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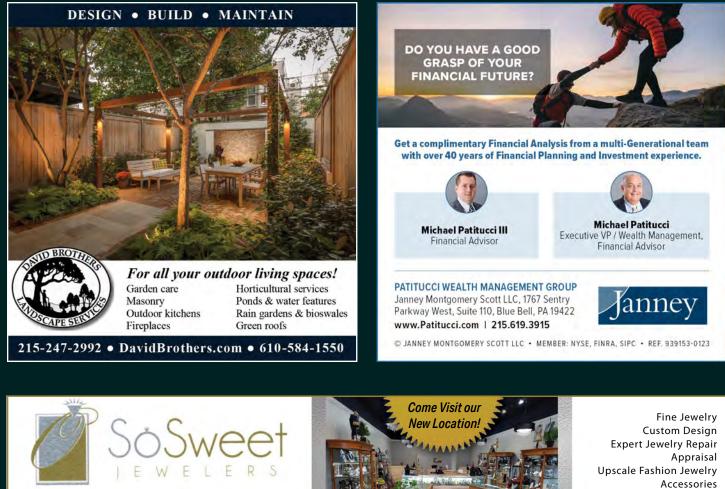
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MANAGER'S MESSAGE:



Since being welcomed to Whitpain Township in April and formally sworn-in as Township Manager on June 18, 2024, I have been busy meeting with community members, volunteers, elected officials, and Township staff members. Whitpain has a strong tradition of financial stability, open space preservation, and professional management and I look forward to continuing this tradition.

When it comes to Whitpain traditions, the autumn season is loaded with many cherished events. I am looking forward to our popular Community Festival which will be held on Saturday, September 28 on the campus of Montgomery County Community

College. As always, the day will feature fun for all ages and includes children's games, pony rides, food trucks, a beer garden, live music, and a fireworks show.

In late October, our Parks & Recreation Department will hold hayrides at Prophecy Creek Park. This is one of our most popular family events of the year and features a hay wagon ride around Prophecy Creek Park, a Halloween storyteller, and hot apple cider. Also, the family won't want to miss Centre Square Fire Company's annual fire expo on the evening of Friday, October 4 at Wentz Run Park.

This newsletter contains more information about these special events and features articles about our trail system, information from our Environmental Advisory Council and also recognizes some recently retired staff members.

If you are not receiving our weekly electronic newsletter the Wire, please sign up at www. whitpaintownship.org.



Eric Traub Township Manager

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Local government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is divided into a number of classifications i.e., cities, townships, and boroughs. There are two categories of townships in the Commonwealth – those identified as townships of the first class and those known as townships of the second class. Second class townships make up the greatest bulk of municipalities in Pennsylvania. Whitpain Township is a Township of the Second Class. It is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors elected at large by the electorate. Most, if not all, of the executive and legislative powers allocated to Whitpain Township in the State Second Class Township Code are vested in the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors is empowered to appoint professionals to assist them in the operation of the Township and to furnish advice and counsel on technical matters. Additionally, the Board appoints all of the members of the various advisory boards and commissions as well as the Zoning Hearing Board and the Planning Commission.

The levying of Township taxes and the appropriations to the various departments and subsidiary boards and commissions are the responsibility of the Board of Supervisors. During the months of November and December, public hearings are held for the purpose of reviewing the budget for the following year. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings and to review the proposed Township budget during that time.

| CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING | FINANCE/SEWER | FIRE |
|---|---|---|
| Fences | Accounts Payable | Donation for Ambulance |
| Fire Alarms & Fire Protection Permits | Audit Questions | Prevention Education |
| Flood Plain | Human Resources | Safety Inspections |
| • Signs | Invoices | Teacher Training/Fire |
| Mechanical | SEWER • | Emergency Management |
| Bldg, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical | Certifications | Chemical Spills |
| Permits | Sewer Bills/Payment | - Fire |
| Plot Plans | ENGINEERING/PLANNING | - Floods |
| Property Uses Setbacks | | - Power Outages |
| SetbacksHome Use Occupations | Pools, Driveways, Patios) | Second Alarmers (SARS) Info Calls (215) 659-1885 |
| Variance/Special Exceptions | Commercial/Institutional Permit Inquiries | (213) 039-1883 |
| • Variance/special Exceptions | Site Plans/Survey Questions | MISCELLANEOUS |
| PARKS AND RECREATION | Stormwater Drainage Concerns | Water Companies |
| Community Festival | • MS4/TMDL Administration & Management | Ambler Water: 215-646-1000 |
| Concerts & Movies at Wentz Run Park | GIS Mapping/Township Maps | PA American: 1-800-717-7292 |
| Contracted Programs | Grading and ICP Permits | North Wales Water: 215-699-4836 |
| Dedication Program | Township Roadway Occupancy Permits Site Depresent A Depresit In presentions | Montgomery County Courthouse: |
| Discount Tickets | Site, Escrow and Permit InspectionsTraffic Management/Traffic Signal | 610-278-3000 |
| Montco Senior Games | • Trainc Management/Trainc Signal Operations and Maintenance | District Court 38-1-21: 215-646-8201 |
| Park Facility and Field Permits | Requests for Information for Land | Voter Registration: 610-278-3280 |
| Park and Open Space Board Programs, Activities, & Events | Developments and Subdivisions | |
| Programs, Activities, & Events Seasonal Employment | Sanitary Sewer Design & Connection Requests | Electronic & Hazardous |
| Shade Tree Commission | Easement/Right-of-Way Informational | Waste Collection: 610-278-3618 |
| Sponsorship Opportunities | Requests | Trash/Recycling: |
| Summer Day Camp | Land Development, Subdivision & Waiver | Contact your trash hauler |
| Trails and Open Space | Reviews | Tax Collector: 610-492-9191 |
| Volunteer/Community Service | Regulatory Agency Inquiries | Walk-Ins Tuesday & Thursday |
| DOLLOD | Ordinance Development and Enforcement | Call for appointment |
| POLICE | • Municipal Improvements Projects (Parks, | Berkheimer: 610-279-7500 |
| Animal Control | Roadways, Bridges, Utility Infrastructure) | |
| Bicycle Registration | PUBLIC WORKS | Power Outages - PECO: 1-800-841-4141 |
| Block Parties | Christmas Tree Collection | Comcast – bill/account information: |
| Fingerprinting | Fences | 610-279-7200 |
| Gun Permits | Leaf Collection | |
| Parking Tickets Benesting Crime | Maintenance-Building, Grounds, Park | Whitpain Rec Association: |
| Reporting Crime Road Closures | • PA 1 Calls | playwra.com |
| Road Closures Solicitation Permit | Potholes | Ambler/Whitpain Football & Cheering: www.awtrojans.com |
| Traffic Lights | Streets- Paving, Snow, Road debris | www.awtrojans.com Wissahickon Lacrosse Club: |
| Non-Emergency: (610) 279-9033 | Street Signs | www.WissLAX.com |
| gg- (0) =-0 0000 | • Storm & Sanitary Sewer - blockage/odor | WWW.WIJSLAW.COIII |
| | • Sweeping | |

In Case You Missed It – NEW HIRES

Eric Traub

Whitpain's newly appointed Township Manager, Eric Traub, was sworn in at the Board of Supervisors' business meeting on June 18.

With a background in public finance, Eric most recently served as Lower Merion Township's Chief Financial Officer for the last nine years and was previously East Norriton Township's Finance Director.

With his swearing-in, Eric becomes only the third Township Manager in Whitpain since 1981.



Township Manager Eric Traub with (from left) his mother-in-law, wife and two daughters



(from left) Supervisor Joyce Keller, Supervisor Jeff Campolongo, Fire Marshal Michael Barnshaw, Supervisor Chair Scott Badami and Supervisor Sara Selverian

Michael Barnshaw

Michael Barnshaw was officially sworn in as the Township's new Fire Marshal at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on July 2.

Michael was born and raised in Whitpain Township and started his career as a volunteer in the fire service back in 2009 when he became a probationary firefighter at Centre Square Fire Company. He has worked as a professional in the fire and rescue services industry since 2013.

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In Case You Missed It – RETIREMENTS



Roman Pronczak

Longtime Township Manager Roman Pronczak retired in June after 28 years of service to Whitpain. Originally hired back in 1996 as Township Engineer, Roman also served as Assistant Township Manager before being promoted to Manager in 2011.

At his last Board of Supervisors' meeting on June 4, Roman was presented with commemorative gifts and honored with a citation from the PA House of Representatives. The Supervisors also renamed the large meeting room at the Township Building to "The Pronczak Room."

(from left) Supervisor Joyce Keller, Board Chair Scott Badami, Irene Pronczak, Roman Pronczak, Vice Chair Kimberly Koch, Supervisor Sara Selverian, and Supervisor Jeff Campolongo

Dave Camarda

On July 2, the Township's Fire Marshal, Dave Camarda, retired after 22 years of service. The event was marked with a traditional "last ride" where approximately 40 fire apparatus escorted Dave to the Township Building and culminated with his official sign-off from the Montgomery County radio system.

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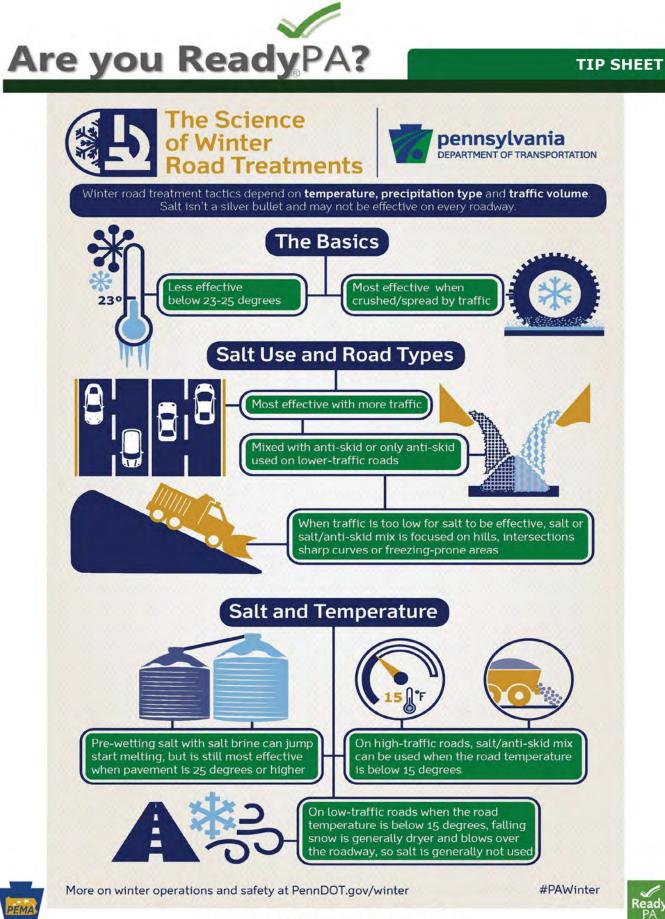
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Community Center Update

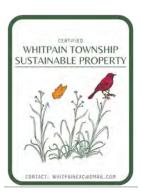
Planning continues for the Whitpain Community Center, which is made possible by an anonymous \$10 million donation. The community center is slated to be built at the location of the current Whitpain Dog Park along Route 202. Before any construction occurs, the dog park will be relocated to a section of Mermaid Park.

Since receiving the donation, the Township has invested the proceeds in safe investment vehicles which have yielded a total of over \$785,000 in interest earnings as of August 2024.

A team of professional architects, working within the \$10 million budget, is refining an initial vision for the design and layout of the community center and working on an in-depth cost estimate. When completed, this work will be presented at a Board of Supervisors' meeting this fall.

It should be noted that the Township has also applied for two grants in hopes of expanding the scope of the community center. While there is optimism about these grants, the Township will move forward with concepts within the current \$10 million budget.

Should more funding become available before construction begins, a larger community center will be constructed in a single phase. Current design options allow for future expansion should additional funding become available.



EAC's Sustainable Property Program a Success:

Since kicking off the Sustainable Property Program (SPP) in January 2024, the Board of Supervisors and Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) have awarded full-color metal yard signs, as well as certificates to 56 residential property owners.

The goal of the program is to help sustain our area's natural resources by promoting a conservation-oriented approach to yard care.

Education is an important component of the program. Resources for the six components of SPP, upcoming workshops, detailed information about the program and the application are available on the EAC's section of the Township's website at www.whitpaintownship.org.

So far, three educational workshops have been held:

- Rain Barrel Workshop
- A Walking Tour of Stormwater Solutions in Action Workshop at Wentz Run Park
- Pollinators and Pollinator's Habitat Workshop

Residents can act today by completing an application online to join the program.



Trail Improvements Continue

This summer, the Township undertook two trail projects. The first, known as the PECO Line Trail, saw the installation of an 8-foot-wide asphalt trail along the PECO power lines, from Wentz Road to the Wentz Run Nature Trail. This trail was made possible by a generous MontCo 2040 grant and with cooperation from PECO.

The second trail improvement project came in August when stone dust trails in Wentz Run Park were converted to asphalt trails. The work for this project was completed by the Township's Public Works Department. It will decrease the need for ongoing maintenance of the old stone dust trails after major weather events and provides a smoother and more predictable surface for trail users.





CSFC Fire Expo Set for October 4

Centre Square Fire Company's (CSFC) Annual Fire Expo will be held on Friday, October 4 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at Wentz Run Park, 960 Wentz Road in Blue Bell. This free family event features demonstrations, antique fire engines, fire prevention exhibits, displays from neighboring fire companies, fire safety tips, refreshments, prizes and much more. The rain date for this event is Saturday, October 5. For more information please visit Centre Square Fire Company's website at **www.csfc33.com**.

SEE CENTRE SQUARE'S FIREFIGHTERS IN ACTION at the Free, Family-Friendly Fire Expo!





Friday, October 4 6 — 8:30 p.m. Wentz Run Park 960 Wentz Rd., Blue Bell Rain date: October 5



Save the date! CSFC Comedy Night on Nov. 2 Learn about volunteer opportunities | Watch live demos Extinguish a fire | Use the "Jaws of Life" See emergency vehicles | Prizes | Refreshments

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Simple Steps to Create a Native Plant Garden in Your Yard

Like us, birds need food, water, and shelter. You can transform your yard into a bird sanctuary that also saves resources such as water and combats climate change. The secret to success lies in choosing locally native plants, which brim with nutritious insects, berries, nectar, and seed to give birds vital food and refuge. Use the steps below to create and maintain a bird-friendly habitat that attracts colorful birds and sweet melodies. If you don't have a yard, you can grow native plants in containers on a patio or balcony.

Select a site that's practical to convert into a garden and allows room to expand. Consider:

Do you have full sun? Partial sun? Shade? Is the soil rocky, loamy, sandy, clay, or gravel? Does it drain well? Is your site flat or hilly? Near water? What's the elevation?
Learn what's optimal from your local

native plant society (see sidebar).

Plant in the spring or fall months and on cooler days.

Follow planting instructions carefully and get tips on mulching around plants.
Water only as needed when young plants are adapting to their new habitat.

Prepare your garden well to save headaches later.

• You may need to dig up lawn, remove invasive plants, and add organic compost to the soil. An easy method is to lay down newspaper at least six sheets deep, with plenty of overlap; wet it down; cover it with 4 to 6 inches of mulch, and let it sit until you are ready to plant. Use deep edging to keep out lawn grass.

Plan for a variety of shapes, sizes, and kinds of plants to give vertical structure to your garden.

- Cluster the same plant species together.
 Design for color palettes and seasonal blooms
- Add habitat features like hollowed boulders that catch rainwater for birds to drink and bathe in.

Steward your native plant garden with tender loving care.

Pull up noxious and invasive weeds.

- Enhance with brush piles that shelter birds and other wildlife, too.
- Leave dead trees and branches.

Focus on plants that support high variety and quantity of bird food.

- Red tubular flowers such as columbine, jewelweed, and bee balm serve up nectar for hummingbirds.
- Native sunflowers, asters, and coneflowers produce seeds for songbirds.
- Bushes with berries ripen at different times, so include a seasonal variety to sustain birds: dogwood and spicebush; cedar and holly trees.

The Impact of Native Plants

557

Number of butterflies and moths native oak trees support. Nonnative ginkgo trees host just five.

1,200

U.S. crops that depend on pollinators to grow. Native plants are essential for pollinators like birds, bees, butterflies, and bats. Water-wise, droughttolerant native plants reduce water use, especially critical in droughtstricken, arid parts of our country.

96

Percentage of land birds that feed insects to chicks. Native plants are nature's bounty.

80 million

Number of pounds of pesticides homeowners apply to the 40 million acres of lawns in the U.S. each year. Native plants, on the other hand, support a vibrant balance of predator and prey insects and thrive without pesticides.

Your native garden joins a collective effort to give back to birds and plant hope for their future. Spend more time with birds and less time with noisy lawn mowers that pollute the air and water.

800 million

Estimated number of gallons of gas Americans burn in lawn mowers annually. This produces significant amounts of CO, and other greenhouse gases that drive climate change.

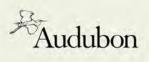
MORE INFORMATION:

Audubon's Plants for Birds program: audubon.org/plantsforbirds

Search our native plants database: audubon.org/nativeplants

Find local native plant resources: audubon.org/native-plants-resources

Buy Bringing Nature Home by Doug Tallamy: bringingnaturehome.net



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT TIPS



Water that runs off your property during a rainstorm is considered stormwater. As this water leaves your lawn, roof, or driveway it collects contaminants such as lawn fertilizer, motor oil, yard clippings, and pet waste. Contaminated stormwater enters our waterways which is hazardous for humans, fish, and wildlife. Several precautionary measures can be taken to mitigate the effect of stormwater contamination in our watershed.

Perform a soil test on your lawn to determine if your lawn requires the use of fertilizer. Often fertilizer is applied to a lawn when it is not necessary.

Use fertilizer sparingly. If your lawn and garden needs fertilizer, use it sparingly as fertilizer is not as necessary as you think.

Let your lawn clippings lay. Use a mulching lawn mower to cut one-third of the blade length weekly and naturally fertilize your lawn in the process.

Scoop the poop. Pet waste should never be left out to enter storm drains. Pet waste carries diseasecausing bacteria that can enter our drinking water. Bag the pet waste and flush down the toilet or throw out in the garbage.

Bring your car to a carwash. Commercial carwashes reuse the water several times before sending it to a treatment facility. Washing your car on your driveway allows dirty water to directly enter the watershed, posing a health hazard.

Trees are a natural way of controlling stormwater. They reduce the amount of polluted stormwater that normally would go directly to storm drains. Tree roots allow rainwater to filter into soil, recharging the water table.



Learn More About the Historical Society

The Wissahickon Valley Historical Society serves to educate the public about the heritage and history of the people, institutions and events that have influenced and shaped the communities of the Wissahickon School District which encompasses Whitpain Township, Lower Gwynedd Township and the Borough of Ambler. Learn more about the Historical Society, including upcoming events and fundraisers at **www.wvalleyhs.org**.

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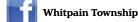
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Parks & Recreation Department



Programs & Events

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MISSION STATEMENT: The Parks & Recreation Department strives to provide a variety of programs and services to enhance the quality of life and create a sense of community. As we progress through the years, we will make every attempt to introduce programs which meet the educational, social, and recreational needs of our residents and guests.

ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS: Whitpain Township Parks and Recreation is committed to actively working to make Township events, trails, parks, playgrounds, sports fields, and open space easily accessible to those with disabilities. The Parks and Recreation Department encourages and supports the participation of all guests, including guests with disabilities. We provide assistance to all guests as needed. Please contact us at 610-277-2400 to request accommodation.

Out a Glance - Program Start Dates - view page number for more information

SEPTEMBER

| 3 – Round Robin | 26 |
|--|-------|
| 4 – Whitpain Walkers | 23 |
| 6 – Round Robin | 26 |
| 9 – 10 & Under Tennis | |
| 9 – Monday Yoga | 24 |
| 11 – Intermediate Workshop I | |
| 13 – Jr. Soccer Starters | 15 |
| 13 – Soccer Starters | 15 |
| 14 – Junior Group Lessons | 21 |
| 14 – Tennis Fundamental | |
| 14 – Tennis for Fitness | |
| 14 - Multi Sports - Parent & Me Squirts | 18 |
| 14 – Multi Sports – Squirt | 18 |
| 14 - Multi Sports - Senior Squirts | 18 |
| 15 – Intermediate Workshop II | |
| 21 – Elementary School Drawing Classes | |
| 21 – Drawing Classes | 20 |
| 21 - Cartoon Drawing Classes | 20 |
| 25 – Wednesday Yoga | 24 |
| 25 - "What Does the Office of Senior Services Do?" | |
| 27 – Big Rig Round-Up | 13 |
| 28 - Whitpain Community Festival | 16-17 |

OCTOBER

| l – Zumba | |
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| l – Know Your Medicare Options | |
| 19 – Elementary School Drawing Classes | |
| 19 – Drawing Classes | |
| 19 – Cartoon Drawing Classes | |
| 25 & 26 - Hayrides at Prophecy Creek Park | |
| NOVEMBER | |
| 2 – 5k for the Burbs | 14 |
| 4 – Monday Yoga | |
| 6 – Wednesday Yoga | |
| 16 – Elementary School Drawing Classes | |
| 16 – Drawing Classes | |
| 16 – Cartoon Drawing Classes | 20 |
| DECEMBER | |
| 7 - NYC Day Trip | 14 |
| 8 - Daddy Daughter Dance | |
| 11 - NYC Day Trip | |
| II - NIC Day IIIp | 14 |
| JANUARY | |
| 6 - Monday Yoga | 24 |
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REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

- Register for programs online at www.whitpainrec.com or in person at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, in Blue Bell, between 9 am and 4 pm.
- Registrations cannot be made over the phone.
- Registrations are processed in the order in which they are received.
- All fees are payable upon enrollment.
- No refunds or adjustments for: missed classes; discontinuing an activity; cancellation; and/or falsification of information.
- Fees will only be refunded if a program is canceled due to insufficient enrollment.
- Some programs/classes are held within a Wissahickon School District building. If the school is closed due to inclement weather or to observe a holiday, no classes will be held. School closing numbers are: #314 (Wissahickon School District) & #320 (MCCC).
- Programs rely on minimum enrollment to run. Please register at least two weeks before the start date.
- Programs may be canceled if the required minimum enrollment is not met one week before the start of a program.

Program and event dates, locations, and prices may change after the printing of this newsletter. While we do our best to ensure the program details in this newsletter are accurate, please refer to www.whitpainrec.com for the most up-to-date information.

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PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Engage with the community by becoming a sponsor today! We are looking for sponsors to help offset our expenses. You will actively be helping put on great local events of your choosing. Once you become a partner, Whitpain Township will promote your business as much as possible. Please contact us at park&rec@whitpaintownship.org if you are interested in partnering with us. We can customize a package to meet your needs!

Discount Tickets



Discount tickets may be purchased at the Township Building Monday-Friday, between 9 am and 4 pm. Cash preferred, credit accepted (Visa, MasterCard, Discover). \$20 minimum for all credit transactions. Please visit **www. whitpainrec.com** for updated discount ticket information. NO refunds or exchanges - ALL ticket sales are final.

MOVIE TICKETS

Get Outdoors PA

| AMC Theatres | \$10 |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Movie Tavern | \$9.50 |
| Regal/United Artist. | \$10 |

Special Events

BIG RIG ROUND-UP

FREE event for the whole family! We will feature fire trucks, construction vehicles, tractors, and more from local businesses. Great way to get outside and have the kids feel, see, and sit in their favorite trucks. Enjoy Philly Waffle Cabin Food Truck!



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM Location: Montgomery County Community College,

Morris Road Lot: 340 DeKalb Pike Blue Bell, PA 1942



Once again, we are offering a "minimal noise" half hour from 5:30 pm ~ 6 pm. During this time, we are requesting no horns/sirens.



HAYRIDES AT PROPHECY CREEK PARK

Join us for Hayrides at Prophecy Creek Park! Hay wagons take passengers to the upper field for a bonfire to listen to a spooky story with hot cider out of a cauldron! A fun, festive, family event! Glow necklaces are provided by Whitpain Police Department on a first come, first served basis.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, and SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM AGES 3-11 \$5 AGES 12+ \$10 FREE for children 2 and under Location: Prophecy Creek Park



NYC BUS TRIP with Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation!

We have teamed up with Upper Dublin (UD) Park and Recreation for you to enjoy all that NYC has to offer. This trip includes transportation and plenty of time in NYC. The drop-off and pick-up will be on 8th Avenue, between 43rd & 45th Streets, pick-up is at 5:30 pm. The trip leaves from the Upper Dublin Library. Non-stop coach bus transportation.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Departing from UD Library: 6:15 am: Check-in 6:30 am: Bus leaves



Departing from NYC 5:15 pm: Check in on 8th Avenue 5:30 pm: Bus leaves

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Location: Bus leaves and returns to Upper Dublin Library: 520 Virginia Drive, Fort Washington, PA 19034 (*Min. 10 / Max. 25*)





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DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE



This evening is for dads^{*} to spend an evening with the special girl in their life (their daughter)! Bring your date to an event you both won't forget! Come dressed up and ready to dance the night away with our DJ. This evening will be filled with laughter, games, contests and giveaways. Smile for the camera in the photo booth to remember the special evening for years to come. Refreshments and Light Hors D'oeuvres provided (no dinner).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 from 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM For dads* of all ages and daughters ages 4-10 *Or that special man in their life! (Uncle, grandfather, stepfather) PRICE PER PERSON: \$25 R / \$30 NR Location: The Manor House at Prophecy Creek Park: 205 West Skippack Pike, Ambler, PA 19002 Semi-formal attire – dress shirts and ties for dads, and dresses or skirts for daughters.

Registration for residents opens on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, AT 8 AM.

Registration for non-residents opens on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, AT 8 AM.

5K OF THE BURBS and WELLNESS EXPO

Blue Bell Rotary, Whitpain Township, and Montgomery County Community College are holding a



5K RUN AND WELLNESS EXPO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2



More details when available at www.whitpainrec.com





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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

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CAFFREY





The Whitpain Community Festival grows and improves each year, and 2024 will be no different. In addition to vendor booths, hay rides, and children's games and music, the Festival will feature live performances by School of Rock, Montco Student Band, Yer So Dad, and Love Seed Mama Jump. As always there will be a beer garden, and we will end with a big fireworks display! In an effort to save lives, a bone marrow drive will be conducted during the day.

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 27, 2024

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Big Rig Roundup

We are offering a "minimal noise" half hour from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. During this time, we are requestion NO horns/sirens. Parents, please help us maintain an inclusive environment and ensure your children don't honk horns during this time. Thank you for your cooperation!

Saturday, September 28, 2024

| 12:00 p.m. | Vendors, Health Expo, Pumpkin Patch, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Hayrides, Children's Games, Rock Wall, Food Trucks |
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| 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Beer Garden |
| 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. | Fort Washington School of Rock |
| 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. | Montco Student Band |
| 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Yer So Dad |
| 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Love Seed Mama Jump |
| 8:15 p.m. | Fireworks |

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Park and Recreation Activities (continued)

Youth Programs continued

JR. SOCCER STARTERS

A perfect introduction to the sport, coaches promote fine and gross motor skill development to enhance the

retainable muscle memories of your child's most crucial years of development. Children in this age group develop the ability to follow directions and face the challenges of early problem-solving.

FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13 – OCTOBER 18 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM \$150 R / \$155 NR Location: Wentz Run Park, Multipurpose Field Instructor: Total Soccer Experience (Min. 6 / Max. 20)

SOCCER STARTERS

Get their feet moving! A perfect introduction to soccer basics, children learn the fundamental skills needed

to progress as players, while gaining valuable experience in teamwork, sportsmanship, and physical fitness.

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FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13 – OCTOBER 18 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

AGES 3-4

\$150 R / \$155 NR Location: Wentz Run Park, Multipurpose Field Instructor: Total Soccer Experience (Min. 6 / Max. 20)

US SPORTS

MULTI SPORTS – Parent & Me Squirts®

Parent & Me Multi-Sports Squirts is a fun and positive way to learn a variety of sports for young children, with a helping hand from Mom or Dad!! Players will have the opportunity to try Lacrosse, Soccer, T-Ball, & Track & Field.

MULTI SPORTS – Squirt®

USSI's Multi Sports Squirts program allows children aged 3–4.5 to experience a variety of sports throughout their program. Each session is comprised of a series of games and activities designed to ensure learning and most importantly: fun, fun, fun! Participants will have the opportunity to experience Lacrosse, Soccer, T-Ball, and Track & Field. *Sports may vary by location

MULTI SPORTS – Senior Squirts®

USSI's Multi Sports - Senior Squirts allows children aged 5–6 to experience a variety of sports throughout their program. Players will learn key skills through small-sided scrimmages in a variety of sports including Lacrosse, Soccer, T-Ball, and Track & Field.* All Senior Squirts curricula create an environment which allows players to develop and progress within the sport. *Sports may vary by location

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 14 - NOVEMBER 2



(Rain date 11/9) 10:10 AM – 10:55 AM \$199 R / \$205 NR

Location: Wentz Run Park, Multipurpose Field Instructor: US Sports Institute (Min. 6 / Max. 12)

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 14 – NOVEMBER 2



(Rain date 11/9) 9:20 AM – 10:05 AM 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM \$199 R / \$205 NR

Location: Wentz Run Park Multipurpose Field Instructor: US Sports Institute (Min. 6 / Max.10)

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 14 – NOVEMBER 2



(Rain date 11/9) 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM \$199 R / \$205 NR

Location: Wentz Run Park, Multipurpose Field Instructor: US Sports Institute (Min. 6 / Max. 10)

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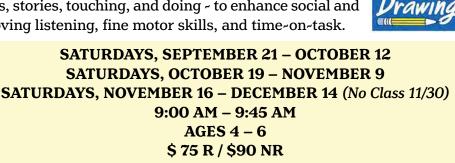
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Park and Recreation Activities (continued)

Youth Programs continued

Early Elementary School Drawing Classes

Your preschooler's mind is hard at work building the knowledge and skills it will use for a lifetime. We use subjects they are familiar with such as animals and toys, as well as their favorite learning tools - pictures, stories, touching, and doing - to enhance social and conflict resolution skills while improving listening, fine motor skills, and time-on-task.



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Location: Whitpain Township Building, Pronczak Room B Instructor: Young Rembrandts

(Min. 4 / Max. 12)

Drawing Classes

The Young Rembrandts elementary program provides the tools this age-group needs to succeed at drawing - a teaching tool from which the majority of learners prefer and ALL learners benefit! Add to this our innovative guided instruction, and topics that kids love and relate to; we take kids from thinking they are not 'artists' to knowing they can achieve this, and everything else they put their minds to.

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 21 – OCTOBER 12 SATURDAYS, OCTOBER 19 – NOVEMBER 9 SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 16 – DECEMBER 14 (No Class 11/30) 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Ages 7 – 14 \$75 R / \$90 NR Location: Whitpain Township Building, Pronczak Room B Instructor: Young Rembrandts (Min. 4 / Max. 12)

Cartoon Drawing Classes

For all kids who need to stay engaged and laughing, our cartooning classes are surely the most fun you can have while learning! This entertaining program combines Young Rembrandts' innovative, hands-on teaching method with light-hearted subject matter that engages children, their sense of humor, and their vivid imaginations.

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 21 – OCTOBER 12 SATURDAYS, OCTOBER 19 – NOVEMBER 9 SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 16 – DECEMBER 14 (No Class 11/30) 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM Ages 8 – 14 \$75 R / \$90 NR Location: Whitpain Township Building, Pronczak Room B Instructor: Young Rembrandts (Min. 4 / Max. 12)









Youth Tennis

10 & UNDER TENNIS

The scaled-to-size equipment and playing area allow children to rally and play the game, increasing the likelihood that they will return to the court and continue to improve!

MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 9 – OCTOBER 7 (Rain date 11/14)

AGES 5 – 6...... 4:45 PM – 5:30 PM AGES 7 – 8...... 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM AGES 9 – 10 6:15 PM – 7:15 PM \$75 R / \$80 NR

Location: Wentz Run Park, Tennis Courts Instructors: PennSuburban Community Tennis Association

(Min. 3 / Max. 12)

JUNIOR GROUP LESSONS

Get Outdoors PA

Designed for those wanting to develop sound stroke mechanics and learn the basic scoring/rules of tennis in a fun, group environment. Each lesson will include fun drills and games applying the strokes learned.



THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 14 – OCTOBER 10 (Rain date 11/17) 5:30 PM – 6:20 PM AGES 11 – 14 \$80 R / \$85 NR Location: Wentz Run Park Tennis Courts Instructor: **TENNIS HAVEN** (Min. 3 / Max. 8)





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Being physically active is one of the most important things you can do each day to maintain and improve your health and keep doing things you enjoy as you age. Make exercise a priority with the following tips:



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Find ways to fit exercise into your day. You are more likely to get moving if exercise is a convenient part of your day.

Do activities you enjoy to make it more fun. Be creative and try something new!

Make it social. Find a virtual "exercise buddy" to help keep you going and provide emotional support.

If there's a break in your routine, get back on track. Start slowly and gradually build back up to your previous level of activity. Ask your family and friends for support.

Keep track of your progress. Make an exercise plan and don't forget to reward yourself when you reach your goals.











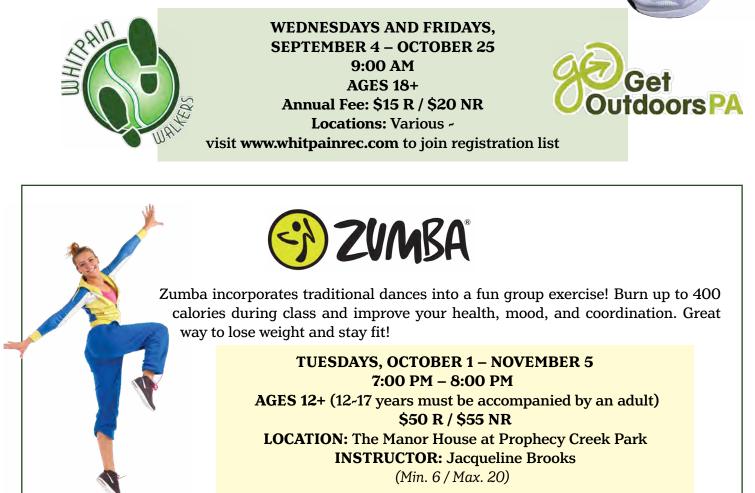
Visit www.nia.nih.gov/health/ staying-motivated-exercise-tips-older-adults to learn more.

Park and Recreation Activities (continued)

Adult Programs

WHITPAIN WALKERS

The Whitpain Walkers is a weekly walking club that meets at various walking trails in the area. This program is ideal for individuals who want to walk with others, discover great walking trails nearby, want to begin and/or continue a walking routine, or are just looking for something new to do during the day!









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Adult Programs

WEDNESDAY YOGA with Karen Strawhacker

This program is open to all levels, including beginners. The practice of yoga has several benefits to overall health. Through mindfulness training, breath, and posture, students may improve their quality of

life. Yoga relieves stress and promotes a deeper relaxation while still providing physical exercise. Yoga also promotes balance, flexibility, strength, circulation, and immune response.

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 30 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – DECEMBER 18 (No class 11/27) 7:40 PM – 8:40 PM AGES 16+

\$55 R / \$60 NR Location: The Manor House at Prophecy Creek Park Instruction: Karen Strawhacker (Min. 6 / Max. 18)

MONDAY YOGA with Matt Mitlas

Join yoga instructor Matthew Mitlas for his signature balanced blend of movements that stretch, strengthen, increase breath capacity, and quiet the mind. Matthew will focus on postures that bring relief to common areas of the body such as the hips, lower back, neck, and shoulders, while also sharing about uplifting yogic philosophy and meditation.

While his classes are accessible to all levels and to those with minor injuries, please be able to get up/down from the floor relatively easily to participate in Matthew's classes. Remember to bring a yoga mat.

MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 9 – OCTOBER 28 (No class 10/21) MONDAYS, NOVEMBER 4 – DECEMBER 23 MONDAYS, JANUARY 6 – MARCH 10 (No class 1/20 and 2/17) 7:40 PM – 8:40 PM \$95 R / \$100 NR Location: The Manor House at Prophecy Creek Park Instructor: Matthew Mitlas (Min. 6 / Max. 22)

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Tips For Eating Out

You do not have to give up eating fast foods to eat right. Here are some tips on how to make heart healthy choices when eating out.

General Tips

- Let the restaurant know your dietary needs, so they can suggest ways to meet your needs, if possible.
- Instead of buffets, order healthy choices from the menu.
- On the day you are planning to eat out, eat foods with less sodium in your other meals and snacks. Many meals
 at restaurants are high in sodium.
- Ask that no salt be added to your meal.
- · When eating Asian food, use light soy sauce to season the food.

Main Dishes

- Choose rotisserie-style chicken rather than fried chicken. Always remove the skin.
- Order pizza with vegetable toppings, such as peppers, mushrooms, or onions. Ask for half the usual amount of cheese.
- Choose grilled, steamed, or baked fish instead of deep-fried fish.
- · Leave off all butter, gravy, and sauces.
- Make sure the restaurant does not use monosodium glutamate (MSG) in the dishes.
 MSG is high in sodium!

Side Dishes

- · Choose a baked potato over french fries.
- Share a small order of french fries instead of eating a large order by yourself.
- Use low-calorie, low-fat salad dressing. Ask that it be served on the side, and use less.
- Order a green vegetable or salad instead of two or more starches.
- Ask for low-fat cheese and lowfat sour cream.



Sandwiches

- Order sandwiches without mayonnaise, tartar sauce, or special sauces. Try mustard or low-fat mayonnaise instead.
- Ask for vegetables to be added to your sandwich.
- · Order plain, instead of deluxe hamburgers.
- Order sandwiches made with lean, low-sodium meat.
- Avoid chicken salad and tuna salad. They are usually made with regular mayonnaise and are high in fat.
- Choose grilled, instead of breaded, chicken sandwiches.

Beverages

 Choose water, 100% fruit juice, unsweetened iced tea, or fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk rather than a soft drink or a milkshake.



 If you really want to have a soft drink order a small or sugar-free one.

Desserts

 Order the smallest size of fat-free frozen yogurt, low-fat ice cream, or sherbet instead of cakes, cookies, pies, or other desserts.



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ADULT TENNIS

TENNIS HAVEN

Location: Wentz Run Park, Tennis Courts

Contact the instructor before dropping in to ensure space is available. Register anytime - classes are ongoing! Have a question or interested in dropping in on a class? Contact Liz Baldasano, PTR at 267-210-7632 or send an email to liz4tennis@gmail.com.

> INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION available by appointment (April 15 - October 25) \$55 R / \$59 NR for one 50-minute lesson.

ROUND ROBIN

Up to three timed matches among participants – singles and/or doubles. Balls provided. Unlimited Pass Holders from the Spring/Summer may continue to use their passes through the Fall/Winter.

\$70 R / \$75 NR FOR UNLIMITED PLAY PASS Drop-In fee: \$10 R / \$12 NR

INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOP I (LEVEL 2.5 – 3.0)

Stroke production, tactical priorities, singles/ doubles strategy, fun drills, and match play.

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11 – OCTOBER 23 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM \$100 R / \$105 NR, for 4, 1.5-hour classes Drop-in fee: \$27 R / \$30 NR

FUNDAMENTALS

Group lessons covering forehand, backhand, serve, volley, scoring, and gameplay. Classes from either Fundamentals or Tennis for Fitness may be used interchangeably

TENNIS FOR FITNESS®

A blend of fitness and tennis! This class focuses on movement, light stretching, and conditioning. Go at your own pace, this is a noncompetitive class. Classes for Tennis for Fitness and Fundamentals may be used interchangeably. <u>LEVEL 2.0-3.0+</u> FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 6 – OCTOBER 18 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

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<u>LEVEL 3.5+</u> TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 3 – 17 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOP II (LEVEL 3.0 – 3.5+)

Stroke production, tactical priorities, singles/ doubles strategy, fun drills, and match play.

SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 20 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM \$100 R / \$105 NR, for 4, 1.5-hour classes Drop-in fee: \$27 R / \$30 NR

SEPTEMBER 14 – OCTOBER 19 9:30 AM – 10:20 AM \$80 R / \$85 NR, for 5, 50-minute classes DROP-IN FEE: \$17 R / \$20 NR

SATURDAYS

SATURDAYS SEPTEMBER 14 – OCTOBER 19 8:30 AM – 9:20 AM \$80 R / \$85 NR, for 5, 50-minute classes DROP-IN FEE: \$17 R / \$20 NR





Senior Programs

"WHAT DOES THE OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES DO?"



This presentation reviews what the Montgomery County Office of Senior Services does in regard to planning, coordinating, and monitoring services for county residents aged 60 and older.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Location: Whitpain Township Building, Pronczak Room A Instructor: Montgomery County Office of Senior Services (*Min. 5 / Max. 20*)

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KNOW YOUR MEDICARE OPTIONS

Have your questions answered so you can make the right choice when planning for Medicare or Medicare Advantage decisions. Get familiar with how Medicare works, and what it covers. Know the differences between Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage plans.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM ALL AGES

Location: Centre Square Park, WRA Clubhouse Pavilion Instructor: Steve Pearlman, DelVal Senior Advisors (Min. 5 / Max. 25)





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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

- Annual Fees: \$35 R / \$50 NR (includes 2 dogs)
- Each additional dog (3+): \$15 R / \$20 NR
- FEES PRORATED STARTING 8/31: \$20 R / \$30 NR (includes 2 dogs)
- Memberships expire on 12/31. You can register for the following year starting in December.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Current Vaccination Records (Rabies, Bordetella, Distemper)
- Valid PA Dog License (lifetime or annual)
- Registration Form and Waiver (if you didn't preregister and pay online)
- Orientation Quiz (new members only)

HOW TO REGISTER



WHITPAIN DOG PARK MEMBERSHIP For the safety, accountability, and enjoyment of users, Whitpain Dog Park is for registered members only. A key fob or access code is required to enter the park.



RENEWING MEMBERS:

Memberships are good through the end of 2024! Registration for 2025 will open in December. Pay membership dues online! You can also leave a check (made out to Whitpain Township) and paperwork in the night drop box in the Township Building vestibule, or administration building during business hours.

After you pay online at www.whitpainrec.com, please email, park&rec@ whitpaintownship.org, or fax, 610-277-2209, over the required paperwork (orientation quiz, vet records, and county license). Once we receive your information, we will activate a key fob for you and the 5-digit access code you provide when you register. We will notify you when your fob is ready to be picked up and your access code is activated.

Pay online to renew your membership. Please email, park&rec@whitpaintownship.org , or fax, 610-277-2209, your updated vaccination records, and your current county dog license. You do NOT need to complete the orientation quiz. Your access code and key fob will be activated only after we receive the updated vet records and county license.

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