

WORCESTER



TOWNSHIP

At the Center Point

of Montgomery County

Grants, Grants, Grants!

In the last three years alone Worcester Township has been awarded about \$2.1million in state and county grants to fund improvements to our roads, parks and trails. That's an impressive number considering the Township's annual operating budget is about \$2.8million. Getting grants is one of the many ways the Township works to keep taxes low (we have the lowest municipal real estate tax in Montgomery County!) while maintaining a higher quality of life in our community.

A list of grants recently awarded is posted at worcestertwp.com... at our home page keyword search "Grant Status." This list also includes grant applications that have been submitted for funding consideration, including:

- \$326,000 for a one-mile extension of the Zacharias Trail;
- \$330,000 for improvements to the Township's sanitary sewer system; and,
- \$390,000 for improvements to the Township's stormwater system;

Many thanks to State Representative Matt Bradford and State Senator Katie Muth for their continued and strong support of the Township's efforts to obtain grant funding!

FREE!

MOON BOUNCE

CRAFT FAIR

FREE!

FOOD

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

PONY RIDES

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP

Community Day

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 2020

11AM TO 3PM
HEEBNER PARK
(RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 27)

FREE!

ROCK WALLS

FIRE TRUCKS

FREE!

PETTING ZOO

Save On Summer Park Tickets

Summer's here. And if you're planning a day trip or two to area amusement parks and other attractions, Worcester Township can save you a dollar or two.



Discounted admission tickets are now on sale at the Township Building. Dorney Park, Hersheypark, Dutch Wonderland, the Philadelphia Zoo and more.

Check out worcestertwp.com for ticket pricing and additional information. Questions? Call us at (610) 584-1410.

Turn Around, Don't Drown

Some motorists approach road-closed signs and think, "I don't see anything dangerous, so I'll keep driving down the road." It's a decision that can cost lots of money, and lives.



Did you know...

- six inches of water will knock the strongest person off their feet;
- six inches of water can cause a car to lose traction; and,
- twelve inches of water will float most cars.

In Pennsylvania drivers who are caught disregarding road-closed signs are assessed two points on their driver's license and a fine up to \$250. This fine increases to \$500 if the vehicle gets stuck and requires emergency rescue services.

So before driving around a road-closed sign, think twice about the risks. It's just not worth it!

DURING COVID-19

Sunday, March 8, 11:18am... the moment Township officials first learned a Worcester resident had tested positive for coronavirus. And since this time we've been working hard to protect our community.

Here's an overview of some of Worcester Township's efforts to date...

- The Township has continued to deliver all life-essential services without interruption. This includes the operation of our sanitary sewer system, management of our storm sewer system, and maintenance of our roads and bridges. Our Public Works Department has likewise maintained all Township parks and trails, to accommodate those who need a place to exercise and unwind.
- The Township Building has maintained regular office hours, because not all Township business can be conducted by e-mail or telephone. For five weeks the Township Manager was the only employee stationed at the Township Building, with other staff working

remotely. Staff returned to the office in early May to reconfigured workstations that maximize distancing between employees.

- The Township's Emergency Management Coordinator and two Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators (all volunteers) continuously monitored developments that could affect Township operations, and prepared daily reports on these important issues.
- The Township posted daily updates to its website. Even on Saturday and Sunday.
- The Township extended the discount period for real estate tax payments, and the Township extended the payment date for sanitary sewer fees.

Worcester Township will continue these efforts until our world returns to normal. We thank our residents and business owners for their patience and understanding as we work through these challenging times together. 🙏

DISINFECTANT WIPES ARE NOT FLUSHABLE!

Everyone is taking extra care to keep their homes as clean as possible. Many folks are using disinfectant wipes to clean tables, countertops and other surfaces throughout the home. But please remember that wipes of any kind can't be flushed into the sanitary sewer system. This includes the so-called "flushable" wipes! Disinfectant wipes can easily clog sewer pipes. And when this happens the wastewater often has only one way to flow ... back into your home!

In addition, if your property is served by a grinder pump, these wipes will (not may!) damage the grinder pump. Eventually, the pump will fail, leaving the property owner with a big repair bill!

Please toss used wipes into the trash can ... and use a plastic bag to contain used wipes for extra security. 🗑️



All varieties of wipes will clog sewer lines and damage grinder pumps!

IN THE PARK

Worcester Township Parks & Recreation proudly presents...



MOVIE IN THE PARK

FROZEN II

Thursday, July 23, 8:30pm

(Rain date July 30)

Anna and Elsa under the stars! Rated PG



TOY STORY 4

Thursday, August 6,

8:30pm

(Rain date August 13)

Must be good, they've made four of these films.

Rated PG



CONCERT IN THE PARK

WHERE'S PETE BAND

Tuesday, August 18, 7pm

(Rain date August 25)

Sing and dance the summer night away.

All events to be held at Heebner Park,
1721 Valley Forge Road.

Be sure to bring a blanket and a beach chair!



WORCESTER COMMUNITY DAY

Get Ready for Family Fun!

It's time to start thinking about Worcester Community Day 2020! This year's event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26 (rain date Sept. 27) from 11am to 3pm at Heebner Park.

Our community's biggest annual event will feature giant inflatables and a rock wall, a terrific petting zoo, a magician, face painting, food trucks, and vendors from all your favorite Worcester businesses! And most activities are free!

The Worcester Volunteer Fire Department will also hold demonstrations throughout the day. Real firefighters and real fire trucks... it doesn't get any cooler than that!

Artisans and vendors can now sign-up for the second-annual Community Day Craft Fair. If you're ready to showcase your talents, and sell some crafts, download a Craft Fair vendor form at worcestertwp.com.



And don't forget... sponsorships and volunteer opportunities are still available. If you'd like to lend a hand please contact Steven Heintz, Recreation Coordinator at (610) 584-1410, or by e-mail at sheintz@worcestertwp.com.

Ambulance Service Areas

Worcester Township is served by four ambulance companies, with each ambulance company covering a specific area of the Township. Coverage area boundaries are based on the distance to the nearest ambulance station.

Municipal governments are responsible to establish ambulance coverage areas. These areas must be reviewed on a regular basis to account for new development, new ambulance stations, and the relocation of ambulance stations. This year the Board of Supervisors reviewed and revised Worcester Township's coverage areas to ensure residents and businesses are served by the closest available ambulance. Coverage area maps are posted to worcestertwp.com... from our home page click "Living Here", then "Public Safety."

And remember... many of the men and women who serve as paramedics and EMTs are volunteers. Please consider purchasing an annual membership in the ambulance company that serves your family. Your support of these brave emergency responders is greatly appreciated!

Mulch IT!

Haven't mulched the flower beds yet? We can help. The Township chips tree branches, and makes the mulch available to Township residents at no cost. Mulch is a great and natural way to beautify your landscaping and prevent the growth of weeds.



The mulch is available at the compost bins that are located behind the Township Building, 1721 Valley Forge Road. Folks must self-load the mulch... so bring a shovel and someone who owes you a favor.



Summer Camps at Peter Wentz Fun at the Farmstead!

Colonial Camp

June 22-26, 9:30am to 3:30pm

Children entering grades 4 to 6 • \$150 per child
Colonial-period activities, crafts and more, led
by instructors who are artisans and historians.

Mittlekinder Camp

July 9, 16, 23 & 30, 9:30am to 1:30pm

Children entering grades 1 to 3 • \$125 per child
Learn about life during the 1700's at this hands-
on, one day a week camp.

Kleinen Camp

August 6, 13, 20 & 27, 9:30am to 11:30am

Children ages 4 and 5 • \$60 per child
Super-fun activities for the wee ones at this
half-day a week camp.

Registration is required, and spaces fill-up fast!
To register call the Peter Wentz Farmstead at
(610) 584-5104.

Paper Recycling Bin

A paper recycling bin has
been located at the Worcester
Township Public Works



Department, 1721 Valley Forge Road, near the
brush and mulch bins. It's a convenient way
to dispose of office paper, books, magazines,
catalogs, junk mail and catalogs. Sorry...
cardboard, cereal boxes and all non-paper
materials are not accepted.

Recycling Ideas

"1,000 years"

Individual plastic water bottles
can take up to 1,000 years to
fully decompose in a landfill.
Consider purchasing a water
cooler that uses multi-gallon bottles of water.
These larger bottles are reused, and the
per-gallon cost of the water is significantly
lower than the per-gallon cost of the water
purchased in single-serve bottles.



2020 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This year Worcester Township will
continue implementation of its annual
road improvement program. This
program is designed to maximize the useful
life of infrastructure through an aggressive
maintenance plan and appropriately-scheduled
capital improvements. The program allows the
Township to maintain approximately 60 miles
of roads in good condition.

The maintenance plan includes pothole repair,
street sweeping, roadside brush trimming,
roadside swale maintenance and patch milling.
The capital plan includes the replacement
of culverts and storm water pipes and the
resurfacing and reconstruction of roads. On
average, the Township resurfaces and/or
reconstructs between three and five miles of
roadways each year.

This summer the following roads will be resurfaced:

- Artmar Road;
- Berks Road, between Skippack Pike
and Morris Road;
- Credley Road;
- Ernest Lane;
- Ethel Avenue; and,
- Old Orchard Road.



At the time this newsletter went to print
the Township was considering resurfacing
that portion of Morris Road between
Valley Forge Road and Sunny Ayre Drive.
Please visit worcestertwp.com for an
update on this work.

The work is scheduled to get underway in
June, and will conclude by mid-August,
weather permitting.

Motorists using the above-noted
roads may experience delays during
construction. We thank folks for their
understanding and patience as we work to
improve our community's roadways. 🚗

WORCESTER CUB PACK 200



Ryan Buggel, Preston Iadamarco, and James
Verna. The western-themed event included
a formal ceremony, catered BBQ dinner,
mechanical bull, bounce house, and a lasso
contest!

In response to COVID-19 the scouts worked
hard to complete many requirements
at home. And the Zacharias Trail and
Evansburg State Park have been popular
places to complete hiking, outdoor, fishing
and nature activities needed for belt loops
and rank advancement.

Over 75 people attended this year's
Blue and Gold Banquet, which
celebrates Cub Scouts who have
successfully completed all the requirements
needed to become Boy Scouts. Led by Den
Leader Dan Abbey, five scouts graduated to
the Boy Scouts – Daniel Abbey, Dean Abbey,

For more information about Cub Pack 200,
contact Matthew Ryan, Pack Committee
Chair, at cubpack200@gmail.com. 🚗

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... lollipops to be exact. And lots of them.



person please. The winner will be announced in our next newsletter.

And congratulations to Chelsea Allen whose guess of 356 came closest to the actual number of butterscotch candies in the fishbowl (440) in our last contest. Chelsea,

How many lollipops are in the fish bowl 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.

don't forget to share!

Submit your guess at the Township Building, before 4:00pm on July 30. One guess per

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



HOME COOKIN' AT MEADOWOOD

by Meadowood Senior Living resident and amateur chef Lucia Borzillo

I found the sticky bun recipe in the newspaper many years ago when my sons were little boys. We all enjoyed them for brunch with friends and family on Sunday mornings. Today, they still are a favorite with our three grandsons and their families.



Our 2 ½ year-old great-grand twins are learning to love them too. So, sticky buns are still going strong in the Borzillo family!!



RETRIEVR TO THE RESCUE

retrievr

The good folks at retrievr offer convenient curbside collection of used clothing and a wide variety of electronics... including those "old-fashioned" television sets that most recycling centers don't accept!

retrievr collects clothing at no cost, and charges a modest fee for the collection of certain electronics.

And scheduling a pick-up couldn't be easier. Simply...

- text PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH, or
- visit retrievr.com and click the "schedule" button.

Visit retrievr.com for the complete list of accepted items, fees, and additional program information.

Thank you for your efforts to reuse and recycle, and to reduce the amount of waste dumped in landfills.

Ask Mary Ann

When the telephone rings at the Township Building, and the resident on the line asks a question, Receptionist extraordinaire Mary Ann always has the answer. Here's one of questions that Mary Ann often fields, and her answer...

RESIDENT: "How many miles of trails are in Heebner Park?"

MARY ANN: "Heebner Park includes five trail routes that total 2.25 miles. A map that shows each trail route and all trail distances is posted to the Township website. Visit worcestertwp.com, search 'Heebner Park Map', then click 'Parks and Trails.'"



Free Little Library Book Review

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Reviewed by Terry Smith (age 11)

The Story... Percy Jackson

and his friends must go on a quest to find Zeus's stolen master lightning bolt. The quest takes many twists and turns, and Percy learns a lot about himself.

My Favorite Part... My favorite part was when Percy learns about his powers. He has some good ones!

My Recommendation... I give this book five stars because it's really cool to see what happens and it has a great ending. It's a great book for kids who like mythology.

Thank you, Terry, for an amazing book review!

Would you like to review a book from our Little Free Library collection? Simply visit the library at the Township Building, 1721 Valley Forge Road, pick a book (it's free), and ask a parent to contact Recreation Coordinator Steven Heintz at (610) 584-1410, or by email at sheintz@worcestertwp.com.

Volunteer Firefighters Hours Logged

Through the first three months of 2020, the men and women of the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department logged 1,228 hours conducting drills and responding to calls for help. If these folks were paid firefighters, the estimated cost to Worcester taxpayers for the same number of service hours would total about \$131,400.

And if the Township were to employ a full-time paid fire department this cost would top \$2 million per year, or about \$180 for each person now living in Worcester!

Our volunteer firefighters may not be paid, but maintaining a dependable volunteer fire department isn't free. The Worcester Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for persons who can help protect our community. But if you don't have the time to volunteer please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to those who are willing to put themselves in harm's way to keep our families safe.

Send your contribution to:
Worcester Volunteer Fire Department
1725 Valley Forge Road, Post Office Box 1
Worcester, PA 19490

Hazardous Household Waste Collection

Looking for a safe and responsible way to discard used motor oil, an old bottle of weed killer, or those oatmeal raisin cookies your seven-year-old daughter tried to bake? Montgomery County hosts several hazardous household waste collection events throughout the region, and the events are free for all Montgomery County residents (business and industrial wastes are not accepted).

For complete program information – including a detailed list of acceptable materials – visit worcestertwp.com, montcoparecycles.org, e-mail recycling@montcopa.org, or call the Montgomery County recycling line at (610) 278-3618.

SPOOF CALL WARNING

Some Montgomery County residents have recently received telephone calls from folks claiming to solicit donations for the community's volunteer fire company. These "spoof" requests are not real. The callers hijack the local fire company's telephone number, so the call appears to come from the fire company. Don't be fooled ... these people are not affiliated with volunteer fire companies!



The Worcester Volunteer Fire Department never solicits donations by telephone, either directly or through a third-party. Fire Department donation requests are always sent by US mail, on official Fire Department letterhead, and in an official Fire Department envelope.

If you receive a spoof solicitation call please contact the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department at (610) 584-5159. 📞

WATERSHED PROTECTION TIP Don't Mow to the Stream-Side

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

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 Scenes

Look familiar? The first person to identify this location in Worcester Township will receive a neat prize, and a shout-out in our very next newsletter. Send your best guess to Mary Ann at mmurray@worcestertwp.com.

And congratulations to George Simonetes, who was the first to correctly identify Heyser Field at Community Hall in our last newsletter.

Days Gone By

In the middle of the 19th century a stagecoach operated three times a week between Norristown and Pennsburg. The 28-mile route included one stop in Worcester, at Center Point.

Source: *A History of Worcester Township*.

JUMP START SPORTS

Ages 2.5 to 5

Each session features a different sport. A great introduction to organized sports that focuses on locomotor movement, fitness and fun.

Mondays, June 15 to July 13

5:30 - 6:30pm or 6:30 - 7:30pm

Heebner Park Front Field

\$70 per camper

Ages 4 to 7

Each day features a different sport, packed with games and sport-themed activities! It's fast-paced fun for everyone.

Week 1: July 6 to 10

Week 2: July 27 to 31

Heebner Park Large Pavilion

9:00am - noon

\$125 per camper per week

Register today at www.jumpstartsports.com.

Questions? Contact Jen Yuvan at juvan@jumpstartsports.com.

OVERTIME ATHLETICS SPORTS SPECTACULAR CAMP

Are you a boy or girl between the ages of 5 and 12 who is looking for sport that's just right for you? Well, Worcester Township and Overtime Athletics can help!

Overtime Athletics will host its Sports Spectacular Camp this summer at Heebner Park. This camp gives children the chance to play multiple sports in a fun and relaxed environment... and all while making new friends!

August 3 to 7

9:00am - noon

\$188 per camper



To register visit otathletics.com and select "Worcester Township." Questions? Contact Brandon Bozek at bozek@otathletics.com.

TENNIS ANYONE?



The always-popular PSCTA youth tennis program returns this summer! Children ages 10 & under can learn the sport and develop skills with help of professional coaches

from the PennSuburban Community Tennis Association.

Wednesdays, from July 15 to August 12

Heebner Park Tennis Courts

Children (ages 5 to 8) 5:15 - 6:00pm

Children (ages 9 to 10) 6:00 - 7:00pm

\$60 for residents, \$65 for non-residents

To register complete a Recreation Activity Form (available at worcestertwp.com) and return this to the Township Building.

Questions? Contact Steven Heintz, Recreation Coordinator, at (610) 584-1410, or by e-mail at sheintz@worcestertwp.com.

COERVER UNITED SOCCER CAMP

Ball Mastery Camp (ages 6-10)

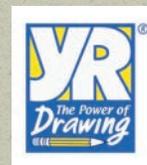
Designed for players with less than two years of experience with Coerver training. Focus on the development of individual skills and self-confidence. \$325 per player.

Advanced Camp (ages 10-14)

Played with Coerver for two or more years, or have advanced soccer experience? Now learn how Coerver moves are executed, and "where and when" these moves should be used during a game. \$375 per player.

Both camps will be held June 22-26, 9am-3pm, at Heebner Park.

To register visit coerverunited.com, and select Worcester in the Summer Camps menu for Pennsylvania!



Drawing Class

Let your child's creativity and imagination run free! Each student will learn the basics of art and drawing from

experienced staff in a fun environment! Boys and girls will learn how to draw the things they love, explore the artwork of the Masters, and much more! All materials are included!

August 10 to 14

Worcester Community Hall

- 9am to noon: Fantasy Forest Workshop
- 1pm to 4pm: Animal Cartoon Workshop

\$225 per student for one workshop

\$400 per student for both workshops

To register visit youngrembrandts.com, or call (610) 864-0018. Questions? Contact Cristina Hartley at (610) 864-0018 or by e-mail at cristina.hartley@youngrembrandts.com

Winning Ways Basketball Camp

Take to the court and get your game on, Beginners will learn the basics of



the game, more experienced players will hone their dribbling, passing and shooting skills, and everyone will have fun.

All instructors have prior collegiate or professional playing experience... these folks are experts! Open to boys and girls in grades 1 to 8.

June 29 to July 2

Girls – 8:15-11:30am

Boys – 11:45am-3pm

Worcester Elementary School

\$88 for residents, \$98 for non-residents

To register complete a Recreation Activity Form (available at worcestertwp.com) and return this to the Township Building.

Questions? Contact Steven Heintz, Recreation Coordinator, at (610) 584-1410, or by e-mail at sheintz@worcestertwp.com.



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What's Happening!

Every Friday afternoon the Township distributes a "Peek at the Week"—a list of Township meetings and community events scheduled for the upcoming seven days, plus other useful information. To get your Peek by e-mail simply enroll for E-News Sign-Up at worcestertwp.com. Peek at the Week is also posted to the Township's Facebook (@worcestertownship) and Twitter (@WorcesterTwp) accounts.

Subdivision And Land Development Update

The following projects are now under review:

- Blue Eagle Properties - A 1,600 sf addition to an existing office building at Germantown Pike.
- Meadowood - Two generator units to service an existing retirement community at Skippack Pike.
- Palmer - Seven commercial lots and one residential parcel at Skippack Pike & Valley Forge Road.
- Palmer Village - A sixteen-lot single-family detached subdivision, with a bank, convenience store with fuel pumps, and retail, at Skippack Pike & Valley Forge Road.

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

- Mazz Properties - A two-lot single family detached home subdivision at Morris Road.

- Meadowood - A 4,200 sf addition for administrative offices and resident amenities at an existing retirement community at Skippack Pike.
- Sparango Construction - An eight single-family detached home subdivision at Berks 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:

- Meadowood, The Grove - A 52-unit age-restricted development at an existing retirement community at Skippack Pike.
- Reserve at Center Square - A residential subdivision at Skippack Pike that includes 125 townhomes and 125 single-family detached homes.
- Whitehall Estates - A 39 single-family detached home subdivision at Whitehall Road.