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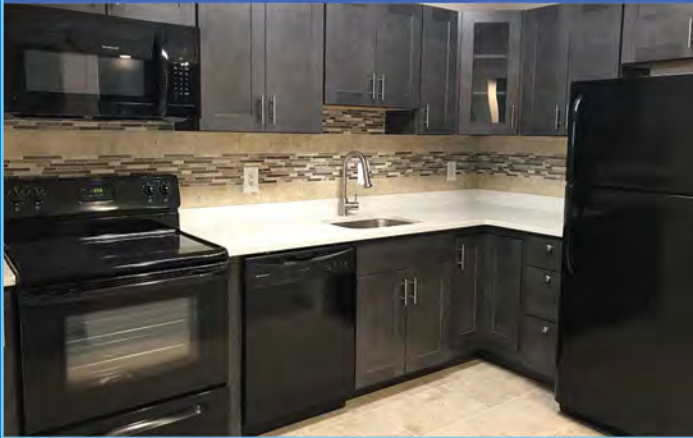


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The Conference includes:

- *An educational program that includes over 70 workshops scheduled over three and a half days, for personal and professional development,*
- *Networking with other communities to share experiences,*
- *Voting on Resolutions to guide PSATS' legislative agenda for the following year. These are the bills and Policies that the Association pursues in Harrisburg.*
- *The largest municipal exhibit show of its kind in Pennsylvania, featuring nearly 300 vendors and State and Federal Agencies.*
- *A General Session whose speakers generally include key Committee Members from the Senate and/or the House of Representatives the Governor and Senior State Agency heads.*

This year, Warrington Township Supervisors and Senior Staff



Fred R. Gaines, BCEE, PE, Chair

attended workshops on such diverse subjects as Township Administration, Planning and Zoning, Public Zoning and Public Works.

Among the specific programs that will attended:

- *Land Use and Zoning Law Update*
- *Understanding Roadway Postings for Preservation and Safety*
- *Effective Enforcement of Code and Zoning Violations*
- *Police Misconduct and Discipline*
- *Streamlining Municipal Code Enforcement with GIS/Automation*

- *What your Public Works director wants you to know*
- *Efficiencies in Park and Open Space Management*
- *Police Negotiation and Arbitration: Winning Strategies*
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2023 Board or Commission Meetings

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BOARD OR COMMISSION	DAY OF MONTH	TIME
Board of Supervisors	2nd and 4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Bike & Hike Trails Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m.
Communications Advisory Board	4th Monday (alternating months)	7:30 p.m.
Environmental Advisory Council	1st Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Historical Commission /Society	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.
Open Space and Land Preservation Committee	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Park and Recreation Board	4th Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Pension Advisory Board	7th Wednesday After Each Quarter	7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission	1st Thursday • Workshop 3rd Thursday (optional)	7:00 p.m.
Mary Barness Community Pool Advisory	4th Thursday	5:30 p.m.
Veteran Affairs Committee	Last Monday	7:00 p.m.
Zoning Hearing Board	4th Monday	7:00 p.m.

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SIGN UP FOR E-LINK ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

The E-LINK, Warrington Township's electronic newsletter is produced on a monthly basis. The LINK will continue to be mailed quarterly. Find out the latest information on upcoming events.

Also find out about current or proposed developments or projects underway or being proposed. A schedule of special events will also be featured in the E-LINK.

To be on the mailing list for the E-LINK, sign up through the Township's website

**[www.warringtontownship.org/
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WELCOME SUMMER!



Jeannine Fielding
jfielding@warringtontownship.org

What is it about summer that is so alluring? Of course, it's the warm days. And the more relaxed atmosphere in many areas of our lives. But, it is also about the energy that surrounds us, isn't it? The energy of spring is just the beginning with trees coming into bloom and flowers abound. But, summer – all bets are off! Pools are open.

Parks are filled to the brim. Many businesses host employee events and barbeques.

This summer is no different here in Warrington Township. This issue tells us all about how we can get reenergized at the 3rd Annual Farmer's Market with NEW hours and NEW vendors this year. The Lindy Community Center at Lions Pride Park is coming along strong and very well might be opening in late fall for classes and recreation programs. The DART bus will be coming to the township with new routes back and forth to Doylestown, including local stops at The Shops at Valley Square and several of our apartment complexes. And, we learn more about the value behind our open space here in the township (page 8), as well as the history behind the lasting legacy of the War Memorial at IPW Park (page 20).

We continue to look for feedback from you, the residents and businesses of Warrington Township for news you would like to read. Send us your suggestions and ideas! Until then, enjoy these warm, summer days!

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JEANINE WINSLOW

Jeanine started as a part-time receptionist in 2002 and was promoted to full time Parks & Recreation Coordinator in 2007.

Although Jeanine is the Parks & Recreation Coordinator, she is really known as a "jack of all trades". She helps residents with building permits, answers general questions about the township, assists families with registering for the Mary Barnes Community Pool or other recreational programs, and coordinates field reservations with the many local sports organizations.

She is also the staff liaison for the Veteran's Affairs Committee and as such, plans, organizes and helps run the Memorial Day Ceremony and in recent years, also the Veteran's Day Ceremony. Jeanine also coordinates pavilion rentals in the parks system. She is also instrumental with the

planning and running of Warrington Community Day, which draws thousands of families from the area.

Jeanine's favorite part of her job, in which she takes particular pride in, is working with board members from the various youth and adult sports organizations.

She studied Horticulture at Temple University Ambler and is an avid bird watcher and member of the Audubon Society.

Jeanine lives in Warminster with her husband Charlie, who is also a Warrington Township employee, working part-time in the Public Works Department. They have 4 children, 4 grandchildren, with a 5th on the way.

For fun, Jeanine likes to take trips to do bird watching, tend to her flowers and vegetables in her garden, and doting over her grandkids.



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You can expect to find many of your favorite returning vendors, as well as many new vendors this year, including: new crafts, more fresh produce from the local area and much more!

Rodney Wright is back again as the soundtrack for the market.

Looking for various special events throughout the summer – stay tuned!



The Farmer's Market is a great way to get out and meet your neighbors, support local businesses and spend time with friends and grab a bite to eat. We'll see you there!

*For any questions or if you'd like to become a vendor, contact
Andy Oles at aoles@warringtontownship.org.*

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New Website Coming to the Township and Info about Reduced Cable Fees

By Jackie Wilson, Communications Manager and Vanessa Maurer, Member, Board of Supervisors

One of the most visible outward-facing connections that a township has with its residents is its website. The Warrington Township website is designed to be your first impression of our community providing up-to-date information about emergencies, new or pending legislation that will impact our township, upcoming committee meetings, and opportunities to volunteer or participate in community events like Warrington Day!

In addition to this, we strive to include anything else important that would be interesting to the residents of Warrington, such as information on environmental initiatives that benefit our community like embracing native plants, gardening tips or identifying invasive species in your backyard. Our township website includes an Action Line where residents can report concerns.

Website Design Important to Getting your Information

Warrington Township is no different. We know that residents rely upon our website for a variety of reasons and for that alone, the Communications Advisory Board or CAB, that consists of volunteers within the Warrington Community who have highly skilled professional backgrounds, paired with our expertly proficient Warrington Township staff members that deliver specialized front line customer service to the Warrington Community. Warrington CAB Team is working diligently to update our website and make it easier to maneuver, easier to find information including forms, applications for permits, location of trails or parks, committee initiatives, community events and other important or noteworthy information.

In addition to this, CAB is working to make the Warrington Action Line more user friendly for both residents, and the township employees allowing employees to provide superior customer service to our residents.

It is expected that in 2023, cable television franchise fees will bring in just under \$500,000, whereas previous years it was \$580,000 or 4% of the annual budget."

Our CAB Team has been working with several companies who work specifically with municipalities – which means they are very familiar with everything described above. In fact, they are keen to understand the



concept of "push vs pull" information. In other words, you as the resident don't want to have to "pull" information from our website every time there is an update to a Conditional Use hearing on an upcoming company considering a project here in the township. Instead, you might prefer a "push" method where we as the township staff and Supervisors push that information to you. All you need to do is sign up for alerts – and they will appear in your in-box. While we currently have a rudimentary "push" system, the new vendors have an even more robust platform.

The rollout for the new Warrington Township website will most likely be sometime this fall or winter. **Please view the visual of what the landing page "might" look like (above).** We hope to create a cleaner line and fewer drop-down menus.

Cable Fees Changing as Landscape Migrates to Streaming

In addition, CAB is also monitoring the changing landscape of residents across the country changing the way they view entertainment content from the traditional cable services to those of streaming services.

Viewing Your Public Meetings

The Warrington Township Board of Supervisors is committed to maintaining a transparent government for the benefit of its residents. This means that committee meetings, board meetings, including the Board of Supervisors meetings are all public meetings – most of them hybrid with a link to view and participate from home. CAB works with the staff to provide a public access channel that streams those meetings, as well as provides other important service announcements to you, the residents.

This might include bus safety at the start of school, a new K9 officer with the Police Department or information about the paving program by the Public Works Department. Please check out the Warrington Township website and see what is happening in your community!

Finally, the CAB will be providing their expertise to the Parks and Recreation Board and the recent construction of the Lindy Community Center at Lions Pride Park for its upcoming AV upgrades, including technology, possible solar panels and other related equipment.

If you are interested in joining the CAB, please feel free to submit an application, which can be found on the website, along with your resume to Jen Fielding at jfielding@warringtontownship.org or Jackie Wilson at jwilson@warringtontownship.org.

LOOK – There are OWLS in Warrington Township

Several years ago, the Environmental Advisory Council sold two screech owl boxes to Don Schuenemann, a resident. READ THE RECOUNTING OF MR. SCHUENEMANN OF THE EGGS HATCHING BELOW AND PHOTOS FROM THE CAMERA SET UP.



Last season, we kept waiting for good news of hatchlings that never appeared. When Mom finally gave up and left in mid-June, I didn't have the heart to announce the

disappointment. Later in the summer, I dissected the six eggs to determine that all had been fertilized. Since Mom laid the eggs the first week of March, 3-4 weeks earlier than usual, we can only conclude that she could not keep them warm enough with low temperatures below freezing for eight days in March. April 2022's lowest temperature was 32°F for only one hour.

However, we have renewed hope that this season will be better with two eggs appearing so far. On this past Thanksgiving Day, Dad visited the box at dawn and stayed until dusk. He has been in there every day and departed to hunt every night with a brief occasional return. In February and March, he and his mate-to-be made more nighttime visits. They would move all of the pine needles and debris to the sides in preparation for their new family.

We saw the first eggs that Thursday evening when Mom departed at dusk

to hunt. She laid that egg at about 10:00am that morning. She laid the second egg at 3:15pm Saturday afternoon and we first saw it when she went out at dusk.



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Open Space and Land Development

By William Connolly, Vice Chair, Planning Commission

We all have a sense that preserved open space is a good thing that increases the attractiveness of Warrington Township and that having a more attractive community enhances our property values. That is no small thing when we consider that the value of a home is a major component of most people's individual wealth so we want to preserve and enhance that wealth.

as open space compared to developed for low density housing and 4.7% for land developed for commercial or industrial use. That is an additional value of \$24,250 for a \$500,000 house or \$42,300 on a \$900,000 home.

Some of the studies found larger impacts such as 8% to 10%. One done in Lower Gwynedd Township found a positive impact of 5.28% in 19 cluster developments like those

... we consider that the value of a home is a major component of most people's individual wealth so we want to preserve and enhance that wealth.

Of course, open space isn't the only thing that enhances values. Good schools, safety, and amenities are also important. Also open space has value beyond economics and promotes well-being in many ways.

I began by saying it is intuitive to most people that open space promotes property values but recently I have heard some in Warrington say that that positive impact hasn't been proven. It seemed to me that it had so I took a look at the literature on the subject and found about thirty academic studies focused on that question.

This is not an easy question to study since there are many variables having to do with location, house size and type, other amenities, kinds of open space, and the distance of homes from the open space. Despite these confounding variables, most of the studies find that open space has a positive impact on property values.

The study that I found most helpful was done at Ohio State University and involved four eastern Maryland counties that are quite similar to middle and upper Bucks. The research analyzed more than 55,000 real estate transactions and their proximity to open space. They found a positive premium of 2.25% for land preserved

now mandated by the Warrington Township Zoning Ordinances. The Ohio State study is much larger and probably more useful.

The research shows some other interesting things. The home value impact of preserved agricultural land is lower, probably due to nuisance issues. That has certainly been our experience in Warrington Township. Developed Park land such as ballfields also does not have as much positive impact. Preserved open space has a greater positive impact than open space still available for development. Finally, the research I found indicates that permanently preserved open space used only for passive recreation has the greatest positive impact on property values.

Finally, proximity matters. All the results I found only measured impact within a mile of the open space and found that proximity matters. While most of Warrington Township is within a mile of its open space, that is something to consider as we focus on future acquisitions.

So it is true and has been proven. Open space not only reduces the cost of local government, but it increases the wealth of its citizens, as well.



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Environmental Advisory Council



Busy this Spring with F.I.S.H. and Stream Projects

By Fred Suffian, Chair, Environmental Advisory Council

Post 1

On Saturday April 1, 2023, the Warrington Township Environmental Advisory Council (WEAC) hosted a Stream Health Improvement program. While it rained up to the beginning of the workshop, once we started, the sun came out. This is a hands-on program educating 25 residents including all members of the Board of Supervisors about the important aspects of stream health, and what they can do to improve the health of streams in their own back yards.

This was a fun educational program for adults and kids. We walked into and along the stream bank to look

under rocks for critters, used handheld microscopes, looked through binoculars, and identified wildlife by using field guides.

We partnered with the Penn State Extension, Master Watershed Stewards and the Bucks County Conservation District (BCCD) and Neshaminy Watershed Association. BCCD staff lead the stream health training using a protocol called F.I.S.H., First Investigation of Stream Health. They also performed some more specific types of water quality monitoring including stream temperature, water color, pH, dissolved oxygen.



Another aspect of our stream health project was discussing the importance of restoring and maintaining stream banks. Master Watershed Stewards provided instruction during this event on how to plant "live stakes", for stream bank stabilization. Following our demonstration, we provided participants with live stakes, free of charge, to plant along their stream channel in their own backyard.

Post 2

On April 1, 2023, a group of volunteers from the Bucks County Master Watershed Stewards Program, the Neshaminy Watershed Association and WEAC led an effort to plant live stakes along Mill Creek in the Mill Creek Preserve. The live stakes were planted upstream of the main access road to the preserve. The Mill Creek stream begins near the South West Corner of the Township



crosses Bristol Road into Doylestown Township near just above Lower State Road before it joins the Neshaminy River.

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How to \$ave on Energy Bills This Summer

By Jeannine Fielding

Well, summer is here! You have seen all the ads for high level renovations, new HVAC systems and insulating your attics, right? As a renter, you know that none of this advice pertains to you. So, what else can we do as renters that will help us to save on the energy bills this summer? Take a look at some of the advice from Chris Baskind with Treehugger.com Home and Garden.



Air Conditioner at 78 degrees or higher

Running your system at colder temperatures "won't cool down a room any faster," but it will force your system to work harder, which you don't want. Stick with the "warmest setting you can tolerate" and move on to these other ideas.

Wear cooler clothing

Shorts, absorbent fabrics and loose-fitting clothing is the recommendation. Especially if you work from home, you might want to consider a light sundress or cargo shorts instead of those leggings or jeans as these will keep you much cooler.

Go for the Spicy Foods!

Baskind says there is a reason that some ethnic food is HOT – it makes you sweat! If you have proper air circulation, sweating is an effective tool to cool down.



Ceiling fans and floor fans galore

According to Baskind, fans use a fraction of the energy required by air conditioners and moving the air around will keep the apartment cooler. Ceiling fans should be running counterclockwise when viewed from below. This will give you the maximum "downdraft." Keep in mind that "fans are for people; not rooms – there is no reason to run a fan in an empty room."



Take cold or cool showers

A quick cold or cool shower will help to lower your body temperature and keep you cooler much longer than you can imagine. During your "regular" shower routine, try to use warm water instead of hot and keep it quick. Be sure to use an exhaust fan, if there is one. This one brings back memories of my childhood - I can still hear Mom reminding us about cool, quick showers!

Drink plenty of water

Without drinking enough water, your body won't sweat as much and you might get dehydrated. Try to drink those 8 glasses a day, if possible!

Window coverings help

If you have a "modern" apartment without any window coverings, then you might want to consider adding them. Or, at least putting something up temporarily during the hottest months. Be sure to check with your landlord for any restrictions.



Cooking outdoors

If permissible in your Lease and you have a patio or balcony, be sure to cook outdoors as much as possible. This reduces the heat from the oven or stove and the food can be delicious!

Cool pillows are the best

If you haven't invested in one of these yet, then consider a cool pillow. They are marketed under names such as "Chillow" according to Baskind. These pillows are designed to draw the heat away from your head, where "about 30% of your body warmth is dispersed," says Baskind. They require no batteries or special preparation – just enough to cool you at bedtime.

Warrington Township Police Department Promotes Two Officers



Warrington Township Supervisors were in attendance for the promotion ceremonies honoring Warrington Township Police Officer Aaron Menzies, who was promoted to Sergeant, and Officer Brian Kelly, who was promoted to Corporal. Pictured (L to R) are: Vanessa Maurer, Member, Board of Supervisors; Fred Gaines, Chair, Board of Supervisors; Cpl. Brian Kelly; Sgt. Aaron Menzies; Ruth L. Schemm, Vice-Chair, Board of Supervisors; Michael J. Diorka, Member, Board of Supervisors.

Warrington Township Police Department is pleased to announce that it has promoted Corporal Aaron Menzies to the rank of Sergeant and Officer Brian Kelly to the rank of Corporal. The promotion ceremony took place at Warrington Township Municipal Building on Tuesday, March 28.

Sergeant Aaron Menzies began his career in policing with the Solebury Township Police Department, where he was a Patrol Officer for three years. Menzies was hired by Warrington Township Police Department in 2014 as a Patrol Officer. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in March 2022. Before his promotion to Corporal, he was assigned as an Officer in Charge for more than three years, assisting with the day-to-day supervision of his Patrol Squad. He was also assigned as a SWAT officer with the South-Central Emergency Response Team for over six years. Menzies has received the status of Professional Accreditation through the Police Chief's Association of Bucks County, and is the department's first and only Drug Recognition Expert,



Warrington Township Police Department is pleased to announce that Corporal Aaron Menzies has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Pictured (L to R) are: Daniel Friel, Chief of Police, Sgt. Aaron Menzies, and Lt. Glen Gottenberg.



Warrington Township Police Department is pleased to announce that Officer Brian Kelly has been promoted to the rank of Corporal. Pictured (L to R) are: Daniel Friel, Chief of Police, Cpl. Brian Kelly, and Lt. Glen Gottenberg.

a program for which there are only approximately 230 certified officers statewide. Menzies has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Bloomsburg University, is married and has two sons.

Corporal Brian Kelly began his professional career in 2006, when he enlisted in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard as a vehicle mechanic with Gulf Company 228th Forward Support Battalion, an attachment of the 28th Infantry Division. He was honorably discharged in 2012 as a Sergeant. In 2009, he enrolled in the Montgomery County Community College Police Academy where he was a squad leader and class platoon leader before graduating in 2010. Kelly worked as a part-time police officer with the Franconia Township Police Department in Montgomery County from 2011 to 2014. In 2014, he was hired as a full-time police officer with Warrington Township Police Department.

During his time with the Warrington Police Department, Kelly has served as a Federal Motor Carrier Inspector through the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program; a Field Training Officer; a South-Central Emergency Response Team (SWAT) Operator; and as a member of the Bucks County Drug Task Force. He is an accredited Law Enforcement Officer and Officer-in-Charge. Kelly is married and has family living in Western PA.

"We are proud to celebrate the well-deserved promotions of Aaron and Brian within our Police Department," said Daniel Friel, Police Chief, Warrington Township. "They serve the people of Warrington Township with honor and dedication and have both demonstrated their potential to grow and continue doing great things for the department."



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STATION 78 PROJECT

By Lee Greenberg, Director of Emergency Services and Code Enforcement

The need to renovate and perhaps add an addition to the current Station 78 in the West End of the township has come to light. The current station was built in 2010. In 2014, career firefighters were added to help with a decreasing number of available volunteer firefighters on weekdays. The staff has grown to eight positions during the day, which has caused the current Fire Station to be outgrown. In planning, the department is looking to the future and anticipating additional staffing for 24-hour-per-day coverage, as well as adding safety features that recently constructed firehouses have included in their designs and are considered best practices.

The facilities needed to support the mission are outdated and, in some cases, non-existent. For example, Station 78 does not have the means to clean firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE). Currently, if PPE is contaminated it is taken to the Freedom's Way station to be cleaned, running the risk of furthering the contamination or it is sent out to be cleaned, which delays PPE from being in service. Additionally, in a situation where any firefighter becomes contaminated by either products from a fire or bio-hazard situation, the area



Station 78 is the main hub of the Warrington Township Department of Emergency Services.

“For the Station 78 Project, the committee is anticipating the need for additional staffing, as well as safety and design features that are considered best practices.”

for personal clean-up risks cross-contamination of the station's living space including the area used for staff to eat. These conditions are not safe for our firefighters.

As a result of the issues noted above and other factors, the Warrington Township Board of Supervisors formed an Ad HOC

committee to oversee a building renovation and addition to the Fire Station. The committee is comprised of two elected members of the Board of Supervisors, two volunteer firefighters, two career firefighters, the Township Manager and the Township Engineer.

This committee started meeting in February of 2023. As part of its responsibility, the committee has visited other fire stations in Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County and Phoenixville, Chester County to retrieve ideas for the renovation. These firehouses were newly constructed within the past 6 months and are considered “state of the art.”

Four architects submitted Request for Proposals and three have been selected to present their ideas on May 31st. The goal is to have a complete submittal for the Board of Supervisors to vote on by 2024.



County Line Road Construction Update

Beginning Monday, March 6, 2023, through early July 2023, eastbound County Line Road traffic will be shifted into the newly constructed westbound lanes between Kulp Road East and Bradford Green to allow crews to reconstruct that section of eastbound County Line Road under Stage 2 construction.

Westbound County Line Road will remain closed between Fairmount Avenue and Kulp Road East. Motorists will continue to be detoured along Easton Road (Route 611), Street Road and Lower State Road until the project's completion by 2026 or possibly earlier.



Stages 5-8 will follow Stage 2 construction sometime this summer and will require the full closure of westbound County Line Road between Kansas Road and Bradford Road.

County Line Road westbound through traffic will continue to be directed over Lower State Road, Street Road and Route 611 (Easton Road). County Line eastbound traffic will have through access.

The department will maintain access to residences and businesses along County Line Road within the construction zones, and advanced warning signs will inform motorists of the road closure and detour.

Construction on the entire project is expected to finish in summer 2026.

James D. Morrissey, Inc., of Philadelphia, is the general contractor on the \$11.2 million project, which is financed with 80 percent federal and 20 percent state funds.

DART Bus New Routes in Warrington Township Coming Soon

After the Board of Supervisors reviews and approves a new bus service for Warrington residents and business owners, Bucks County Transport will be implementing a

DART bus from Doylestown through Warrington. While the final details of the bus route are being finalized, the route will include many businesses along the Easton Rd. corridor and also make stops at a few residential developments and apartment complexes.

We are anticipating a June grand opening – possibly to be held at one of the stops, The Shops at Valley Square.

Keep your eye out for final bus route information/schedule and for the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Emergency Services

CBS recently interviewed Firefighter Brian Focht and ran a story entitled, "Firefighter teaches first responders ways to interact with people with autism."

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/firefighter-teaches-first-responders-ways-to-interact-with-people-with-autism/>





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News and Notes

Fishing Derby Around the Corner – Join Us!

The Warrington Township Bike and Hike Committee announced that this year's fishing derby is the same day as Warrington Community Day.

This year it will be held on September 23, 2023, with the rain date of September 24, 2023. The Derby will be held between the hours of 9:00AM and 11:00AM, with check-in opening at 8:30AM. As usual, the anglers will be fishing along the Little Neshaminy Creek, which can be accessed from the Bradford Dam trailhead in Lower Nike Park. As in the past, the Derby is open to children between the ages of 5 and 15.

In order to participate, anglers must be accompanied by a responsible adult and have their own fishing tackle. Also, the Bike and Hike Committee will be providing bait free of charge, and will be giving out prizes.



As in the past, there are several prize categories which include: Most fish and Biggest fish. Each and every year the children have a good time. Not only that, but they also learn that fishing is a great sport.



So that we can get an accurate count of those that wish to participate, the Bike and Hike Committee is asking all those who are interested in participating, to register on **Warringtonrec.com**.

Electrical Safety



around swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas

- If you are putting in a new pool, hot tub, or spa be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations.
- Outdoor receptacles must have covers that keep them dry even when appliances are plugged into them.
- Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are special devices designed to protect against electric shock and electrocution. They are required for most pool, spa or hot tub equipment. They may be in the form of an outlet or a circuit breaker. Test the GFCIs monthly according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Electrical appliances, equipment, and cords should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water. When possible, use battery operated appliances and equipment, such as televisions, radios, and stereos.
- Avoid handling electrical devices when you are wet.
- Make sure that any overhead lines maintain the proper distance over a pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If unsure, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.
- Do not swim during a thunderstorm.
- Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and—where necessary—replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool, spa, or hot tub electrically safe.
- Have a qualified electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

KNOW THE RISKS!

Electrocution is death by an electrical shock. Be aware when skin is wet or when surrounding surfaces, such as the grass or pool deck, are wet. Wet skin or wet surfaces can greatly increase the chance of electrocution when electricity is present.

There are several signs of electrical shock. Swimmers may feel a tingling sensation. They may experience muscle cramps. They may not be able to move. They may feel as if something is holding them in place.

If you think someone in the water is being shocked, turn off all power, but do not attempt to go in the water. Use a fiberglass or other kind of rescue hook that doesn't conduct electricity to help the swimmer. Have someone call 9-1-1.

If you think you are being shocked while in the water move away from the source of the shock. Get out of the water.

FACT: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has reports of 14 deaths related to electrocutions in swimming pools from 2003 to 2014. Hot tubs and spas may present the same hazard as swimming pools.



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Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool

Summer is Here !

and the Mary Barness Community Pool Welcomes You!

As we approach the summer, we are looking forward to another great season at the Mary Barness Community Pool. Many of our experienced staff are returning and we have several new young lifeguards joining our team to make your summer fun, safe and enjoyable.

This year we will be offering many of the events and theme days that have been a staple of our community pool. There will be DJ nights, Float'n Fridays, movie nights, diving for coins and Family Fun Days. Our popular swimming lessons are back, and our staff looks forward to teaching a new group of children the joy of swimming.

The pool opens on Memorial Day Weekend and is open for weekends until Saturday June 17th when we open seven-days-a-week from 11am -8pm. We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends once again this summer.

Cool Eats will be offering a wide variety of sandwiches, snacks and ice cream, and let's not forget the fresh, hand cut fries.



We are the home of the Warrington Dragons swim team for swimmers ages 5-18. Practices and home meets are held at Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool. Check out the Dragons website for more information on how to be a part of this great swim team <https://wstdragons.org/>

Don't let the summer go by without stopping by the pool and catching up with friends, neighbors and taking a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

MARY BARNESS COMMUNITY POOL

Memorial Day to June 17th

Open Weekends

Starting June 17th

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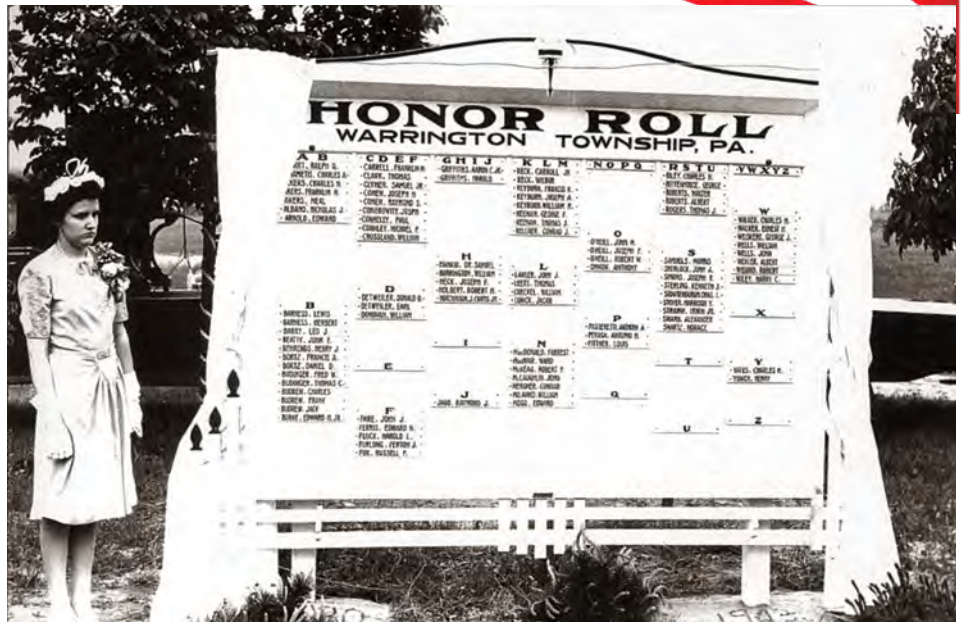
Honoring Those Residents Who Served America

By Michael Diorka, Ed.D., Member, Board of Supervisors

In our American Society, Americans have demonstrated in many unique ways to show appreciation and to honor those citizens who have contributed service to others. The War Memorial in Warrington's Igoe Wellings Porter Park is a perfect example in honoring the men and women who died and served in protecting the freedoms we as a nation value. Many residents of Warrington Township may not know the history behind the War Memorial, its concept, construction and the current programming by our Veteran's Affairs Committee.

The original "Honor Role" for those who served and died in WW II was a wooden structure dedicated in 1943 and later stored until a new location was selected for a permanent display.

In a 2005 letter to the Board of Supervisors, Dennis Igoe suggested a new location and granite marker with a bronze or brass plate with the names



of Igoe, Wellings and Porter be placed next to the new Memorial and flag pole in the Park.

In 2005, Ruth Zeiner, a past president of the Warrington Rotary, knew the

Rotary International, as part of their centennial celebration, was reviewing projects to assist in the celebration. Each club, around the globe, was asked to develop and implement a project that would be a permanent



tribute and asset within their communities. Warrington Rotary decided to create a living memorial of residents in the Warrington Community who served in the preservation of our values and freedoms. The birth of the War Memorial ensued.

The site location was the idea of John Paul, a former Township Supervisor. The Memorial was to contain exactly the same information as the original wooden marker. The cost to construct was \$25,000 with many Rotarians assisting in the design, build and final landscaping around the monument. Engineering services were provided by CKS Engineering.

On Saturday, May 23, 2012, the Township inducted a record 40 Township veterans onto the new War Memorial to join the names of other true heroes who collectively served all branches of the US Armed Forces. The remembrance of those residents who served continues today during Memorial Day services each year conducted by the Township Veteran's Affairs Committee.

This solemn occasion and future Memorial Day ceremonies would not have been possible were it not for the visionary foresight of the Warrington Rotary Club, whose dedicated members, through a combination of sweat, equity and donations, planted the foundational seeds for what has evolved to be Warrington's revered oasis of remembrance. A special proclamation of gratitude was extended to the Rotary for its vision, leadership, and support in erecting this eternal memorial by the Township Supervisors on May 23, 2012.

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Vinny Valinotti, Veteran's Affairs Committee

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**T'ai Chi**

Thursdays, 10:45 am - 11:45 am

June 15 - July 27 (no class 6/29)

August 10- September 14

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WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Chair Yoga

at Cornerstone Health & Fitness

Tuesdays
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
8 week session
June 13 - August 1
\$72 per person

This yoga class allows participants to use the support of a chair – seated or standing – to perform gentle stretches designed to increase flexibility, range of motion and balance. For all fitness levels.



Hatha Yoga

at Cornerstone Health & Fitness

Mondays, 6:35 pm - 7:35 pm: June 12 - July 31
Tuesdays, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm: April 11 - May 30
Tuesdays, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm: June 13 - August 1
8 week sessions
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Cycling

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June 12- July 31
8 week session
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SUMMER 2023



WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES CONTINUED

Barre Fitness

at Cornerstone Health & Fitness
Wednesdays 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm
8 week session June 14 - August 2
\$72 per person

This exhilarating class will give you the long, lean muscles of a dancer by toning your seat, abs and arms, while strengthening your core. Highly effective exercises are performed at the ballet barre and on the floor. For all fitness levels; must be able to get down on the floor.

**Yin Yoga**

at Cornerstone Health & Fitness
Saturdays 10:45 am - 11:45 am
8 week session June 17 - August 5
\$72 per person

Yin Yoga is a slower-paced, more meditative version of the popular physical and spiritual discipline of yoga. In Yin yoga, the poses are held for a longer period of time to target the connective tissues (such as the ligaments) rather than focusing on the muscles. As a result, the positions are more passive holds, with little muscular engagement.

**Silver Sneakers Fitness Class**

Thursdays 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
8 week session June 15 - August 3
\$72 per person

Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activities for daily living. Hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and a Silver Sneakers ball are offered for resistance. A chair is available if needed for seated or standing support.

**Step Aerobics**

Sundays 9:30 am - 10:30 am
8 week session June 18 - August 4
\$72 per person

Step your way to a toned body with this fun, cardiovascular workout. Step combos will strengthen your hips and legs, while the last 10 minutes is spent on abdominal work to strengthen your core muscles for an overall workout.





WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES CONTINUED

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POP/BROADWAY CAMP

Ages 8 – 17

Time 9 am – 4 pm

Price: \$275

See if you have what it takes for American Idol or the Voice. In this week log camp students will be taught singing, posture, breath control and fun performance skills. . Maximum for this camp is 16, to give students more personalized instruction. The week ends with a Free show for family and friends on Friday.



Dates:

July 31st – 4th

Aug 7th – 11th



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SEASON 3:

Palomino Park, June 29 – July 27, 4:45–5:30 pm

SEASON 4:

Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool,
September 14 – October 12, 3:15–4:00 pm

Little Aces (recommended ages 7–10): \$72

SEASON 3:

Palomino Park,
June 29 – July 27, 5:30–6:30 pm

SEASON 4:

Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool,
September 14 – October 12, 4:00–5:00 pm

Juniors (recommended ages 11–13): \$72

SEASON 3:

Palomino Park, June 29 – July 27, 6:30–7:30 pm

SEASON 4:

Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool,
September 14 – October 12, 5:00–6:00 pm

Teens/Adults (Beginners/ Intermediates) (recommended ages 14 and up): \$72

SEASON 3:

Palomino Park, June 29 – July 27, 7:30–8:30 pm

SEASON 4:

Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool,
September 14 – October 12, 6:00–7:00 pm

MORE TENNIS OPPORTUNITIES FOR WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Warrington Township is part of BCTA's county-wide tennis network. Check out www.buckscountytennis.usta.com for more information about tennis opportunities available to Warrington Township residents, such as:

- BCTA County-Wide social tournaments for youths and adults
- Introductory BCTA Jr. Team Tennis for players (ages 8–13) who previously participated in Learn, Practice and Play or similar programs
- Advanced BCTA Jr. Team Tennis Training and USTA Travel Teams (14-and-under and 18-and-under)
- Middle and High School Training and special High School Competitions
- Adult leagues (Flex League, meet-ups and Fall Doubles)



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Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in your home. When one sounds, they all sound.



Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



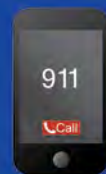
Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.



Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.



When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.



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