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Worcester Celebrates 275 Years

July 12, 2008 Community Day in Heebner Park

In honor of Worcester Township's 275th Anniversary, The Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 2008-10 at the June Work Session.

The Proclamation was presented on June 7, 2008 outside the Worcester Township Community Hall in Fairview Village, during the Worcester Day festivities.

Representative Jay Moyer is hosting a district Community Day on Saturday July 12 in Heebner Park from 11am-3pm.

Emergencies. Severe Weather. Threats to Homeland Security.



Find Out First

When situations arise in Southeastern Pennsylvania that may affect you and your family, ReadyNotifyPA lets local officials notify you quickly. Be among the first to find out and stay informed during an emergency. ReadyNotifyPA can send you an email, or send a text message to your cell phone or other device. You let ReadyNotifyPA know how you would like to be notified. Alerts are free; however, your cellular provider may charge for text messaging.

This is your personal connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, what to do, or what not to do, who to contact and other important information. In addition to emergency alerts, you may also choose to get other alerts such as weather, transportation delays and crime information, in your county. When you set up your account, you choose the way you want to be alerted. You can add two cell phones and two email addresses to your account. You are allowed to change the information in your account at anytime, by simply logging in online.

For those outside of the area, but with elderly parents living in Montgomery County, this is a great way to get local emergency information so you can assist family members.



Board of Supervisors Chairman, John Harris and Secretary Art Bustard with the Proclamation, marking 2008 as the 275th anniversary of Worcester Township.

ReadyNotifyPA is a Ready Region service funded by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force and the emergency management coordinators of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

For more information, and to sign up for the service, please visit: <http://dps.montcopa.org>.



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What's New in the Park System!

After great anticipation, Phase III of the Heebner Park Master Plan is in full swing, with the completion of two new pavilions this spring. Opening Memorial Day weekend, these new structures provide restrooms and picnic areas in two key locations in Heebner Park.



The new pavilion in Heebner Park, adjacent to the soccer fields

The new 90-foot baseball field located along Heebner Road, which was constructed last year, has completed its initial growing seasons, and is now being used by local athletic associations.

The construction of the portion of the Zacharias Trail, located between Green Hill and Hollow Roads, is also complete. This natural walking trail features a parking area at the Green Hill Road entrance and wonderful views of the Zacharias Creek. Motorized vehicles are NOT allowed.



A view of the entrance to the new Zacharias Trail, from the access point on Green Hill Road.

Sunnybrook Park, located on North Wales Road, features a soccer field, two softball fields, restrooms and playground. 2008 marks the first time permits have been issued for use of the athletic fields and the first full year that those facilities are being covered by the township park maintenance contract.



Please remember that dogs **MUST** be on a leash. The township also provides doggie pick-up bags throughout the parks for your convenience. Loose dogs in Heebner Park have become an increased concern, and an issue with frightened young children and health matters. Please do your part to keep the parks and trails safe for all residents.

With the pavilion construction and increased athletic field use, Worcester Township staff will have an increased presence in township park facilities. Please look for us in the parks, or call the township office (610-584-1410) with any concerns or questions.

Worcester Township is also the proud recipient of a \$7,500 grant from the PECO Open Space Green Region Program. Funds from this grant proposal will be utilized for Heebner Park landscaping and pavilion accessories.



PARK & RECREATION TASK FORCE TO BE CREATED

The township is seeking applicants for appointment to a Park & Recreation Task Force that will soon be formed. The group will review the needs and resources of the township and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on specific issues. Interested residents should send a letter of interest, and resume to township manager, John Cornell, Worcester Township, P.O. Box 767, Worcester, PA 19490, fax to 610-584-8901, or email manager@worcestertwp.com.

Full Line Up of Camps and Clinics this Summer

All Camps are open to Girls and Boys - All Camps held in Heebner Park, 1721 Valley Forge Road, Worcester

UK ELITE SOCCER

July 14-18
Ages 3-5, 9-10:30am
OR
10:45-12:15 pm, \$105
Ages 5-14, 9am-12:00pm, \$145

- 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, sweat-shirt, shin guards, water bottle and plenty to drink. Each child will receive a t-shirt and soccer ball. 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!

US SPORTS INSTITUTE

MULTI-SPORT CAMP

July 21-25
Ages 5-7 (Half-Day 9am-1pm) \$160
Ages 7-14 (Full-Day 9am-3pm) \$180

Here's a camp created to meet the needs of the youngster who is interested in all kinds of sports. There are no arts or crafts, just a total emphasis on sport and fun activities. Every child takes part. 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 include: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bocce, Cricket, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Hand Ball, Lacrosse, Net Ball, Olympic Games, Parachute, Pillo Polo, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball and World Cup. Each child receives a t-shirt and completion certificate. USSI provides all sport equipment.

PONYSHARE'S GROOMING, RIDING & HORSEMANSHIP

PROGRAM

July 14-18
Ages 3-6 (3-4pm) \$165
Ages 7-12 (4:30-6pm) \$195



August 4-8
Ages 3-6 (3-4pm) \$165
Ages 7-12 (4:30-6pm) \$195

This popular program provides an exciting and inexpensive introduction to the world of equines, in a fun-filled atmosphere. PonyShare uses ponies and cobs, smaller and easier to handle than their larger equine counterparts. Small groups of 4-5 children are formed according to age and prior experience, if any. After reviewing safety rules, previously-covered materials and new subject matter, children are assigned their size-related pony or cob and each small group works under the tutelage of a qualified instructor.

Topics to be covered include: safety on and around horses, basic anatomy, equine senses and body language, grooming, the tack and harness, driving the miniature horse, English and Western styles, barn management and career opportunities with horses. Participants also get to ride or drive their charges 3-4 times per session.

This program enhances teamwork,

self-esteem and camaraderie while helping develop a genuine appreciation and deep respect for the animals. Course materials are provided. We recommend each youngster bring strong hiking shoes, jeans/sweat pants, a bicycle helmet, fluids and a carrot!

A minimum of 6 children is required for each session to proceed with camp. Register early to avoid cancellation.

US SPORTS INSTITUTE

SPORTS SQUIRTS CAMP

July 21-25
Ages 3-5, 4:00pm-5:30pm, \$90

The Sports Squirts Camp has been designed to introduce young children to a variety of sports in a safe, structured environment. All games and activities encompass hand/eye coordination, balance, agility and movement - all key factors to the early development of children in sport.

In addition to having a great time playing the different sports, children will develop social interaction and communication skills. All sports are developed through a series of games and activities designed to ensure learning and most importantly: fun, fun, fun!

US SPORTS INSTITUTE

BEGINNERS LACROSSE CLINIC



July 28-August 1, 5-7pm
Ages 7-14 (Co-Ed), \$110

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. USSI provides suitable equipment for all participants.

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TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING TIMES

Board of Supervisors
3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm

BOS Work Sessions
1st Monday at 8:00am

Planning Commission
4th Thursday at 7:30pm

Planning Commission Work Sessions
2nd Thursday at 7:30pm

Zoning Hearing Board
4th Tuesday at 6:30pm

*All Public Meetings are held in the
Worcester Township Community Hall
1031 Valley Forge Road*

2008 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The 2008 Roadway Improvement Program will include reconstruction, repair and overlay work on six different township roads (Morris Road, Smith Road, Beyer Road, Overhill Drive, Wentz Church Road and Glenview Drive - cul-de-sac only).

Building a deck? Planting a tree? 811 is the new number you should call before you begin any digging project. A new, federally-mandated national "Call Before You Dig"



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Call before you dig.**

number, 811, was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. Regardless of the size of your job, one call to 811 gets your underground utility lines marked for free. For more info, check out www.call811.com.

WORCESTER RECOGNIZES PERRY SCHULTZ

Long-time Worcester resident and Township Director of Public Works, Perry Schultz will retire in the summer of 2008. Please join the Board of Supervisors and township staff in thanking Perry for his many years of dedicated service to the community and its residents.