

# Worcester Erier



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## Worcester Recognized in US Congress for 275 Years

*Citations presented by US Congressman Jim Gerlach, PA Senator John Rafferty and PA Rep Jay Moyer*



US Congressman Jim Gerlach, Board of Supervisors Chairman John Harris, Secretary Art Bustard, State Representative Jay Moyer and State Senator John Rafferty with the various citations, recognizing the 275th anniversary of Worcester Township.

State Representative Jay Moyer hosted a district-wide community day on Saturday July 12 in Heebner Park. In conjunction with Representative Moyer's event, Worcester Township marked its 275th Anniversary. Residents were treated to exhibits from the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department, PennStar, Elmwood Park Zoo, among others, and hot dogs and ice cream.

## PA CleanWays, International Coastal Cleanup



Please join Worcester Township on Saturday, September 20, 2008 in cleaning up our township. Worcester will be

participating in the PA CleanWays, International Coastal Cleanup. We are looking for volunteers (Scouts, Local Civic Clubs, High School Environmental and Service Clubs, Church Youth Groups, Sports Teams, etc.) to clean up litter along our township roads. If you are interested, please contact the Township at (610) 584-1410 to register your cleanup group. We will provide you with trash bags and gloves needed for the number of people in your group. We will need to know which portions of the Township you will be cleaning so that our Public Works Department will be able to pick up your bags after the event. Let's do our part to help keep Pennsylvania beautiful!



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[www.worcestertwp.com](http://www.worcestertwp.com)

## Fall Camps, Clinics & Bus Trips

All Camps are open to Girls and Boys - All Camps except otherwise noted are held in Heebner Park, 1721 Valley Forge Road, Worcester. Register by calling the township office at 610-584-1410.



### UK ELITE PETITE SOCCER

**Tuesdays, Sep. 16-Oct. 12**  
Ages 3-5

**10-11am OR 11am-12 pm, \$80**

- 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. A minimum of 8 children in each session is required to proceed with the camp. Please register early if you are interested to avoid cancellation!

### FIRST SERVE TENNIS ACADEMY

**Saturdays, Sept. 27-Nov. 1**  
Ages 3-13, Boys & Girls

**Pee Wee Tennis:** Children with limited or no experience. Fundamentals of strokes, grips and footwork are covered. Generally, ages 3-4. Equipment Provided.

9am-10am ~ Fee: \$90

**Hot Shot Tennis:** Learn general coordination skills. Fundamentals of strokes, grips and footwork are covered, plus games! Generally ages 5-6. Equipment Provided  
10am-11am ~ Fee \$90



**Level I Tennis:** Beginner to advanced beginner. Establishing a sound technical foundation of basic grips, strokes and footwork with an introduction to competitive games. Generally ages 7 & up. Must have own racket.

11am-12:30pm ~ Fee \$135

**Level II Tennis:** All strokes and spins covered as well as basic strategy. Students are capable of rallying, but their serve may be weak and therefore may or may not be capable of playing a match. Generally ages 9 & up. Must have racket.

1pm-2:30pm ~ Fee \$135

### WINNING WAYS BASKETBALL

**FREE**

**Moonlight Madness Shooting & Ball Handling Clinic**  
Ages 3-17

**Friday, September 12, 7-9pm**

*Winning Edge Sports Center*  
2520 West Drive, Oaks, PA 19456

- Professional Instruction!
- Games, Contests & Prizes
- Free Hot Dogs and Sports Drinks!
- Free Admission, but pre-registration is required.  
Call 610-584-1410 for additional information and to register.

### WINNING WAYS BASKETBALL ACADEMY

**Saturdays**

**September 20-October 25**

*Winning Edge Sports Center*  
2520 West Drive, Oaks, PA 19456

**Future Stars Skill Session**

**Boys & Girls Ages 3-5**

**Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 am, \$89**

The emphasis on this class is basic skill development. Ball handling, passing, shooting and defensive positioning will be stressed. This is an excellent opportunity for young athletes to be introduced to the basic skills of basketball in a fun and relaxed environment while working on motor skills and coordination development. Each session will emphasize a new skill with exciting basketball games in a safe environment, building social skills and confidence.

Please make note that we will be using lowered baskets for our young future stars!



**Junior Stars Skill Session**

**Boys & Girls Ages 6-7**

**Saturdays, 10:15-11:15 am, \$89**

This session focuses on building on the player's existing skills, with emphasis on shooting, ball handling, passing, rebounding and defensive position. Technique is taught through specific drills that the player can practice away from class. Instruction followed by game situations are used to strengthen the player's technique and ability using appropriate height baskets.

**Shooting Stars Skill Session**

**Boys & Girls Ages 8-10**

**Saturdays, 11:30am-12:30pm, \$89**

This session focuses on continued building on the player's existing skills, with further emphasis on shooting, ball handling, passing, rebounding and de-

fensive position. Technique is taught through specific drills that the player can practice away from class. Instruction followed by game situations are used to strengthen the player's technique and ability using appropriate height baskets.

**Basic Shooting/Ball Handling  
Boys & Girls Ages 11-15**

**Saturdays, 1:00-2:30pm, \$119**

This program is guaranteed to improve your shooting and ball handling skills! This session emphasizes the proper shooting technique through proven drills and a high level of repetition. We will teach jump shooting, shooting off the dribble, shooting off the catch and proper triple threat technique. The ball handling session will incorporate both two ball drills and one ball drills. Power dribbling techniques will be implemented along with proper passing techniques for game situations.

**WINNING WAYS**

**Basketball @ BucksMont ISC**

*BucksMont Indoor Sports Center  
2278 N. Penn Road, Hatfield, PA 19440*

**Basic Shooting & Ball Handling  
Clinic**

**September 13-14, 2008**

**(Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 1-4pm)**

**Boys & Girls ages 8-17, \$75**

This camp will make you a better outside shooter and a better scorer, through teaching techniques and drills that can be carried out throughout the season. The focus will be on free throw shooting, catch and shoot, proper shot fake, penetrating correctly off the dribble, shooting off the dribble, creating YOUR shot and how to score in the paint. Campers will compete in shooting games that will sharpen their gametime skills! Techniques in this camp will teach you what top college and pro players are doing to score!

**Advanced Shooting & Ball  
Handling Clinic**

**October 18-19, 2008**

**(Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 1-4pm)**

**Boys & Girls ages 8-17, \$90**

Warning! This is for the serious basketball player. Only players who want to score need apply! We will focus on 8 pro moves out of the triple treat position, pump fake and go, 1st step explosion and how to be devastating in the

paint. If you want to learn the secret of getting your three point shot off, this is the camp for you! Learn and develop a complete set of shooting drills to insert into your own workout program!

**Radio City Music Hall Christmas  
Spectacular**

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular stars the world famous Radio City Rockettes in an unparalleled show featuring the Rockettes signature high kicks, precision choreography and exciting show-stopping numbers that will delight the whole family. 3 trips are being offered with neighboring townships. All trips have limited seating.



**Date: Monday, December 1, showtime  
11am, \$95 per person**

Departure from Worcester Township: 7:30AM

Depart NYC: 4PM

**Date: Monday, December 8, showtime 5pm, \$105 per person**

Departure from Worcester Township AREA: 10:00AM

Depart NYC: 7:30PM

**Date: Saturday, December 13, showtime 11am, \$150 per person**

Departure from Worcester Township AREA: 8:30AM

Depart NYC: 5PM

**The Culinary Institute of America**

Travel to Hyde Park, NY for lunch in the American Bounty Dining Room and a student-led tour of the world-famous Culinary Institute, followed by a tour of Val Kill, Eleanor Roosevelt's summer retreat.

**Date: Tuesday, September 23, \$85 per person**

Departure from Lower Providence or Upper Providence Twp.: 7:15AM

Return Home: 10PM

**American Music Theatre Christmas Show**

AMT's Christmas show is hailed as one of America's best. A show the whole family will enjoy. Includes lunch at Hershey Farms Restaurant.

**Date: Sunday, November 2, \$85 per person**

Departure from Worcester Township AREA: 10:30AM

Return Home: 7PM



**NEW BUS TRIPS, INCLUDING  
MULTI-DAY EXCURSIONS ARE  
REGULARLY BEING ANNOUNCED.  
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT  
WWW.WORCESTERTWP.COM  
FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND TO  
SIGN UP FOR OUR REGULAR  
EMAIL UPDATES AND BE AMONG  
THE FIRST TO LEARN OF NEW  
TRIPS!**

## 104-Acre D'Lauro Property Permanently Preserved

If you travel on Valley Forge Road from Lansdale to Lower Providence, you know you can tell the difference when you're driving through Worcester. Housing developments and large shopping centers give way to the farm fields and meadows that are the hallmarks of Worcester's heritage as an agricultural community.

Thanks to the vision and generosity of long-time resident Frank D'Lauro, who passed away in February 2006, over 100 acres of fields, woods, and meadow along Valley Forge Road will remain as open space forever. During his years on Worcester's Planning Commission,

Frank constantly worked to preserve open space in Worcester. His final legacy to his community was the preservation of his own 104-acre farm along Valley Forge, Stump Hall, and Water Street Roads, which was accomplished through his will. According to Frank's wishes, 60 acres of his farm will be owned and managed by Natural Lands Trust as a preserve that will be open to the public. It will feature walking trails through fields of warm-season grasses. The rest of the



property will remain in private ownership. All of the land will be protected by conservation easements held by Montgomery County Lands Trust. This will insure that these fields, woods, and headwater streams of the Zacharias Creek will remain as open space forever.

Frank chose to preserve his land through bequests in his will, leaving it to his executor and cousin, John D'Lauro, to work with the land trusts on the specifics of preservation. This method of preservation allows a landowner the freedom to change his mind, but assures that the land will be preserved if the landowner owns it when he dies. In exchange for this freedom to change his mind, the landowner gives up the opportunity to realize income tax benefits from donating a

conservation easement during his lifetime. However, a bequest in a will still qualifies the estate for estate tax benefits when the executor donates a conservation easement on behalf of the deceased landowner.

If you are interested in learning more about the technique of preserving your land in your will, you can contact Montgomery County Lands Trust at (215) 513-0100, or Natural Lands Trust at (610) 353-5587.

### Reminders from the Building & Code Department

Along with over 90% of the state's municipalities, Worcester Township chose to administer and enforce the statewide building code, called the Uniform Construction Code (UCC), in June, 2004. The regulations require an extensive and time consuming review of plans for additions, new construction, and various home improvements by the Township Building inspector. This allows the home owner, and their insurance company, to rest assured that the quality of the construction, and the improvements, is



to minimum statewide standards. In some cases Worcester is stricter than the minimum, but we do not allow substandard construction in the Township as defined by the code. One of the advantages of having a uniform construction code within the township is allowing the fire department to be prepared to fight fires, knowing that construction codes were followed, minimizing risks for all involved. In order to make sure that the Township is correctly and efficiently enforcing the code, Keystone Municipal Services of Morton, PA,

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## The Benefits of Rain Barrel Installation

### What is a rain barrel?

A rain barrel is a small scale conservation practice that collects and stores stormwater runoff from rooftops. By temporarily holding the stormwater runoff during a rain event, you can help add capacity to the sanitary sewer system and reduce sewer overflows to our creeks and streams which are a source of our drinking water. Also, the collected rainwater can be reused for irrigation to water lawns, gardens, window boxes, street trees or even car washing.

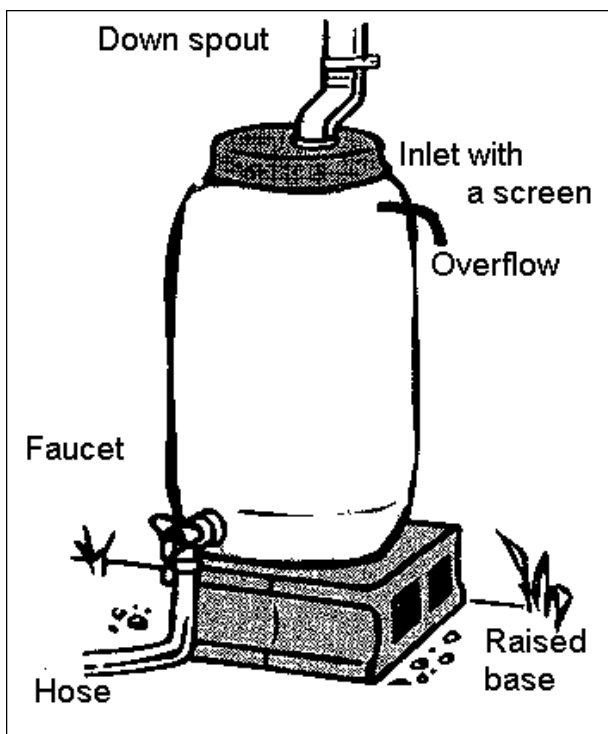
### Why use a rain barrel?

Residential irrigation can account for 40% of domestic water consumption in a given area. This can be a problem particularly in summer, when the majority of outdoor water use occurs, and also the time when there is likely to be a water shortage. Collecting rainwater from your roof during storms by using a rain barrel can not only lower your water bills, but also help to decrease water demand during the hot summer months. Rainwater collection and reuse is beneficial to the environment because the stored water would otherwise run off into the storm sewers, bringing pollutants such as oil and grease, bacteria, and nutrients with it. Once water gets into a storm sewer, it eventually ends up in our streams and rivers. Also, the more rainwater that is reused, the less need there is for chlorinated or chemically treated tap water.

### Where can I get one?

You can purchase a rain barrel at most major lawn and garden centers. Call your local center to see if they sell them or if they can order a rain barrel for you. Or, you can make your own rain barrel using a large trash can, agricultural supply container, or other large container and a little ingenuity. Barrel sizes typically range from 50 to 250 gallons. Below are some links to rain barrel sources and other references online:

- Watertanks.com: [www.watertanks.com](http://www.watertanks.com)
- The Garden Watersaver: [www.gardenwatersaver.com](http://www.gardenwatersaver.com)
- The Spruce Creek Rainsaver: [www.sprucecreekrainsaver.com](http://www.sprucecreekrainsaver.com)
- Green Culture: [www.watersavers.com/rain-barrels.php](http://www.watersavers.com/rain-barrels.php)
- Urbangardencenter.com. 2001. D + P Industries. Rain Barrel for Natural Water Storage: [www.composters.info/#overture](http://www.composters.info/#overture)



### How do I install a rain barrel?

Most rain barrels are easy to install; however, actual installation methods may vary depending on the individual brand of rain barrel. Installation of a typical barrel will involve disconnecting your downspout, cutting off a portion of the downspout and redirecting it into the top of the barrel. Most rain barrels have an overflow pipe that redirects the rainwater back into the downspout or onto your lawn or other surface in the event the barrel becomes full. Other features may include safety features, spigots, connector barrels, mosquito proofing, and even water filters. Always be sure to empty your barrel before winter comes so you don't end up with a barrel full of ice!

## Worcester Township Storm Drain Marking Program

If you have recently been for a walk in the Sunnybrook development, located off North Wales Road, you may have noticed a new addition to the storm sewer inlets. Thanks to a local boy scout, Phil Maniscalco, Worcester has begun the process of applying these markers to stormwater inlets. As part of an EPA mandate, the purpose of these markers is to help protect our waterways by reminding and educating residents of the importance of our stormwater systems. These inlets collect rain, ice and snow water, ultimately taking it to our streams, rivers and lakes.

Please be careful with trash, pesticides, animal waste, leaves, automotive fluids and other pollutants. These contaminants not only clog up stormwater pipes, potentially leading to floods, but can cause significant damage and death to watershed animals and plants.

Phil's contribution to Worcester was done as his final Eagle Scout project. Congratulations, Phil and thank you!



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**TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING TIMES**

**Board of Supervisors**

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

1st Monday at 8:00am  
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**Planning Commission**

4th Thursday at 7:30pm  
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**Planning Commission Work Sessions**

2nd Thursday at 7:30pm  
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**Zoning Hearing Board**

4th Tuesday at 6:30pm  
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*All Public Meetings are held in the  
Worcester Township Community Hall  
1031 Valley Forge Road*

**Reminders from the Building & Code Department (continued from p. 4)**

was hired in 2006 to provide a fully accredited inspector. Keystone Municipal Services provides this type of service to 38 municipalities in 6 counties in Pennsylvania. By outsourcing this service the township is able to expand the professional services it has access to, bringing in experts in all types of construction, including commercial and residential, on an as-needed basis. We now have coverage during vacation times and are assured that our inspectors have certifications that are current.

Our current building inspector, Russ Davis, has been with Worcester for over a year and is committed to making sure that the safety of our community is not compromised. The Township requires a permit for new construction and various other home improvements. A complete list of jobs that require permits can be found on our web page under "General Information." Once a permit has been applied for and the plans have been submitted, Russ reviews them to make sure they comply with the relevant portions of the UCC. When the permit is issued, you are assured that the plans meet the state-wide code. The Township then has the inspector visit the construction site at a scheduled time, to make sure that the contractor has performed the construction according to the plans. While this may seem like a lengthy process, it can solve problems for both the current and future homeowners. And the state requires it. While all this seems at times to be a hassle for everyone involved, including the township, it eliminates problems now for the homeowner and in the future for any future owner or contractor. Building inspections can be stressful and we ask that you understand we are not trying to strain anyone's patience, but simply making sure that we are a safe, well-built community which follows the construction codes, as defined by the state.