

WORCESTER



TOWNSHIP

At the Center Point

of Montgomery County

NOW SHOWING... SUPERVISORS MEETINGS

Want to catch-up on the latest Township happenings but can't attend Board of Supervisors meetings? Not a problem, you can now watch the Board's monthly meetings on-line. All Work Sessions and Business Meetings are now recorded, and the videos are posted to the Township website a day or two after the meeting. Just visit worcestertwp.com, and click "Meeting Info" at the top of the page. In addition to watching videos, you can view meeting agenda, materials and approved minutes.

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION

Looking for a safe and responsible way to discard used motor oil, an old bottle of weed killer, or that candy from Halloween 2002 you just found behind the sofa? **Montgomery County is hosting a hazardous household waste collection event at the Norristown Area High School on Saturday, June 15, from 9am to 3pm. The event is 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 montcoparecycles.org, e-mail recycling@montcopa.org, or call the Montgomery County recycling line at (610) 278-3618.

FREE!

MOON BOUNCE

CRAFT FAIR

FREE!

FOOD

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

PONY RIDES

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP

Community Day

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
2019**

11AM TO 4PM
HEEBNER PARK
(RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 29)

FREE!

ROCK WALLS

FIRE TRUCKS

FREE!

PETTING ZOO



WATERSHED PROTECTION TIP

Don't Top Off

"Topping off" a gas tank after the nozzle clicks can pollute our waterways. Overfilling causes gas spills that may drain to the storm sewer and nearby streams. And forcing extra gasoline into the tank can decrease engine efficiency and adversely affect the vehicle's emission system.



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

RETIRE THOSE TIRED TIRES

How to properly dispose of used tires... it can be as hard as photographing a black hole that's 55 million miles from Earth (not really). But thanks to the good folks at Montgomery County, saying goodbye to those used Goodyears has never been easier.

This summer the County will offer two used tire collection events for Montgomery County residents. Tires collected will be shredded and repurposed by a local business into products that include road surface material and playground equipment.

The service is free for Montgomery County residents. There's a ten-tire limit per vehicle, and off-road tires and rims are not accepted. For complete program information visit montcoparecycles.org, e-mail recycling@montcopa.org, or call the Montgomery County recycling line at (610) 278-3618.

Saturday, June 8, 9am to Noon

Montgomery County Community College
1313 Morris Road, Blue Bell

Saturday, June 29, 9am to Noon

Western Montgomery Career and
Technology Center
77 Graterford Road, Limerick

2019 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 more than 55 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:

- Dell Road, from Water Street Road to Woodlyn Avenue;
- Heebner Road, from Hollow Road to Kriebel Mill Road;
- Hollow Road, from Skippack Pike to Stump Hall Road;
- West Point Drive, from Morris Road to Bethel Road; and,
- Woodlyn Avenue, from Dell Road to Valley Forge Road, and an additional 250 feet east of Valley Forge Road.

In addition, portions of Anvil Drive and Cedars Road will be repaired.

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 SCENES *New Blooms*



The Township Building.
Photo credit: Andrew Raquet.

PHOTOS WANTED!

Fancy yourself an amateur photographer? Then take your best shot of a Township park or other local scene, and submit this to jennifern@worcestertwp.com. The best photographs will be featured in the Worcester Township 2020 Calendar – our first ever!

In addition to beautiful photographs the calendar will include important dates and other information from both the Township and the Worcester Volunteer Fire Company.

Please include the photographer's name and age, so we can give credit to the artist!

IN THE PARK

Worcester Township Parks & Recreation proudly presents...



MOVIE IN THE PARK

INCREDIBLES 2

Thursday, July 18, 8:30pm

(Rain date July 25)

One of the best family movies in years!
Rated PG



RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET

Thursday, August 1, 8:30pm

(Rain date August 8)

Oh that Ralph! Oh the laughs! Rated PG



CONCERT IN THE PARK

WHERE'S PETE BAND

Thursday, August 15, 7pm

(Rain date August 29)

Sing and dance under the stars!



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

Be sure to bring a blanket and a beach chair!

HOME COOKIN' AT MEADOWOOD

By Meadowood Senior Living Resident and Amateur Chef Janet Azzara

A number of years ago when I was a Family and Consumer Sciences (formally Home Economics) teacher at Methacton High School and taught a number of foods classes, I needed a soup recipe for an event. I stumbled across this Italian Sausage & Tortellini Soup recipe for which I have become known.

I have made it countless times and always get asked for the recipe. I made it one time for a luncheon at my church, Lower Providence Presbyterian, and received so many requests that I had to have it printed in our next church newsletter.

The recipe is very easy to make, is easily doubled or cut in half, and freezes well. What else could one ask a favorite recipe to do?

-Janet Azzara, Meadowood Senior Living



ART IN THE PARK

Art in the Park returns to Heebner Park this summer. Work with Melissa from Engage Art Studios to create your masterpiece.

Tuesday, June 18, 1 - 3pm

Van Gogh-Inspired Sunflower Paintings

Use expressive brush strokes to create a bright, summery painting inspired by Van Gogh.

Friday, June 28, 10am - 12pm

Mixed Material Dragon Creation

Use paint and all sorts of embellishments to create a one-of-a-kind dragon to hang on your bedroom wall.

Wednesday, July 10, 4 - 6pm

Mixed Material Animal Box

Paint and embellish a ceramic box to look like your favorite animal.

Wednesday, August 7, 4 - 6pm

Sunset Beach Painting

Work with paint blending to create a colorful and striking sunset on the beach.

\$25 per child per class. All classes held at the small pavilion at Heebner, near the playground.

To register complete and submit a Recreation Activity Form, available at worcestertwp.com, or register and pay at the event. Questions? Contact Steven Heintz, Recreation Coordinator, at (610) 584-1410, or by e-mail at sheintz@worcestertwp.com.

RECYCLING IDEAS

Pack a Lunch

Send less to the landfill by bringing your own lunch and snacks to the office in a reusable container or bag.

And packing a lunch can save big money. The average US worker spends about \$37 per week when buying lunch. This totals more than \$1,900 per year!



For more simple recycling tips visit reusethisbag.com.

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.

LEASHES REQUIRED IN TOWNSHIP PARKS

Pennsylvania law requires dog owners to control their animals at all times. When a dog is safely confined to its owner's property, leashing isn't needed. But while the dog is



on another's property a leash is the best way to control the dog... and in Worcester parks and on Worcester trails the use of a leash is required at all times. Thank you for considering our neighbors' safety when walking Molly the Wonder Mutt.

PEEK AT THE WEEK!

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. Check us out!

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS HOURS LOGGED

Through the first three months of 2019, the men and women of the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department logged 1,592 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 \$170,300.



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. 🐦

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!

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

MAKING CENTS

Saving taxpayer money, it's one of the things Worcester Township does best! Here's another example of a step we're taking today to keep our financial position secure tomorrow.

WHAT WE DID...

We decided to not provide a Township vehicle for administrative staff use.

THE BACKGROUND...

Most municipalities own vehicles, and most of these vehicles – like Public Works trucks – are needed for day-to-day operations. But some vehicles are not needed... like a car that's provided to employees who run Township-related errands during the day.

THE STEP TAKEN...

Owning, operating, maintaining and insuring a vehicle is costly. And when the vehicle isn't used every day, the cost per mile driven can be significant. Because Worcester Township employees don't run errands every day, employees use their own vehicles for these trips, and the Township compensates the employee for the actual number of

miles driven, at the reimbursement rate established by the Internal Revenue Service. For 2019, this rate is 58 cents per mile.

HOW MUCH WE SAVED...

Utilizing employee vehicles saves approximately \$2,200 each year. 🐦

MULCH IT!

Haven't mulched the flower beds yet? We can help. The Township chips downed and trimmed tree



branches, and makes the mulch available to Township residents at no cost. It's a great opportunity to beautify your landscaping, and a natural way to 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 could lose a pound or two.

TENNIS ANYONE?

Youth and Adult Programs



YOUTH TENNIS

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 10 to August 7
Heebner Park tennis courts

Children (ages 5 to 7) 4:30-5:15pm
Children (ages 8 to 10) 5:15-6:15pm.

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

ADULT BEGINNER TENNIS

Always thought about playing, but never gave it a try? Now's your chance! Learn the basics and more from the knowledgeable instructors at Kinetix Tennis.

Session One

Mondays, June 10-July 29 6-7pm

Session Two

Mondays, August 5-September 23 6-7pm

Both sessions held at the Heebner Park tennis courts. \$95 for residents, \$105 for non-residents.

To register for youth or adult tennis:

complete and submit a Recreation Activity Form, available at worcestertwp.com.

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

SUMMER CAMP AT VARIETY

The days are getting longer and warmer, and the Variety campus will soon be bursting with summer camp fun! If you've ever wondered about summer camp at Variety, and how this great program helps children with disabilities, contact Mary Fuller at mary.fuller@varietyphila.org to schedule a visit! Variety's summer camp season starts June 24. Fun in the summer sun awaits!



DAYS GONE BY

In 1975 the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a marker at the Bethel Hill United Methodist Church cemetery on Skippack Pike. The marker is dedicated to the memory of the unknown soldiers who died in the church following the Battle of Germantown in 1777. The church was used as a hospital during the Revolutionary War.

Source: *A History of Worcester Township.*

NOMINATIONS WANTED

Do you know a Methacton School District graduate, educator, community leader or local business owner who has made significant contributions to their profession and our community? If yes, nominate him or her for a Methacton Education Foundation Apex Award.



The Apex Awards celebrates and showcases positive role models for Methacton students, while raising awareness and funding for the Methacton Education Foundation.

The awards will be presented at the inaugural Apex Award gala to be held in October (more information to come). Event proceeds benefit STEM activities, programs to assist economically disadvantaged students, career readiness initiatives and student wellness efforts.

For more information, and to download a nomination form, visit methactonfoundation.org/apex. 📧

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 24-28, 9am-3pm, at Heebner Park.

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



JUMP START SPORT CAMPS

Jump Start Sports are all about having fun and making friends. Each day features a different sport or activity!

Sports Camp Kickoff

July 8 - 12

The games kids love. Kickball, dodgeball, capture the flag, tag games, relay races, water games & more!

Ultimate Warrior Camp

July 15 - 19

Be challenged and get inspired. Obstacle courses, relay races, tug-of-war, and other fun team-building events.

College Days Camp

July 22 - 26

The most popular sports on the quad. Flag football, basketball, soccer, volleyball & more. Don't forget to wear your school colors!

Olympics Camp

July 29 - Aug 2

Go for the gold. Track and field, badminton and many more exciting Olympic events (sorry, no luge). Complete with medals presentations and closing ceremonies.

All camps located at Heebner Park.

Ages 4 - 12

Half-day, 9am-noon

\$125 per camp, \$450 for all camps

Ages 7 - 12

Full-day, 9am-3pm

\$185 per camp, \$665 for all camps

Register at www.jumpstartsports.com.

Questions? Contact Jen Yuvan with Jump

Start Sports at juvan@jumpstartsports.com.



PETER WENTZ FARMSTEAD CAMP

Check out the can't miss camping experiences coming to the Peter Wentz Farmstead this summer. Register today for fun in the sun at the most historic site in Worcester Township!

COLONIAL CAMP

June 24-28, 9:30am to 3:30pm

For children entering 4th to 6th grades.

Experience childhood activities and crafts from colonial times! *\$150 per child.*

MITTE CAMP

July 15-19, 9:30am to 1:30pm

For children entering 1st to 3rd grades.

Learn about life in the 1700's at this hands-on camp. *\$100 per child.*

WENTZ WONDER KIDS CAMP

July 29-August 2, 9:30am to 11:30am

For children ages 4 and 5. A half-day camp with fun activities... perfect for the little ones! *\$60 per child.*

Pre-registration is required, and camps fill-up fast. For more information visit peterwentzfarmsteadsociety.org, or call the Peter Wentz Farmstead at (610) 584-5104. 📞

FREE LITTLE LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

HATCHET BY GARY PAULSEN

REVIEWED BY WESTON ADAM (AGE 11)

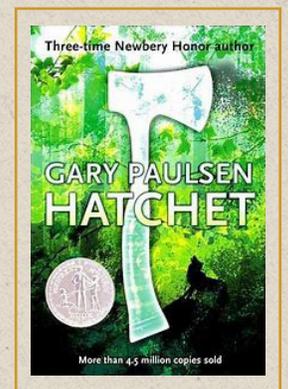
The Story... Brian goes on a trip to see his grandmother, but becomes trapped in the woods. All he has is a hatchet that his mother gave him. Brian uses this hatchet to survive by using it to make fire, get food, and build a shelter.

My Favorite Part... My favorite part was the end, but you'll have to read it to find out what happens!

My Recommendation... I give the book five stars, and think it would be a good reading book for the summertime, since it takes place in the summer.

Thank you, Weston, 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.



SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE NOW UNDER REVIEW:

- Palmer - A subdivision of seven commercial lots and one residential parcel at Skippack Pike and Valley Forge Road.
- Sparango Construction - An eight single-family detached home subdivision on Berks Road.

THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ARE AMONG THOSE RECEIVING APPROVAL IN THE RECENT YEARS, AND CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT YET BEGUN:

- Meadowood - A 4,200 sf addition for administrative offices and resident amenities at an existing retirement community at Skippack Pike.
- 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:

- IBEW - A 17,300 sf addition to an existing training facility at Germantown Pike.
- 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 on Whitehall Road.

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

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.

Worcester Elementary School August 5 - 9

Girls – 8:15 - 11:30am

Boys – 11:45am - 3pm

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

To register: complete and submit a Recreation Activity Form, available at worcestertwp.com. Questions? Contact Steven Heintz, Recreation Coordinator, at (610) 584-1410, or by e-mail at sheintz@worcestertwp.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.

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.

Submit your guess at the Township Building, or by email to jennifern@worcestertwp.com, before 4:00 pm on July 26. One guess per person please. The winner will be announced in our next newsletter.

And congratulations to Patti Loughridge, whose guess of 178 came closest to the actual number of Skittles, Starburst, and Gummies packets (181) in the fishbowl in our last contest. Patti, don't forget to share!

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



ASK JENN

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

RESIDENT: "Are all-terrain vehicles permitted in Township parks or on public roads?"

JENN: "ATVs, and all other motorized vehicles, are not permitted in Township parks and on Township trails. In addition, the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code doesn't allow ATVs to be driven on public roads. If you see an ATV in a Township park, please call the Township. And if an ATV is driving on a public road, please contact the Pennsylvania State Police."



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P.O. BOX 767
WORCESTER, PA 19490

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FAX: 610-584-8901
WORCESTERTWP.COM

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STEPHEN QUIGLEY, MEMBER

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YOGA IN THE PARK

Tuesdays, July 2 - August 20, 7 - 8pm

Heebner Park's Large Pavilion

\$50 for Residents, \$60 for Non-Residents

Increase flexibility and strengthen mind and body with yoga poses designed to help you relax, breathe and enjoy a little "me time"! For all fitness levels. Bring a mat and water bottle. Classes led by the talented staff of Kinetix Sports Club.

WALKING IN THE PARK

Fridays, Starting July 5, 8 - 9am

Heebner Park's Small Pavilion

\$20 for Residents, \$22 for Non-Residents

Brisk, rhythmic walking improves cardiovascular efficiency, strengthens the heart, controls weight gain, and reduces stress. What more could you ask for? So get off the couch, grab a comfortable pair of sneakers, and get moving. For all ages and fitness levels.

ZUMBA IN THE PARK

Tuesdays, July 2 - August 20, 6 - 7pm

Heebner Park's Large Pavilion

\$50 for Residents, \$60 for Non-Residents

Burn calories and have fun in this engaging Latin-style dance class! It's a party for all fitness levels. Classes led by energetic staff from the Kinetix Sports Club.



To Register: Complete and Submit a Recreation Activity Form, Available at worcestertwp.com.

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



CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, August 24

It's back, so get your appetite on. The Worcester Volunteer Fire Department's annual Chicken BBQ will be held Saturday, August 24, from 3pm until all is sold out... and it always sells out! Simply some of the best barbeque chicken you and the family will enjoy all summer. Take-out and eat-in meals are available. For complete information visit worcesterfd.com.