

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP

AT THE CENTER POINT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



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TENNIS COURT RESURFACING PROJECT AT HEEBNER

Worcester Township received a grant from the US Tennis Association to resurface all the three tennis courts at Heebner Park. New nets were also installed.

The courts sport a new blue surface. Why blue? This color makes it easier for players and spectators to see a tennis ball. This is why blue surfaced tennis courts have been used at the US Open since 2005.

The Township extends a special thanks to the Penn Suburban Tennis Association for an additional contribution to the resurfacing project.



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THE DAYS GONE BY

Worcester Township's first post office was established in Center Point, near the intersection of Valley Forge Road and Skippack Pike, on March 7, 1826.

The post office later relocated to Allebach's General Store, and then to the Farmers Union Hall. Abraham Warner served as the Township's first postmaster.

Photo Description: This is a photo of the Worcester Post Office when it was located at the (now) Farmer's Union Hall in 1983.

Source: *A History of Worcester Township*

Photo Source: *Worcester Historical Society Facebook Page*



HOW MUCH CANDY IN THE FISHBOWL?



There is a fish bowl in the lobby of the Worcester Township Building. And in this fish bowl there is candy...Sour Balls, to be exact. And lots of them.

How many Sour Balls is your guess, and if your guess is the closest without going over the actual number you'll win the candy, and sweet bragging rights.

Submit your guess at the Township Building, or by e-mail to lsimpson@worcestertwp.org before 4:30pm on October 28. One guess per person please. The winner will be announced in our next newsletter.

The candy is kindly contributed by the employees of Worcester Township, who are not eligible to submit a guess (*sorry folks!*).

NEW TOWNSHIP AFTER HOURS EMAIL ADDRESS

The Township has created a new email account to report concerns with Township-owned property – such as roads, parks and trails – after normal business hours. If a water pipe bursts in a park restroom, or if a fence is damaged at a baseball field, the issue can be reported to afterhours@worcestertwp.com. The email account is monitored at all times.

To report concerns during normal business hours folks may contact the Township Building at 610-584-1410.

And as always, for emergencies call 9-1-1 immediately!



SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The following projects are now under subdivision and development review:

WHITEHALL ESTATES. A 38 single-family detached home subdivision on Whitehall Road.

The following subdivision and land development projects are among those receiving preliminary and/or final approval in the recent years, and construction has not yet begun:

ADVANCE REALTY MANAGEMENT. The addition of loading docks and the construction of a parking lot at an existing industrial building at Morris Road.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF FAIRVIEW VILLAGE. A 2,100 sf addition to an existing church at Germantown Pike.

IBEW. A 17,340 sf addition to an existing training facility at Germantown Pike.

THE RESERVE AT CENTER POINT. A 25 single-family detached home subdivision on Township Line Road.

STONY CREEK VILLAGE. Office, retail and restaurant buildings at North Wales Road & Township Line Road.

The following approved subdivision and land development projects are now under construction:

APPLEWOOD ESTATES. A 23 single-family detached home subdivision at Berks Road & Skippack Pike.

ARBOR RESERVE. A 4 single-family detached home subdivision at Bruner's Circle.

MEADOWOOD. A 6,565 sf addition to house rehabilitation facilities at an existing retirement community at Skippack Pike.

THE PRESERVE AT WORCESTER. A 39 single-family detached home subdivision located at Skippack Pike & North Wales Road.

SYCAMORE ESTATES. A 12 single-family detached home subdivision at Berks Road & Weber Road.

All plans are available for public review at the Township Building, Monday to Friday, 7:00am to 4:30pm.

GRINDER PUMP POWER AND GENERATORS

Does your property have a grinder pump? If yes, you know the pump will not operate when electrical power is lost. And because the pump's well stores about a day's worth of wastewater, a prolonged power outage can be problematic.

Many residents have asked about installing a back-up generator that supplies power to the pump when electricity is lost. In general, a minimum 6500W generator is required to activate a grinder pump. The Township Codes Department can assist homeowners seeking to install a generator in their home.

For permit and additional information contact Kristen Marin, Codes Clerk, (610) 584-1410, or at kmarin@worcestertwp.com.



THIRD-PARTY ELECTRICAL WORK—WHAT TO DO

Planning electrical work at your property? No matter how big or small the project, the building code requires that all electrical plans and work be reviewed, inspected and approved by a third-party electrical agency.

Like most municipalities in the Commonwealth, Worcester does not review electrical plans, nor does the Township inspect rough electrical work. All electrical permit applications submitted without third-party approval are considered incomplete, and can't be processed by the Township.

Residents may use a certified electrical contractor of their choice to review plans and to inspect the work.

And doing the job right is important... in the event of a loss some insurance companies may not cover damages caused by electrical work that was completed by someone other than a certified electrical contractor, and without the required municipal permits!

BUS TRIPS—THERE'S STILL TIME TO SQUEEZE IN 2016

CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA TOUR

Wednesday, October 26

Price: \$98/ person

This trip includes a three-course lunch (mozzarella and arugula salad, roasted chicken with gnocchi and glazed carrots, tiramisu) at Ristorante Caterina de' Medici. A tour of the Culinary Institute, and free time to explore grounds will also take place.

**Please let us know of any dietary issues at time of registration.*



TONY ORLANDO'S GREAT AMERICAN CHRISTMAS SHOW AND CASINO TRIP

Tuesday, November 29

Price: \$60/ person

Join us at the Sands Bethlehem Casino for a show and free time in the casino.

This package includes a ticket to Tony Orlando's Great American Christmas Show and \$20.00 in slot play.

Folks will spend six hours at the casino including the 2:00 pm show (two hour duration).

Sorry you must be 21 years of age or older to travel on this trip. You must have a valid driver's license in order to be admitted into the casino and receive your \$20.00 slot play.

RADIO CITY ROCKETTES

Thursday, December 1

Monday, December 5

Tuesday, December 13

Price: \$115/ person

The Rockettes put on a show to make each year's performance better than the last at the world's largest indoor theatre.



GIVING THIS SEASON—BENEFIT YOUR COMMUNITY

FIRST ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Most Worcester Township residents never have to worry about finding their next meal or feeding a family. Others are less fortunate.

As the season of giving approaches please remember those in need by giving to the 1st Annual Worcester Township Food Drive. Food items can be dropped off at the Township Building, 1721 Valley Forge Road, Monday to Friday, 7:00 am to 4:30 pm.

For residents who want to give, but who are unable to stop by the Township Building during normal business hours, the Township is offering two convenient pick-up days! Just leave your donation in a paper bag at the front door, and we'll do the rest. Pick-ups must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of collection. The two pick-up days are...

- Thursday, November 3
- Thursday, November 17



To schedule a pick-up call the Township Building at (610) 584-1410, or e-mail Laura Simpson at lsimpson@worcestertwp.com. The last day to drop off items is November 22.

All food collected will be donated to the local Salvation Army Food Cupboard.

Please note that we can't accept expired goods, homemade items or any food in glass containers. Thank you for caring!

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Township Building, 1721 Valley Forge Road, will serve as a drop-off location for the United States Marine Corps' annual Toys for Tots Program. Help to brighten the holidays for a needy family in our community by donating a new, unwrapped gift between November 1 and December 13.

The Township Building is open Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm. (Please note we'll be closed on November 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday).

Used toys, realistic-looking toy weapons and items containing food can't be accepted.

For more information about the Toys for Tots Program please visit toysfortots.org.



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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: GREENER PARTNERS



Take a scenic drive down Stump Hall Road to find Longview Farm, a 120-acre preserved farm that's in operation year-round. Longview Farm is one of three Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farms managed by Greener Partners.

"In addition to Longview Farm, Greener Partners operates an urban farm in North Philadelphia, and a hospital-based wellness farm at Lankenau Medical Center," says Meg MacCurtain, Greener Partners' Executive Director.

CSA farms emphasize the relationship between consumers and the food source. This means that folks can expect fresh produce, local raw honey, grass-fed beef, pasture-raised chicken and eggs, and organic bread made from local heritage grains. Longview Farm even offers a pick-your-own fruits and veggies program!

Many programs and events are now being offered at Longview Farm, including:

- A Farmer's Market that's open every Saturday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- An Expanded Farmer's Market is offered every second Saturday of the month, boasting additional vendors and local farmers, live music and children's activities.
- An Organic Pick-Your-Own Operation that includes flowers and fresh herbs.
- Year-round farm explorer education programs.
- Thursday morning story times for children.

To learn more about the Longview Farm and Green Partners contact Amy Johnson at amy.johnson@greenerpartners.org.



Longview Farm
3215 Stump Hall Road
610-584-6580
greenerpartners.org

YOU CAN RECYCLE THAT?

Everyone knows to recycle paper, cardboard, aluminum and glass. But here are a few things that can also be recycled or reused...

BACKPACKS. The American Birding Association (americanbirding.org) accepts donated backpacks, which its scientists use while tracking birds.

CROCS. This shoe manufacturer recycles its used shoes, and donates them to underprivileged families. Used Crocs may be mailed to Crocs Recycling, 3375 Enterprise Avenue, Bloomington, CA 92316.

GLUE. Many schools have recycling programs for empty containers of glue and glue sticks. Students and teachers rinse out the bottles, which are then sent for recycling. Find out more at elmersgluecrew.com.

WINE CORKS. To turn them into flooring and wall tiles, send them to Wine Cork Recycling, 610 South Chamber Drive, Fredericktown, MO 63645. Or put them in a compost bin, as they're biodegradable. (*Note: Plastic corks can't be composted or recycled.*)

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels has served Montgomery County's senior and disabled residents for more than forty years, helping folks who are determined to live independently, and in their own homes and communities. Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver two meals a day, Monday to Friday.

Equally important, the volunteers interact and socialize with their clients, helping improve the quality of life for these very special persons.

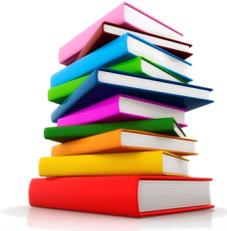
Interested in joining the more than 200 local Meals on Wheels volunteers who make our community a better place? Contact Meals on Wheels at 610-275-1960.

NEW BOOKMOBILE DATES !!

MERRYMEAD FARM
2222 S. Valley Forge Road
Lansdale PA 19446

Every other Monday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Upcoming Dates:
9/19, 10/3 10/17, 10/31, 11/14, 11/28



WHAT CAN I DO TO REDUCE STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION?

- Keep all litter off the street and place it in receptacles so that it does not get washed down the storm drains.
- Service your car regularly to prevent gasoline, oil, anti-freeze and brake and transmission fluids from leaking onto the pavement and washing into our streams.
- Place dog waste in a trash can. Do not leave it on your yard, in the street or in a storm drain. Pet waste can introduce disease-causing bacteria into our water supply.
- Use fertilizers and herbicides sparingly and only when necessary. Follow the directions on the package. Use organic fertilizer and do not use before heavy rain events.
- Set your mower's height at 3 inches. Taller grass absorbs more stormwater.
- Use absorbent materials such as cat litter or rags to soak up any

spills, then sweep up and dispose of the items properly. Do not use water from a hose to "water down" the spill.

- Choose water based paints and wash brushes in the sink with water.
- Reuse and recycle paint thinner. Do not pour it down the drain. Take it to a local household hazardous waste disposal center.



For more stormwater information, please visit the Township website at worcestertwp.com

For any questions or concerns regarding stormwater or to report an illicit discharge to the storm sewer system, please call the Township at **610-584-1410**.

WATERSHED PROTECTION TIP—DON'T MOW THE STREAM SIDE



Riparian buffers are the vegetated areas alongside streams. These trees, bushes and grasses are an important part of the ecosystem, and are vital to the health of fish and other aquatic organisms.

Riparian buffers help to prevent erosion during floods, which reduces the amount of sediment and other pollutants discharged into the waterway. So if a stream meanders through your property, please limit mowing near the water's edge, and allow trees and bushes to grow in this area.

This Watershed Protection Tip is part of Worcester Township's ongoing efforts to provide public education on stormwater management and to protect our environment.

WORCESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



**REPLACE SMOKE
ALARMS EVERY
10 YEARS**

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 9-15, 2016**

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 9 TO 16. The fire department is holding their Annual Fire Prevention show at Merrymead on Saturday, October 8 from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. This is an opportunity for children (and adults) to sit in the fire trucks, meet with the Township's firefighters and get a picture with Sparky the fire dog. The Worcester Volunteer Fire Department offers these important safety tips to help folks prepare for the coming colder weather.

- Check carbon monoxide alarms and smoke & fire alarms, and replace if these are older than 10 years. Check all alarms monthly, and replace the batteries when needed.
- If your home is warmed by a natural fuel burning appliance, such as a fireplace, or by a wood, coal or pellet stove, hire a professional to clean and check this appliance and the chimney before the weather turns cold.
- During power outages do not run generators indoors or in any attached structure, including porches. Make certain these units are placed outside with the exhaust directed away from your residence and any openings such as windows or doors.

Have a safe and happy Fall season!
Thank you!



I WALKED HOW FAR?

Heebner Park is known for its walkability and regular visitors of all ages. The Township will often have folks inquiring about the distance they have just walked. Did you know that we have a map posted online that shows the different walking routes throughout Heebner Park, with their distances?

Be sure to check the Parks & Recreation Department section of worcestertwp.com to pick your favorite route!



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SEE AND BE SEEN

KEEP TREES, BRUSH AND TALL PLANTS AT YOUR DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE TRIMMED

If you have trouble seeing oncoming traffic when exiting your driveway, then it is likely oncoming traffic has trouble seeing you. Trees, bushes and tall plants at your driveway entrance will cause this problem. The Township recommends trimming all growth that

interferes with the line of sight. And if hedges are used for privacy or sound barriers, please consider relocating these back from the road to an area that will not interfere with the line of sight.



In addition, it is a violation of Township Code to plant trees or bushes, or to locate any structures, within the right-of-way of the street. The right-of-way extends beyond the paved portion of the street. And while the width of the right-of-way varies by street, along many roads the right-of-way extends approximately 12 feet from the edge of pavement.

It is also recommended that Bamboo plants be at least 40 feet removed from of all public roads. Bamboo can bend and break (especially when covered by snow), and fall onto neighboring sidewalks and roads. Restricting the location of Bamboo helps to keep our sidewalks and streets safe and passable all year long.