculpting event.

## Pumpkin Roll Cake

### Roll:

3 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
2/3 cup canned pumpkin  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
3/4 cup flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

### Filling:

1 8-ounce package cream cheese  
4 tablespoons butter  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla

For the roll: preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

Cream the 3 eggs and 1 cup sugar. Add the remaining roll ingredients. In a well-greased jelly roll pan, bake immediately for 15 minutes. Loosen the sides and turn onto a linen towel sprinkled with powdered sugar. Sprinkle the top with more powdered sugar. Roll from the wide side with the towel wrapped in it. Let cool for 1 hour in the towel.

For the filling: cream the 8 ounces of cream cheese with the 4 tablespoons of butter. Add the 1 cup of sugar and 1 teaspoon of vanilla.

After the roll has cooled for one hour, unroll, remove towel, spread filling then roll again and refrigerate for three hours before slicing

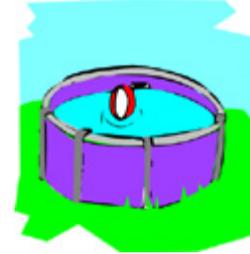


## From Code Enforcement: Swimming Pools

The building code defines a swimming pool as “any structure intended for swimming, recreational bathing or wading that contains water over 24 inches (610 mm) deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground pools; hot tubs; spas and fixed-in-place wading pools.”

A recent addition to the pool market is the inflatable variety that is 30 to 36 inches deep and comes with a filter.

These low-cost pools, however, fall under the building code definition of a pool and, therefore, require a permit. As a result, the pool has to meet the code requirements for pools, including but not limited to, a four foot barrier which in most cases would be a fence or the four foot sides of an aboveground pool. The gate for the fence must be self-closing and self-latching. The filter has to be wired with a cord no longer than three feet to a GFCI outlet no closer than five feet from the water.



## Snow Plowing in Worcester

Beginning this winter, Worcester Township will be changing the method by which our roads are plowed. In order for the snow removal effort to be more cost effective, all



primary roads will be plowed first. Once these main roads have been cleared, the township will concentrate snow removal efforts on secondary roads and developments.

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Polluted stormwater runoff is often transported to inlets and storm sewer systems and ultimately discharged into local rivers and streams without treatment. The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established a Stormwater Management Program that is intended to improve the nation’s waterways by reducing the quantity of pollutants that stormwater picks up and carries into storm sewer systems during storm events.

Common pollutants include oil and grease from roadways, pesticides from lawns, sediment from construction sites and carelessly discarded trash, such as cigarette butts, paper wrappers and plastic bottles. When deposited into nearby waterways through the storm sewer system, these pollutants can impair the waterways, thereby discouraging recreational use of the resource, contaminating drinking water supplies, and interfering with the habitat for fish, other aquatic organisms and wildlife.

One program element is “Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination.” This measure requires the Township to develop a plan to detect and eliminate illicit discharges to the storm sewer system. To complete this task, the Township is conducting inspections

of all stormwater outfalls over a four-year period. Some examples of an illicit discharge are the following:

- Dumping of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint down any part of the storm sewer system
- Soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in stormwater runoff.
- Connection of your sanitary sewer lateral to the storm sewer system or effluent from your septic tank.
- Car wash wastewaters
- Radiator flushing disposal
- Laundry wastewaters

Report any discharges from stormwater outfalls during times of dry weather—a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.

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**TOWNSHIP MONTHLY  
MEETING TIMES**

**Board of Supervisors**

3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm  
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**BOS Work Session**

December 5 at 8:00am  
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**Planning Commission**

4th Thursday at 7:30pm  
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**Zoning Hearing Board**

4th Tuesday at 6:30pm  
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**Joint Meeting of BOS/PC**

December 5 at 9:30am

*All Public Meetings are held in the  
Worcester Township Community Hall*

## Historical Structure Preservation Committee Search

Worcester Township is creating a Committee for the purpose of Historical Structure Preservation. We are looking for residents interested in volunteering to serve on the committee. The group will assist with the investigation of historical structures in the township.

Interested residents should send a letter expressing their willingness to serve to: Charles Sardo, Township Manager, Worcester Township, Post Office Box 767, Worcester, PA 19490.

