

Worcester Crier



This edition of your Worcester Crier marks the tenth year of bringing information to you in this newsletter format. Following is a brief report on the current status of the township. The township also has an official web site, www.worcestertwp.com, which is updated regularly, offering a great deal of additional information.

The township's financial condition is very solid, and we have been able to maintain our present real estate tax rate of .05 mils, or \$5.00 per \$100,000, for more than ten years. Within our budget, we repave some township roads every year and almost all township roads are presently in good to excellent condition. The worst, in Fairview Village, where sewers were installed last year, will be finish-paved later this year.

The township is also engaged in a continuing effort to preserve open space and minimize development. We have been very successful in these efforts. We have done this primarily by leveraging township money in combination with available state and county funds. While

your supervisors recognize the value of, and interest in, open space preservation, they also realize that there are many other demands for township funds, and work to balance the various interests and needs of all residents and meet all of our obligations.

The township's Heebner Park is fully functioning and well utilized. It features walking trails, soccer, multi-purpose, baseball and softball fields, picnic tables and a gazebo as well as a play area. It was planned by an ad hoc committee of residents, with the assistance of a professional consultant, and with input from the public at numerous meetings. Those residents who have never visited the park are encouraged to do so. We have also made provisions for future growth of Heebner Park by acquiring adjacent property that would have otherwise gone to development.

Credit card payment is now accepted for many things including park and recreation activities and the payment of sewer bills.

Our Worcester Volunteer Fire Department is a wonderful asset to the

township because of the hard work of its many volunteers and the financial support of the community and the township.

The Worcester Historical Society has recently experienced growth and revitalization. It has an expanded program of activities, many of which are utilizing one of our historical buildings, the Farmers Union Hall.

Worcester Township continues to be a great place to live, as we all know, as is evidenced by the pressure for development, and real estate values. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the many volunteers who contribute their time and efforts to their community to make it as great as it is.

WORCESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR DAY

September 10, 2005

Come celebrate the township's unique heritage at the first annual "Worcester Historical Society Tour Day," to be held Saturday, September 10 from 10:00 - 5:00 p.m! Pick up your ticket and map at Farmers Union Hall and then visit four township sites open for this special occasion.

worcestertwp.com is Expanding

The Township's official web site is updated regularly and serves as a growing resource to residents. In addition to news, users can access a full menu of downloadable permits and forms, search the township code and gain information on park and recreation events, camps and clinics. Meeting information, including schedules, agendas and minutes can also be accessed. We encourage you to visit and sign up for our e-news bulletins, emailed to residents when new information is available.



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Full Line Up of Camps and Clinics this Summer

UK ELITE SOCCER

July 18-22

Ages 3-5, 9-10:30am, \$95

Ages 5-14, 9am-12:00pm, \$135

- A FUN introduction to the game of soccer
- Exciting soccer games in a safe environment
- Motor skill & coordination development
- Social skill & confidence building

Each child receives instruction in a small-group setting from one of the professional UK Elite Soccer Coaches. The camp is designed to allow each child the chance for maximum development and enjoyment. A typical curriculum includes: individual ball skills; running with the ball; passing the ball; controlling the ball; shooting and scoring concluding with a graduation and demonstration of the new skills learned. Each child should wear/bring: sneakers or cleats, t-shirt, sweatshirt, shin guards, water bottle and plenty to drink.

GLOBAL GOLF EVENTS

SNAG Golf Camp June 27-July 1

Ages 4-9, 9-11:30am, \$135

SNAG Golf Camp August 8-12

Ages 4-9, 9-11:30am, \$135

Junior Golf Camp July 11-15

Ages 7-15, 9-11:30am, \$135

Junior Golf Camp August 8-12

Ages 7-15, 9-11:30am, \$135

A fun, challenging and supportive environment for young golfers to learn and enjoy the game. Referred to as "tee ball for golf", the SNAG coaching system allows younger golfers the opportunity to gain confidence and see results much faster than traditional golf. Full swing, pitching, chipping, putting, rules and etiquette are covered in both classes. Students are broken into groups based on age and ability. Students receive a t-shirt, water bottle, trophy, rules book, evaluation and certificate of completion. The student-to-teacher ratio is 6:1. Golfers should bring a baseball cap or visor, snacks, shoes and sunscreen. Junior golfers are encouraged to bring their own clubs, if they have them.

Adult Golf Clinic—4 Thursdays

May 19-June 9, \$60

July 14-August 4, \$60

August 11-September 1, \$60

6:30-7:20pm

Similar to junior golf, these 4-session clinics provide continuing instruction to

the beginning adult golfer. Full swing, pitching, chipping, putting, rules, and etiquette are covered. Players will continue to concentrate on the basic fundamentals of golf and then be put through a series of "skills and drills," including simulated golf holes. Students will receive various handouts/worksheets to solidify their learning experience. All sessions are led by Global Golf's professional teaching staff. Clubs are provided, but golfers are encouraged to use their own.

US SPORTS INSTITUTE

LACROSSE CAMP

August 1-5, 5-7pm

Ages 7-14, \$99

Have great fun learning this exhilarating game. Fast paced and full of action, Lacrosse is a unique combination of skill, speed, agility and finesse. The USSI Lacrosse camp is open to players of all ability and no previous Lacrosse experience is necessary. Experience stick handling, passing, scooping, dodging, shooting, and many more fundamental techniques and skills. This camp offers an ideal introduction for all levels to this great game. Each child receives a t-shirt and completion certificate.

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MULTI-SPORT CAMP

July 25-29

Ages 5-7 (Half-Day 9am-1pm) \$149

Ages 7-14 (Full-Day 9am-3pm) \$169

At last there's a camp exclusively set up to meet the needs of the youngster who's interest is sports - all kinds of sports. There are no arts or crafts here, just a total emphasis on sports and fun activities. Every youngster takes part in each sport. There's no sideline sitting.

The Half Day Multi Sport Camp gives our younger participants (ages 5-7) the opportunity to experience over 10 sports in a week. Campers will receive technical instruction in each sport and will then experience the sport in a realistic game situation. After lunch (typically 11:30am-Noon) all campers will participate in the USSI Olympic Games and World Cup Competitions.

The Full Day Camp offers older campers the chance to experience some of the selected sports in more depth plus many other sports and daily challenges in addition to the entire sports line up of the Half Day Camp. Typical sports

included in this camp are Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Discovery Games, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Hand Ball, Lacrosse, Net Ball, Olympic Games, Parachute, Pillo Polo, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball and World Cup. Each child receives a t-shirt and completion certificate.

GREEN SPORTS GROUP TENNIS

Juniors, August 1-4, 9am-12pm

Ages 8-16, \$200

Munchkins, August 1-3, 9-10am

Ages 4-7, \$45

Emphasis on basic tennis skill development, good sportsmanship, cooperation and teamwork while having fun. Top instructors are college coaches, pros and collegiate competitors. Competitive elements introduced in a safe, supportive environment. Junior players receive a written evaluation by instructor. Tennis-specific group fitness routines will be incorporated into camp. Munchkins have closely-supervised small group attention.

Adult Beginners, Mondays

Starting May 16th

6-7:30pm, \$30 per session

3 session minimum

This introductory clinic for adult beginners and advanced beginners will meet every Monday, starting May 16. Maximum NTRP level is 3.0. Players will be assigned to groups of similar NTRP levels.

Do not wait to sign up for any of the various park and recreation offerings this summer in Worcester Township. Many classes have minimum enrollment requirements, so sign up soon to make sure the classes are not cancelled.

**FULL DETAILS ON ALL
CAMPS/CLINICS AVAILABLE AT
www.worcestertwp.com**

ICE CREAM SUNDAE SUNDAY

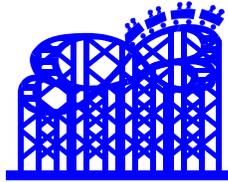
Join us in Heebner Park on Sunday, August 6 for the 5th Annual Ice Cream Sundae Sunday. The event starts at noon. Vanilla ice cream and toppings are provided with entertainment for the family to be announced.

Discounted Park & Golf Tickets Available!

Worcester Township is pleased to offer, as a service to its residents, discounted tickets to numerous theme parks in the region.

Discount tickets will be available this summer for Adventure Aquarium, Baltimore Aquarium, Camelbeach, Colonial Williamsburg, DelGrosso's Park, Dorney Park, Dutch Wonderland, Hersheypark, Idlewild, Knoebel's, Morey's Piers, PA Renaissance Faire, Philadelphia Zoo, Six Flags Great

Adventure (NJ), and the Splash Zone Water Park (Wildwood, NJ). Visit our web site (www.worcestertwp.com) for prices and availability.



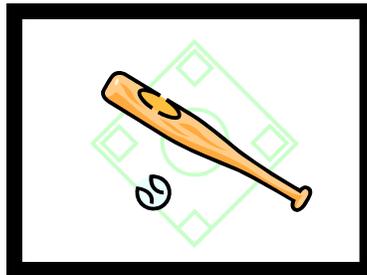
Worcester Golf Club, 1600 Green Hill Road, is offering township residents a discount pass, good for \$4 off any greens fee Monday through Saturday. Each family is eligible to receive up to 12 passes per year. Passes may be picked up at the Township Building, 1721 Valley Forge Road, Monday through Friday 8am-4:30pm.

Philadelphia Phillies vs. Florida Marlins

Two of the top teams in the National League, the Philadelphia Phillies and Florida Marlins will square off in a late-season contest.

Come see beautiful Citizens Bank Park, and all-stars Jim Thome, Jimmy Rollins, Kenny Lofton and Mike Lieberthal.

Join us for the game on Friday, September 9.



Worcester Township is sponsoring a bus that will leave from the township building (1721 Valley Forge Road) at 4:45pm, returning after the game. Our seats are located on the terrace level, on the third base line. Limited seating is available, so call today! (610-583-1410).

Cost: \$35, includes ticket to the game and a seat on the bus.

Yard Sale & Temporary Sign Permits

With summer quickly approaching, Worcester Township wants to remind residents of our policies on garage sales and temporary signs.

All yard and garage sales require a permit from the township. The license fee is \$5, plus a \$50 deposit to guarantee that all posted signs advertising the event will be discarded after the sale. No signs or handbills may be posted on utility poles or street sign posts within the township.

Yard sale permit requests must be completed a minimum of two weeks prior to the scheduled sale and only one person and/or property can hold a sale in a given calendar year.

The permit form may be picked up at the township building, or printed directly from our web site (www.worcestertwp.com).



In residential districts of the township, commercial vendors (painters, contractors, landscapers, etc.) may place a sign on the property where work is being completed, provided the sign is no greater than 15 square feet in area, and that is removed promptly upon completion of the work.

Signs advertising a property for

sale or rental, may not exceed 10 square feet in area. Only one sign is permitted for each broker on the premises being advertised unless that property fronts upon more than one street or road. In that case, no more than one sign for each broker or party interested in the sale or rental shall be erected on each frontage, up to a maximum of four total signs.

Signs bearing the words "sold" or "rented" are permitted in residential districts, provided that the sign is removed within 10 days of the effective date of the sale or rental.

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TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING TIMES

Board of Supervisors

3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm

BOS Work Sessions

June 6 at 8:00am
July 6 at 8:00am

Planning Commission

4th Thursday at 7:30pm

Zoning Hearing Board

4th Tuesday at 6:30pm

Joint Meeting of BOS/PC

June 6 at 9:30am

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

Please follow park rules

In an effort to keep Heebner Park safe and clean for all residents, we are happy to provide pet pick-up bags throughout the park and request that dog owners please clean up after your pets and keep dogs leashed, as per posted rules.



Additionally, the tennis and basketball courts are not intended for skateboard traffic. Benches and surface areas are being damaged by improper use. Please help Worcester Township maintain Heebner Park for the benefit of all residents.

Library Information

The Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library offers a variety of services to residents of Worcester Township.

The bookmobile is in Worcester Township every other Monday at Fairview Village and every other Friday at Bethel & Morris Roads.

Individuals can request books online, and have them delivered to the local bookmobile site.

This year's summer reading program for kids is "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds." Children up to age 18 are eligible to register for this

program, where after every 10th book they read, each child's name will be entered into a drawing for a prize book. Children must register for the program in advance.

The library also offers a free Books-by-Mail program to housebound residents of Montgomery County.

For details on these and other library services, please call 610-278-5100 extension 5, or visit them online at www.mc-npl.org.