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Worcester Residents Helping To Do Great Things

For many years township residents had a locally based charity fund that focused on the Worcester community, ensuring that designated donations went to charities that were local or provided for causes that the community supported. With the changing of federal laws governing charities, the burden of managing the fund became too great and it was disbanded. Many of the charities that were supported by the fund still exist and more are being created as needs become visible.

We are introducing a column in the *Worcester Crier* to highlight some of the charities and non-profit organizations within our community or which have been established by Worcester residents. If you are aware of a non-profit in the Township that would like to tell its story to the community, please get in touch with the Township staff at 610-584-1410 or email: jlanzillo@worcestertwp.com. Worcester people are doing great things to help others and we want to highlight their contributions and let residents know the great things their neighbors are adding to our community.

In this issue, we look at the *David Bradley Children's Bereavement Program*, which was established in 1998. The program is being run by the Wissahickon Hospice, under the umbrella of the University of Pennsylvania Health System. The program is named in honor of David Bradley, son of township resident Doris Bradley-Plager. When David was only 13, he lost his father to cancer. Doris eventually remarried, to Dave Plager, and they moved to Worcester to enjoy the quality of life we all appreciate. Dave, who grew up in Brooklyn, is a regular at Township meetings. If you vote at the Community Hall in Fairview Village you can recognize Dave as that location's Assistant Constable.

Doris' son, David, attended Lehigh University and eventually moved to California. He was the victim of a workplace shooting at the age of 28. In his memory, Doris established the charity, and David's friends at work helped to raise the funds for the *David Bradley Children's Bereavement Program*. Doris remembered how difficult it had been for David to handle his father's death and the help that

Wissahickon Hospice had provided when David had most needed it.

The program is free to people from ages 2-18. It is designed to help children and teens cope with terminal illness and death-related issues. They offer individual counseling at home or a private setting, community outreach, group workshops, educational and resource materials. The program has been supported by the Philadelphia Phillies, who provide the facilities at Citizens Bank Park for an annual fund raising event called "Popcorn Day at the Phillies."

In addition, Phillies pitcher Jaime Moyer (who was raised in Souderton) has established weekend camps throughout the country called Camp Erin. The camp is for children who have lost loved ones. When he was traded to the Phillies he established a camp in the Philadelphia area and chose the David Bradley Program to run the camp. The camp has been in existence in the Philadelphia area for three years and has been a huge success.

Doris and Dave have recently created an endowment fund for the Children's Bereavement Program so that it will continue to help children in the years ahead. The fund assets will be managed by the University of Pennsylvania.

For more information about the program, or to donate, call the program coordinator at 800-700-8807. In our next issue we will be looking at another organization, The Variety Club Camp, located at Valley Forge & Potshop Roads.



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Fall 2009 Bus Trips !

To register for all trips, please call Worcester Township at 610-584-1410. Space is limited!

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

Sunday, September 20
Depart Worcester Area: 9am
Depart AC: 5:30pm
\$30 per person

For less than the cost of a tank of gas, enjoy a day in the city that is always turned on. Our luxury motor coach will drop you off and pick you up at the Tropicana where you will enjoy a carefree day without the hassle or cost of driving to the shore. \$25 in slot play included. Must be 21.

NEW YORK CITY

ON YOUR OWN

Saturday, October 24
Depart Worcester Area: 8am
Depart NYC: 6pm
\$45 per person

Spend a day in NYC and leave the driving to us! Our luxury motor coach will drop off travelers in Times Square, near the Visitors' Center where discounted tickets are available to both on and off-Broadway shows. Plan for and shopping at American Girl Place. Stop into the Visitors Center to book a ride on a Double-decker bus for a tour of the city or simply take advantage of the bargain price and design your own itinerary for a day in the Big Apple.

THE PLATTERS AT THE TROPICANA,

ATLANTIC CITY

Monday, October 5
Depart Worcester Area:
9:30am
Depart NJ: 5:30pm
\$75 per person

Live at the Tropicana Casino Showroom, hear The Platters sing all of their classics, including. Your package includes transportation, \$23 in slot dollars, show ticket and a full luncheon buffet.

ATLANTIC CITY TROPICANA CASINO SHOW PACKAGE

Monday, October 26
Depart Worcester Area:
11am
Depart AC: 7pm
\$70 per person

"Steppin' Out On Broadway" is a musical celebration performed by a 20-piece orchestra, complete with singers and dancers. Hear songs from renowned musicals such as My Fair Lady, Chicago and others. The package includes: transportation, lunch buffet, show and a casino bonus.

RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Monday, December 7
 Depart Worcester Area: 7:30am
 Depart NYC: 4pm
 Tickets to 11am Show
 Free Time in NYC after Show
 \$95 per person
 includes \$10 concession voucher

Saturday, December 5
 Depart Worcester Area: 7:30am
 Depart NYC: 6pm
 Tickets to 11am Show
 Free Time in NYC after Show
 \$150 per person

Tuesday, December 1
 Depart Worcester Area: 10am
 Depart NYC: 7:30pm
 Tickets to 5pm Show
 Free Time in NYC before Show
 \$105 per person

Social Security Resources

The Social Security Administration has a wealth of information available to help navigate questions surrounding Medicare, Disability issues, retirement and more. Check them out on the web.

For questions on Medicare prescription assistance:

www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

For disability-related issues:

www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

For information on changing your name on your Social Security Card :

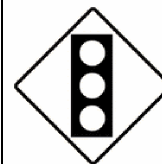
Just fill out form SS-5, which you can get at www.socialsecurity.gov/ss5doc

Not getting your annual Social Security Statement?

Just visit www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement and select the "Need to request a *Statement?*" banner.

For other issues, check out their national site at www.socialsecurity.gov.

New Traffic Signal at Water Street and Valley Forge Roads



While weather and other factors can impact scheduling, here is an estimate on the completion of the new traffic signal at

Valley Forge (Route 363) and Water Street Roads:

Underground Foundations and Conduit installation: August 17-31

Equipment Delivery Date:

September 28

Project Complete: October 13



REGISTER TODAY!

The objective of the Montco Fall Basketball League is to promote and provide a wholesome recreational basketball program. The aims of the league are to encourage & foster positive sportsmanship, teach fundamental

basketball skills, & promote friendly relationships among the participants, coaches, parents and officials. Youth from ALL areas are welcome to participate, not just those living in Worcester or Lower Providence

Locations: Games will take place in gyms at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell.

Divisions: The league is open to boys and girls, entering grades 5-10 in the fall of 2009. There will be 3 divisions: 5/6 Grade; 7/8 Grade; 9/10 Grade for both boys and girls.

Costs: Only \$75 per player. Your fee covers a team shirt for each paid participant, certified basketball officials for games, equipment, coaches' clearance fees, league web site, and league administration.

How do I register? Early Registration is open until September 11, 2009. A late registration fee of \$15 applies to registrations received after September 11, 2009, and players will be assigned to teams, space permitting. Games will begin mid-September. Games will be played on Saturdays between 1-6pm. *For a registration form, please email jlanzillo@worcestertwp.com, visit www.worcestertwp.com or call 610-584-1410.*

Coaches: We are looking for volunteers coaches who will be required to obtain multiple clearances including FBI, child abuse and PA Criminal History. Coaches that are accepted will be reimbursed for the cost of these clearances.

Team Assignments: Pre-existing teams are permitted to register as a complete team in any division (\$75 each player, or \$750 for a team of 10 or more players). Individual players will be invited to an evaluation session for team assignments. Individual registrants may request to be on the team of a specific coach or teammate, but all roster assignments for individual players are at the discretion of league administration.

Winning Ways Basketball Academy @ Kinetix Sports Club

951 N. Park Avenue, Fairview Village



Classes for boys and girls, grades 3-12 Saturdays

\$75 for a 4 week session, or \$20 per class

Session I: September 19-October 10 (classes between 9am-12pm)

The focus of this academy is to build on fundamental concepts to improve your shooting percentage and offensive skills, through a high repetition and a concentrated focus on the basics!

Session II: October 24-November 14 (classes between 9am-12pm)

The concentration of this 4-week session will address proper defensive positioning, foul shooting, shot selection, moving without the ball, playing with your back to the basket, creating scoring opportunities and the transition game.

Lots of individual attention with 6-to-1 player to coach ratios! For more information, and to register, please call Worcester Township Parks & Recreation at 610-584-1410 or Email jlanzillo@worcestertwp.com

Co-ed Adult Softball Tournament—Sept. 26/27

Come out for a fun weekend of softball in Worcester



Worcester Township Parks & Recreation introduces adult softball, with a charity tournament, the weekend of September 26-27.

Professional Tournament management

Get your team together!

Details available at the township office, online at www.worcestertwp.com or by email: jlazillo@worcestertwp.com

3 on 3 Hoops in Heebner—October 2-3-4

All Ages! (Grades 5 thru Adults!)



All players get a tourney t-shirt!

Double elimination.

Real Referees.

Only \$30 per person.

Get your team together!!!!!!

Full details available at www.worcestertwp.com, at the township office (610-584-1410) or email us at jlazillo@worcestertwp.com

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**TOWNSHIP MONTHLY
MEETING TIMES**

Board of Supervisors

1st Monday at 8:00am
3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm

Planning Commission

4th Thursday at 7:30pm

**Planning Commission
Work Sessions**

2nd Thursday at 7:30pm

Zoning Hearing Board

4th Tuesday at 6:30pm

Park & Recreation Task Force

2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:00pm

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

Is your Home Improvement Contractor Registered?

Pennsylvania now requires all home improvement contractors to register with the State Attorney General's Office. To get details on how to register, or see if your contractor has already done so, please visit www.attorneygeneral.gov. Residents can also verify contractor registration by calling 1-888-520-6680.

2009 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

October 24, Lower Merion Transfer Station, 9am-3pm
Dispose of items like motor oil, computer monitors, oil based paint, printers and more.

For information, please call 610-278-3618

Sewer Payment Reminders

Quarterly sewer payments MUST be received in the township office by 4:30pm on the last day of the month in which they are due. The postmark will no longer serve as the date received.

Fall Leaf Collection

Don't forget, your private trash hauler is required, per Township ordinance, to provide a spring and fall curbside leaf pick up. Please remember that leaves should not be placed curbside more than 24 hours prior to pick up. They should not impact the flow of traffic nor should they restrict the performance of storm drains or other catch basins.