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Board of Supervisors

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THANKS THE TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

The Board of Supervisors wishes to thank our Township employees for their ongoing support of the community during the COVID-19 emergency. If you stop and think about it, the Township staff, under the leadership of Manager, Barry Lubber, and Executive Assistant to the Township Manager, Barbara Livrone, was able to function efficiently under very unusual conditions. Invoices were processed and paid on time, inspections were performed, the walking trails were kept open and the residents were secure in knowing that the police were patrolling the streets, the ambulance squad was responding to calls and our fire fighters were on duty, ready to answer the call to duty. Twice monthly Board of Supervisor meetings were held with telecommunications and the public was able to participate.

As we emerge from the epidemic, there is a "New Normal". Having some employees, work part-time from home has proven to be an effective way to operate. The concept of telecommuting has been used for many years in the private sector but rarely with public agencies. Seeing employee emails sent at all hours of the day, early mornings and late in the evening verified the fact that assigned work was being accomplished when required although not necessarily always during the traditional 8:30-4:30 workday.

There is no question that some of the Township business was deferred due to the ban on meetings with more than ten people and our inability to take sworn testimony electronically. This inconvenience has created a temporary backlog that will be rapidly rectified.

Going forward, many of the lessons learned will be applied and become standard operating procedures. Some personnel will be allowed to continue to work part-time from home. Work places will be separated to reduce, if not eliminate, the possibility of spreading illnesses. The committee structure that is so important to maintain public input and transparency will allow, at the Committee Chair's option, for "virtual" meetings to be held; an excellent option, especially when members (or the public) wish to attend while on out-of-town vacation or not being able to drive to the Township building due to adverse weather.

The new Police Station is scheduled to be completed in September and there will then be a shift to rehabilitate the Township building. This project includes updating the Shirley A. Yannich Public Meeting Room, communications facilities, allowing for better video presentation, and making telecommunications much more effective for public access.

Warrington Township "dodged a bullet". We sympathize with those who lost loved ones or suffered from the Coronavirus, however, the way that the citizens and the Township staff cooperated to respond to the emergency, made us a stronger community.

WARRINGTON COMMUNITY DAY CANCELLED UNTIL 2021

It is with regret that Warrington Township must announce the cancellation of the 2020 Warrington Community Day event scheduled for September 26th. This was a difficult decision based on many factors, but the Board of Supervisors of Warrington Township's primary concern and priority is the health and safety of our community. The Township is grateful for the support of its sponsors, vendors, exhibitors and entertainers, and we look forward to seeing you at Warrington Community Day next year on **Saturday, September 25, 2021**.

Please continue to follow us on social media and visit our website as we plan our 2021 Warrington Community Day event.

2020 Calendar *Refer to Link Articles for locations*



WARRINGTON'S MARY BARNES COMMUNITY POOL
May 23 thru September 7, 2020



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Monday, August 31, 2020
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm



FAMILY BIRD WALK
Saturday, September 26, 2020
8:30 am to 10:30 am



FISHING DERBY
Saturday, September 26, 2020
9:00 am-11:00 am



LIONS PRIDE PARK RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
Friday, October 2, 2020
11:00 am.



10 FOLLY ROAD OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, October 3, 2020
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
(Rain date: Sunday, October 4th)



SHREDDER EVENT
Saturday, October 17, 2020
9:00 am – 11:00 am
Location to be announced



GENERAL ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, November 3, 2020



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY
Wednesday, November 11, 2020
11:30 am.

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ALL VOLUNTEER BOARDS/COMMITTEES ARE BEING HELD VIRTUALLY BY ZOOM. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD BOTH IN-PERSON (25 CAPACITY) AND VIRTUALLY BY ZOOM. THE ZONING HEARING BOARD IS BEING HELD IN-PERSON (25 CAPACITY). ALL CDC GUIDELINES ARE BEING FOLLOWED. CHECK WEBSITE TO REGISTER FOR ZOOM MEETING.

2020 Board or Commission Meetings - ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

BOARD OR COMMISSION	DAY OF MONTH	TIME
Board of Supervisors	2nd and 4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Bike & Hike Trails Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Communications Advisory Board	4th Monday (alternating months)	7:30 p.m.
Environmental Advisory Council	1st Wednesday	7:30 p.m.
Historic Commission /Society	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.
Open Space and Land Preservation Committee	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m.
Park and Recreation Board	4th Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Pension Advisory Board	6th Wednesday After Each Quarter	7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission	1st Thursday • Workshop 3rd Thursday (optional)	7:00 p.m.
Swim Club Advisory Committee	August 27, 2020	10:00 a.m.
Veteran Affairs Committee	Last Monday	5:00 p.m.
Zoning Hearing Board	4th Monday	7:00 p.m.

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 such as Lions Pride Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Shredding Event, Family Bird Walk and the Fishing Derby to name a few 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/HotTopics.



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FROM OUR SUPERVISOR

Fred R. Gaines, BCEE, P.E., Chair

Warrington Township after COVID-19 - The NEW NORMAL

As Bucks County transitions from the emergency's "Yellow Phase" to the "Green Phase", Warrington Township will be reviewing what beneficial information may have been gained from operating under pandemic conditions. Among these are:



- **Working from home:** Although "telecommuting" to work has been practiced by the private sector for years it has rarely been allowed in the public sector. Being forced to keep the Township's facilities closed while having some staff working from home has been found to have a minimal impact upon efficiency. We are proud to have a cadre of efficient, productive and reliable personnel, who have proved that they can do their work, on time, whether from home or their office. (We received e-mails at all times of the day and night as employee's schedules were "juggled" to meet home and office priorities.) It is anticipated that the "New Normal" will have some employees continue to work from home.
- **Public Participation:** Once we entered the "Yellow Phase", the Township began to hold meetings using a combined live audience in the Township Building and a virtual audience joining in on the Zoom platform. Since we are restricted to a maximum of 25 people in the Shirley A. Yannich Public Meeting Room due to "Social Distancing" requirements, the use of telecommunications allows for a larger audience. We are planning technology upgrades to include better broadband, and additional cameras that are directed to the exhibits and speakers as opposed to one camera, fixed on the members of the Board of Supervisors. This will allow residents to always have access and actually participate in nearly all of the Township's official meetings without having to leave their homes. This feature will be extremely beneficial in inclement weather. More important it will broaden the scope of public participation and provide residents knowledge of what is going on in their Township.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has turned out to be an "ill wind" that has resulted in a benefit for many of the Township employees that not only will not cost the Taxpayer's any money, but will improve efficiency and employee morale. More important, it will improve public participation and the transparency that this Board of Supervisors has been striving for.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE LIONS PRIDE PARK RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

WHEN: Friday, October 2, 2020
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
WHERE: 3129 Bradley Road, Chalfont



Lions Pride Park is a unique, multigenerational, fully accessible facility. It is being designed to attract all populations regardless of ability or age. This park's key focus is to provide a positive recreational experience to all users, both young and old. The features of the park have been designed to allow individuals with visual impairments, physical limitations and mobility restrictions enjoy all that the park has to offer with friends and family. Kids Mountain, "The Grove" and the musical alcove present different and unique experiences from passive activities, audio opportunities, and physical adventures. This park will be a perfect place for families to gather, relax and enjoy the outdoors together.

Lion's Pride Park will be the gem of Warrington Township's parks system, and one of the most accessible and exciting regional destination parks in Bucks County.

DIGNITARIES SCHEDULED TO SPEAK INCLUDE:

Fred R. Gaines, Chair, Warrington Township Board of Supervisors
State Senator Maria Collett D-District 12
State Representative Todd Polinchock R-District 144

DOG OWNERS: HELP NEEDED

Over 320 species of migrating birds enjoy our Warrington green spaces especially in the Bradford Dam area. Over 10 years of work has made the Bradford Dam area—once abandoned—a gem of a park.

Many dog owners enjoy walking their dogs in this area. The problem is that some owners allow their dogs off lead. The dogs run around and romp in areas where there are nesting birds. Having a dog off-lead is not safe for the dog or other park visitors. Dog activity near the bird nests around the banks of the reservoir or the nearby grasses can harm the chicks and may prove fatal to the very birds that we have worked so hard to attract to our green corridors.



Park rules were enacted to protect all park users. Please help to make these areas welcome to all users. Keep your dog leashed and under the control. Please do not allow them to rummage in the underbrush especially in the Bradford Dam area. The nesting birds may be of interest to your unleashed dog and if the nests are disturbed the eggs will be harmed or abandoned. If you want your dog to romp a bit—use a long lead so you can still control where your dog goes.

Two other concerns are dog waste and “off lead ‘hellos’”. When a dog is off lead, it is difficult to track where your dog has toileted. Please keep dog on lead and use doggie bags and dispose of them in receptacles. We really don’t want our open areas to become a large dog bathroom. Many Warrington residents enjoy these green spaces. Allowing your dog to relieve themselves without owner clean-up is yucky and unsanitary.

Although most people love dogs, many do not want to be approached by an off-lead dog, even if friendly. This can be intimidating or just unwelcome. This includes runners who also need keep their dogs on lead and stop if needed to clean-up if the dog relieves itself.

Also, a reminder to owners who faithfully keep their dogs on lead in our parks but do not believe that anyone will notice your dog’s waste. Others do notice. Kindly keep doggie bags handy and clean up after your pet. As members of the Warrington community we need to take responsibility for the upkeep of our parks and trails.



2020 ELECTION DAY



VOTING INFORMATION

General Election Day - Tuesday, November 3, 2020

If you have any further questions regarding which voting district you fall into or whether you are registered to vote, please call Voter Registration at (215) 348-6163. For more information on voting in Bucks County, apply for a mail-in ballot or inquiry about the new ClearBallot voting machines visit, www.buckscounty.org/government/communityservices/boardofelections

DISTRICT	LOCATION
#1	Warrington Township Building, 852 Easton Road
#2,6 & 7	Central Bucks HS South located at 1100 Folly Road.
#3 & 4	St. Paul's United Methodist Church located at 2131 Palomino Drive.
#5	Warrington Fellowship Church, 1455 Coopers Lane.
#8	Valley Road Church of Christ, 978 Valley Road.

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP

2019 ANNUAL REPORTS

Planning Commission

The Warrington Township Planning Commission submits the following report to the Governing Body in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code Article 11, Section 207, "The Commission shall keep a full record of its Business and shall annually make a written report by March 1st of its activities to the Governing Board".

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS-2019

Citizen Members

Richard Rycharski, *Chair*
Bill Connolly, *Vice Chair*
Vince Evans, *Secretary*
Ted Cicci, *Member*
Bob Watts, *Member*
Herb Rubenstein, *Member*
Shawn McGuigan, *Member*
Fred Gaines, *Associate Member*

Meeting Dates

January 17th
February 7th
March 7th & March 21st
April 4th & April 18th
June 6th
July 18th
August 1st
September 5th & September 19th
October 3rd & October 31st
November 7th & November 21st
December 5th

Staff and Support

Roy Rieder, *Planning and Zoning Officer*
Cindy VanHise, *CKS Engineering*
Amy Organek, *Recorder*

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND/OR ACTIONS-2019

January 17th

- Reorganization Results:
 - Chairman..... Rich Rycharski
 - Vice Chairman... Bill Connolly
 - Secretary Vince Evans
 - Member Ted Cicci
 - Member Bob Watts
 - Member Herb Rubenstein
 - Member Shawn McGuigan
- Fred Gaines resigned as associate member as he was named Chair of the BOS, Ms. Shirley Yannich was asked to replace him as alternate, she accepted.
- Review conditional use application for Eureka Tract. There was considerable discussion as to safety at the intersection of Buttercup Blvd, various parking issues as well as the need for a conditional use. Several neighbors of the tract voiced opinions as outlined in the minutes. A motion was passed with a recommendation for approval with conditions outlined in the minutes.
- Review a waiver of land development for the O.P. Schuman property. There was considerable discussion as to storm water management. The Attorney for County Line Fence contended that a problem exists and believes this will only make it worse. A motion was passed to recommend approval with conditions as outlined in the minutes.
- A motion was passed to recommend a waiver of the land development process for the new Warrington Police Station.
- A report as to progress from the Zoning/SALDO revision committee.

February 7th

- Review a proposed text amendment to Part 22-Signs of the Township Zoning Ordinance. 1800 Street Road is asking for a revision to allow for wall signage not permitted in the ordinance. This application has been denied by the Zoning Hearing Board. There was discussion as to appropriateness and if any other alternative was viable. No decision was made.
- Consider a proposal to place Bus Shelters along Easton Rd. The discussion centered on storm water management and some parking encroachment. A motion was passed to send to the BOS with conditions as outlined in the Minutes.
- Review of the Eble subdivision plan, a motion was passed to recommend approval with conditions as outlined in the minutes.
- Review an application to rezone the Wade/Cardamone tract from RA to R1. Discussion centered on the lack of minimum acreage as required by the Ordinance, it was agreed to table for further information. Supervisor Baker requested a review of the performance of the ordinance now that it has been implemented.
- Supervisor Yannich discussed her notes on the sale of Water and Sewer Dept.

March 7th

- Discussion of the Conservation Ordinance as written. Mr. Connolly has reviewed the Ordinance and has suggested several changes to make it more effective. Changes are outlined in the minutes.
- Report from the Zoning/SALDO revision Committee.
- Valley Square has approached the Township with a plan to possibly add a free standing building with residential units with conversion of some of the existing lofts. We mentioned that we would like to see a full-service hotel as part of this design.

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March 21st

1. Review application for Grove Valley Farm (Pileggi Tract): a) a discussion concerning existing tree location and replacement; b) discussed various waivers as outlined in the minutes; c) considerable discussion as to public access to the conservation area; d) discussed function and details of the veracity of the rain garden and e) discussed various safety concerns as to a retaining wall. A motion was passed to recommend conditional approval with conditions as outlined in the minutes.
2. A report from the Zoning/SALDO revision committee
3. Discussion as to the need to review/revise the Bylaws

April 4th

1. Discuss and review recommendations to amend requirements of the Conservation Residential Ordinance as outlined in the minutes. A motion was passed to forward the revisions to the BOS.
2. Report from the Zoning/SALDO revision committee.
3. Continuation of the discussion as to revising the by-laws.
4. Ms. Yannich offered a comparison of the filing fees for in neighboring communities for the same size lot.

April 18th

1. Review the sewage facility planning module for the Eureka Tract after discussion a motion was passed to approve and sign off on this plan.
2. Review sketch plan for BJ's Warrington @ Oakfield Rd and Easton Rd in the CR/O zoning District: a) discussion of the nearby electrical substation and lack of proper parking for a restaurant of that size and a lack of adequate buffer; b) since this was a sketch plan no decision was required.
3. Zoning/SALDO Revision Committee. Mr. Connolly reported the County has requested 4 more weeks to complete current revisions, the completion date maybe in the Fall.
4. Mr. Connelly expects to present marked up copies of By-Laws.

June 6th

1. Review Act 537 Special Study. Tom Zarko, P.E. (Township Engineer) made a presentation as to a need for this study. The Planning Commission has previously voted not to proceed. Richard McBride, applicant for the Morrissey Tract offered to pay for the study. There was a discussion as to whether the Planning Commission wishes to go in that direction. For the future although the current plan was adopted 25 years ago and has been amended 5 times since. A motion was passed to send to the BOS for their review.
2. Review conditional use for the Wade-Cardamone Tract. It was determined that this application was incomplete as outlined in the minutes.
3. Reviewed revisions to the Doylestown Township Comprehensive Plan. A motion was passed to advise the BOS that the Planning Commission had no comments.
4. Zoning/SALDO Revision Committee discussed a proposal to amend the zoning along 611 to three districts and a consideration that all be considered conditional use.
5. Continued discussion regarding the Bylaws.

July 18th

1. Discussed traffic impact study for expansion of Barclay School. The school district does not anticipate a significant increase due to this plan. A motion was passed to recommend a waiver to the BOS.
2. Review plans for sewage facility planning module for Grove Valley Farm. All sewage will go to Log College treatment plant in Warminster and will be providing off-site sewer to 13 properties. A motion was passed to sign the planning module.
3. Review façade revisions for a Chase Bank at 2050 Street Road. It was determined that approval would be troubling as they are taking a conforming building and making it non-conforming.
4. Zoning/SALDO revisions. Mr. Connolly said they were at least half way completed.
5. Draft changes of the By-Laws were distributed and reviewed.

August 1st

1. Review a sketch plan from Audex Properties relating to 1520 Stuckert Rd. A discussion ensued as to open space and problems with having two driveways exiting onto Stuckert Rd. as outlined in the minutes. No action was taken on this sketch plan.
2. Zoning/SALDO revision committee is currently reviewing the draft and there is no meeting until September.

September 5th

1. Review conditional use application for Wade/Cardamone tract. The applicant gave an overview of the zoning changes on the property since 1984. A discussion ensued that the tract does not meet the 25 acre requirement of the ordinance. There were a number of neighbors who spoke mostly against this development as outlined in the minutes. The applicant asked that the application be tabled for further redesign.

September 5th (continued)

2. Zoning/SALDO revision committee, a draft zoning map was presented for review and comment.
3. A motion was passed to approve the revisions to the by-laws except for the section dealing with a requirement for expert witnesses.

September 19th

1. Review a conditional use application for the expansion of Barclay Elementary School. A discussion was made of the increase in student population and the fact that Barclay was already at full capacity, the playground area will need to be expanded and there seems to be adequate parking. A motion was passed to approve.
2. Review a preliminary land development plan for the O.P.Schuman Property presented by Earthborne. After discussion as outlined in the Minutes, the applicant agreed to revise the plans to address the comments and return for preliminary/final approval.
3. A motion was passed to approve revisions to the existing SALDO Ordinance.

October 3rd

1. Review land development plan for Patient First. Mr. Bill Rountree was asking for recommendations on the current plan. Neighbors did not want the entrance on Georges Lane and they had agreed not to put it there. There was considerable discussion as to access points and traffic movement.
2. Review preliminary/final for Grove Valley Farm. After discussion, A motion was passed to approve contingent on compliance with review letters and compliance with all items discussed.

October 31st

1. Review revised site plan for WAWA at 611 and Maple Ave. The Zoning Hearing Board denied relief on 3 points and the applicant has appealed to the Court of Common Pleas. The BOS is asking for more input from the Planning Commission. After discussion a motion was passed stating that the Planning Commission will support the revised plan with the provision that the requirements of the BOS are all met.
2. Review proposal for a change in the facade at the Genaurdi's/Giant at Creekveiw Plaza concerning the architectural requirements of the Corridor Overlay District. The Planning Commission had several objections as outlined in the minutes and the applicant agreed to return with a revised plan.

November 7th

1. Review Wade/Cardamone conditional use application. The Zoning Hearing Board has granted relief for not having adequate acreage. Mr. Cardamone agreed that his shop will not be a part of the plan. He will agree to a deed restriction that the driveway will be moved. There was again considerable comments from neighbors as outlined in the minutes. A motion was made for approval with several conditions after a roll call vote the motion did not pass.
2. Review revised plans for proposed facade at the former Genuardi's at Creekview plaza. A motion was passed to recommend approval to the BOS.
3. Review land development plan to expand Barclay School Conditional Use was previously granted by the BOS with conditions. After discussion as outlined in the minutes a motion was passed to recommend preliminary and final approval to the BOS with all approvals outlined in the minutes.

November 21st

1. Natural Lands Trust presented a feasibility study to construct a trail along Pickertown Rd between Buttercup Blvd and Barness Park. A thorough presentation was made and is outlined in the minutes.
2. Review a proposed text amendment for the CBD zoning district. Poag Shopping Centers LLC is seeking to allow residential use. After discussion a motion was passed to advance the motion to the BOS.
3. Review revisions to land development plan for Patient First. Several previous recommendations were included but the Planning Commission was opposed to allowing left turns out onto Valley Blvd. The applicant said they would try to address the situation.
4. Zoning/SALDO revision committee, Mr. Connolly stated work on the Zoning Ordinance is nearing completion.

December 5th

1. Review land development approval at O.P. Schuman (Earthborne). Reviewed CKS letter and discussed legal issues as to special exception. Request as to whether it might require a variance. Discussed traffic flow and parking. A motion was passed to recommend approval to the BOS with all conditions as outlined in the minutes.
2. Review that a grant application for water main extensions is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. After discussion a motion was passed that it is in compliance.
3. With both parties in agreement a motion was passed to make Ms. Yannich a full member and Mr. McGuigan an alternate member of the Planning Commission.

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP

2019 ANNUAL REPORTS



Environmental Advisory Council

The year 2019 was once again a productive year for the Warrington Environmental Advisory Council (WEAC). With the support of active members, and many other volunteers, we were able to obtain two grants to support our programs, hold a highly successful Community Service Day, naturalize detention basins and enhance one of the Township Trails.

Bucks Beautiful plants 300 Trees in Warrington

On April 12, the WEAC was fortunate to receive a donation of 275 Red Maple trees and 25 Katsura trees from Bucks Beautiful. Bucks Beautiful contractors, Bucks County Gardens and Gale Nurseries planted 225 of the trees and Warrington Township Public Works staff planted the remaining trees. The trees are part of Bucks Beautiful RePlant Bucks Initiative. The trees were planted at Lions Pride, Barness and John Paul @ Lower Nike Parks and the stormwater detention basin on Buttercup Boulevard. The retail value of this effort would have cost taxpayers over \$45,000. The return on environmental investment will exceed over \$83,000 over 25 years.

Return on the Environment 2019

The WEAC continued a program to encourage homeowners to plant native trees and shrubs and create backyard habitats for birds, bees, butterflies and other pollinators. By getting your neighbors involved we can expand our natural system services and create a connected pattern of open space. This is the best way to maximize nature's ecological and financial value and maintain long-term ecological benefits. Only then can we build a foundation for a vibrant, balanced economy and a healthy, desirable community for current residents and future generations.

What we do to our land, impacts our quality of life, health, cost of living, sense of place and economy. Every resident has an important role to play. Our natural assets are essential to our everyday life.

- Reduce the size of your lawn by planting additional native trees and shrubs
- Attract birds, owls and bats by installing houses
- Conserve energy by installing smart thermometers, insulating your attic
- Replace your blacktop driveway with porous pavers
- Create a pollinator garden
- Install rain gardens to capture roof run off
- Conserve water by installing rain barrels and water saving devices on showers
- Reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and pest controls and use natural products

Native Plant Sale

The Warrington Township Environmental Advisory Council (WEAC) held our 2nd annual Native Plant Sale on April 27, 2019 at the Warrington Township building from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The sale featured native plants and shrubs at wholesale prices. Plants were priced from \$7.00 to \$15.00. Over 500 trees and shrubs were sold. This event was part of a program that the WEAC is sponsoring to promote the planting of native trees and shrubs in our Township. We hope that this will educate residents and provide them with an affordable opportunity to enhance their yards. There are countless benefits to planting natives in our yards. These trees and shrubs are lower in maintenance because they are adapted to our environment. A native landscape uses less water, little or no fertilizer and there is no need for chemicals or pesticides.

Monarch Way Station Ready for Visitors

On May 4th, Eagle Scout candidate, Daniel Haschets, created a Monarch Way-station at John Paul @ Lower Nike Park, by building a raised bed with a naturalized area behind it. Both areas were planted with pollinator and meadow type plants, including many milkweeds with the idea of providing habitat for Monarch Butterflies, other butterflies and pollinators. The garden qualified and was registered at Monarch Watch.

Osprey Nest Installed

May 8th was the culmination of two years of planning between the WEAC, Pennsylvania Game Commission and the PECO Exelon Company's Environmental Compliance Division to erect an Osprey Platform at the Bradford Reservoir. Through extensive coordination with the Bucks County Parks and Recreation Department, an acceptable site was chosen for placement of the pole. The pole was donated by PECO and the platform was constructed and donated by the Pa Game Commission. The Game Commission will also be donating an interpretative sign to be placed near the platform. Osprey have already been sighted in the area of the new platform.

Community Service Day - 2019

The Warrington Environmental Advisory Council's logo is "Think Globally, Act Locally". With that goal in mind, on Saturday May 18, 2019 we worked with our community and held our annual Day of Community Service. Volunteers worked on several projects within our township. Our keystone project occurred at the Storm Water Control Basin located on Buttercup Lane. An Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 172 and his Troop did basin naturalization and planted 100 new trees and 40 new shrubs.

This is in addition to the 70 trees previously planted in this basin by Bucks Beautiful and Bucks Country Gardens. Bucks Beautiful and Bucks Country Gardens also donated trees and deer protection. Bucks Beautiful worked closely with members of the WEAC to select the best native tree and shrub species to grow in the basin. Earthborne Equipment donated an auger machine and operator. Also, many people worked at John Paul @ Lower Nike Park planting more native trees and shrubs adding to the 75 plants that have been installed over the last several years. Additional projects included flower planting at 8 locations at Twin Oaks, the entrances of IPW, John Paul Park@Lower Nike and the Memorial Garden at IPW Park. Many volunteers constructed bat houses and bluebird boxes. The butterfly garden and rain garden in IPW Park received a sprucing up. Both gardens were weeded and received a layer of mulch. The shrubs were pruned and the perennials were thinned to promote healthy growth. Cleanup was done at Willow Knoll. The Township provided gloves, trash bags to those residents who participated. Volunteers from CB South NHS, Boy Scout Troop 172 and 137, Pack 35, Girl Scout Troop 23, members of the community, a robotics group, Township Supervisors, members of the township Historic Commission, Warrington Lions Club, WEAC members and their friends' and a Master gardener from the PA Extension. A huge "THANK YOU!" to all of the dedicated volunteers who helped with these projects!

We thank local businesses' for their generous support of OUR DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, 2019: Allstate Insurance (Eric Bonella), Bound Beverage, Chickie and Pete's, County Line Fence, Earthborne, Elbow Lane Day Camp, Everything but Bundt, Hampton Greens Condominium Association, Home Depot, K.C Prime, Meeco Inc., Mod Pizza, Panera, Pete's Express Car Wash, Saladworks, Total Turf Landscaping, Walmart, Wawa, and Wegmans.

Warrington Community Day 2019

This year's Warrington Community Day was the best! Our booth was a buzz with activity. A representative from the Penn State Extension joined the WEAC to educate everyone about the destructive and invasive Spotted Lanternfly. Members of the WEAC gave a brief demonstration of the EnviroScape®, a three-dimensional portable landscape. Visitors were very interested in our display of wood duck, bluebird, screech owl, and bat houses drew questions from residents, and many were purchased.

Forest Trail Enhancement for a Greater Community Experience

The WEAC continues to manage the forested areas adjacent to the trail between Morning Walk Drive and Igo Porter Wellings (IPW) Park and in John Paul Park at Lower Nike, just past the bird blind. Woods of Plenty provided Warrington with the expertise to establish our forests as a resilient long-term source of food for both humans and wildlife. With their intimate knowledge gained from studying and observing the forest, Woods of Plenty staff removed invasive plants and created bio habitats. When these trees and shrubs mature; these nuts and berries will be available for all to feast on. Take a walk, beginning at the Morning Walk detention basin. Enjoy the educational signs that describes the naturalized basin. Walk down the trail towards IPW Park where many of the trees and shrubs have been identified. This is our first edible forest. Step off the trail and enjoy the forest. Continue down into John Paul Park at Lower Nike, just past the bird blind, and you will enter our second edible forest.

Enhancements to Our Rain Garden 2019

Additional grasses and shrubs were planted in our existing rain garden in the fall to provide more coverage and help eliminate the problem of weed growth. All will provide ornamental interest and more importantly, are beneficial to birds, pollinators and butterflies. The grasses also add visual interest with their foliage and flowers in the summer.



Information Campaign for the Spotted Lanternfly

The WEAC continued our informational campaign on how to identify and control the Spotted Lanternfly. The Lanternfly is an invasive planthopper that has great potential to impact hardwood trees, ornamental plants, fruit trees and grapes.

BUCKS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Bucks County Conservation District (BCCD) is currently distributing education and outreach materials on the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) to municipalities, nature centers, libraries, and other community organizations. Materials are FREE and include fact sheets and clipboards.

BCCD is also offering sticky bands to capture SLF nymphs on trees (bands should be replaced about every other week) for the Summer of 2020.

Our goal is to reduce the spread of the Spotted Lanternfly. If you are interested, please reach out for non-contact delivery materials via email @ slf@bucksccd.org.

Spotted Lanternfly Nymphs



Nymph (early stage)
can be found late April-July
actual size: 1/3" - 1/4"



Nymph (late stage)
can be found July-September
actual size: 1/2"

Edible Native Plants For Landscaping & Gardening

Next Time you plant a tree or shrub think edible! There are many interesting native edibles in our area. Since we can eat them, so too can other creatures all around us. Here is a video by the author of the Perennial Vegetables book, Eric Toensmeie. The video details many interesting native edibles. It is from a project he did where they planted all native edibles in a forest garden: http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=brlrcZIGyeU&desktop_uri=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DbrlrcZIGyeU



Compost your leaves

Compost leaves instead of sending them to the landfill. Leaf compost is a soil conditioner. It increases the water retention of soils. According to some university studies, the addition of leaf mold increased water retention in soils by over 50%. Leaf mold also improves provides a fantastic habitat for soil life, including earthworms and beneficial bacteria.

There are two popular ways to make leaf compost, and both are ridiculously simple. The one thing you'll need to keep in mind is that leaf mold doesn't happen overnight. Leaves are basically all carbon, which takes a lot longer to break down than nitrogen-rich materials such as grass clippings. The decomposition process for leaves takes at least six to twelve months. The good news is that it's basically six to twelve months with very little work on the gardener's part.

The first method consists of either piling your leaves in a corner of the yard or into a wood or wire bin. The pile or bin should be at least three feet wide and tall. Pile up your leaves, and thoroughly dampen the entire pile. Let it sit, checking the moisture level occasionally during dry periods and adding water if necessary. The second method requires a large plastic garbage bag. Fill the bag with leaves and moisten them. Seal the bag and then cut some holes or slits in the bag for air flow. Let it sit. Check the bag every month or two for moisture, and add water if the leaves are dry. After six months to a year, you will have finished compost. Impatient? There are a couple of things you can do to speed up the process:

- Before adding leaves to your pile or bag, run over them a couple of times with your lawn mower. Smaller pieces will decompose more quickly.
- Use a shovel or garden fork to turn your leaf pile every few weeks. If you are using the plastic bag method, just turn it over or give it a firm shake. This will introduce air into the process, which speeds decomposition.
- If you are using the pile or bin method, cover your pile with a plastic tarp. This will keep the leaves more consistently moist and warm

Fall Ideal for Planting Trees

Because spring is the time for new growth, most people think of planting trees and shrubs. But cool temperatures and adequate rainfall make fall a good time to plant as well. The soil may be warmer and less damp than in the spring, and you may have more time to get the job done in fall.

Fall-planted stock does demand extra attention. Plants may not have enough time to establish a good root system before winter hits. Cold winter winds and sunshine cause plants to lose water from their branches, and the roots must be able to replace that water if plants are to survive. Evergreens, particularly broad-leaved evergreens, are more susceptible to winter desiccation because their leaves have more surface from which to lose water than narrow-leaved evergreens and bare trees.

- **Select balled-and-burlapped or container-grown plants rather than bare-rooted stock.** Bare-root plants should only be planted in late winter or early spring while the plants are still dormant.
- **Avoid planting large trees in fall.** They can be risky to transplant in any season, but are particularly so when foliage is present. Leave the large trees to spring, and get a professional to do the moving. They have the proper equipment and expertise to help ensure a safe move.
- **Some species of plants do not adapt well to fall planting because they are unusually susceptible to winter damage.** Magnolia, dogwood, tulip tree, sweet gum, red maple, birch, hawthorn, poplars, cherries, plum and many of the oaks are among the plants that are best saved for spring planting. However, you can often justify the risk by finding exceptional bargains in the fall. Many garden centers are motivated to sell the stock because of the expense of keeping the plants over winter.
- **Plant trees and shrubs early enough in the fall for the plant to develop a good root system.** Soil temperatures should be well above 55 F at a depth of 6 inches at planting time. This condition usually exists until early to late October, depending on your location. Of course, weather conditions vary from year to year and with microclimates around the home landscape.
- **Water plants thoroughly when needed to supply about 1 inch of water per week.** Continue watering until the ground is frozen, even after deciduous plants have lost their leaves. Wrap the trunks of thin-barked, young trees in late November to prevent frost cracks, sunscald, and animal damage, but be sure to remove the wrap in March.
- **Ground covers and shallow-rooted shrubs may be heaved out of the ground by alternate freezing and thawing of the soil that often occurs in winter.** A 2-4 inch layer of mulch can help prevent wide soil temperature fluctuations. Apply materials such as compost, shredded bark or straw in late November or early December, after the plants are fully dormant and the soil is cold.



Written by B. Rosie Lerner, Extension Consumer Horticulture Specialist Purdue University

Bat Houses

We have Bat houses available for purchase for \$40. They are available for pick up at the Township Building located at 852 Easton Road. All bat houses should be mounted at least 12 feet above ground, and 15 to 20 feet is better. Bat houses should not be lit by bright lights. The factsheet titled "Criteria for Successful Bat Houses" contains additional information on citing bat houses. A single little brown bat can eat up to 1000 mosquitoes in a single hour, and is one of the world's longest-lived mammals for its size, with life spans of almost 40 years.



Blue Bird Boxes

We have Blue Bird Houses available for purchase for \$10.00. They are available for pick up at the Township Building located at 852 Easton Road. Blue Birds prefer open fields or lawns; orchards; open, rural country with scattered trees and low or sparse ground cover. The entrance hole of the box should face open field, preferring east, north, south, and then west-facing directions. The box should be installed 3 to 6 feet off of the ground.

Rain Barrels

We have rain barrels that hold 55 gallons of water and they cost \$35.00 each. Please email the EAC @ eac.warrington@gmail.com to arrange for pick up. In order to install the rain barrel you will need to install a diverter; the diverter needs to be the same width as your down spout. You will need to check to see if your down spout is 3 or 4 inches in width. The fact sheet titled "Installing a Rain Barrel" contains additional details on installing a rain barrel.



Screech Owl Houses

We have Screech Owl Houses available for purchase for \$20. They are available for pick up at the Township Building located at 852 Easton Road. Screech Owls prefer forests, parks, woodland clearings, forest edges, wooded stream edges or under a tree limb. Add 2"-3" of wood shavings. The box should be installed 10 to 30 feet off of the ground. Screech Owls eat mostly large insects and small rodents. They also eat many beetles, moths, crickets, other large insects. They catch mice and other rodents, shrews, sometimes bats; also some small birds, lizards, frogs, spiders, earthworms, crayfish, and many other small creatures.

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD PROJECT

Miss Jane Macaulay, a rising senior at Central Bucks High School South, has been working with the Warrington Environmental Advisory Council (WEAC) to restore the worn-down Bird Blind at John Paul Park at Lower Nike, off of Folly Road.



Some parts of the project improvements included replacing the roof, reconstructing the viewing spaces and installing a new drain system to minimize water damage. An educational element will be added to help the community better recognize the wildlife they are viewing through the blind. New seating areas have been added to allow for prolonged bird watching.

Miss Macaulay has taken great initiative and dedicated approximately one hundred and fifty hours, over the past few months, to ensure the success of this project. Additionally, she has organized a team of five peers in order to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award for her work.

2020 CENSUS

The Census Bureau has already mailed all households official information with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. Every home should have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding: 1) online, 2) by phone, or 3) by mail.

For the first time, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept census responses online. The process will be quick and secure. You can respond to the 2020 Census in less time than it takes to finish your morning coffee. Visit 2020census.gov to learn more about what to expect. ***It is not too late to complete your census! October 31, 2020 is the deadline to complete the census survey.***



IMPORTANCE OF THE DATA

The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, determine how hundreds of billions in federal funding will flow into communities every year for the next decade.

HOW TO HANDLE POOL WATER

Clean Streams Law Prohibits Discharging Chlorinated Water to Storm Sewers

Private and public pool owners, as well as pool management companies, should remember that pool and chlorinated wastewater must be handled responsibly. As swimming pools are cleaned, we see fish kills in local streams that easily could have been prevented.

Pool owners and professional pool cleaners need to dispose of old water correctly and to neutralize wastewater that contains harmful chemicals, such as chlorine. Most of all, they need to make sure the wastewater is not going into the storm sewer. Discharging swimming pool water to the commonwealth's waters without a permit violates the Clean Streams Law.

When draining a swimming pool, make sure to protect Pennsylvania's streams by following these tips:

- Pool water may be disposed of through the sanitary sewer system **ONLY** with permission from the sewer authority.
- Never dispose of pool water through a storm sewer, which will discharge to a stream.
- The pool water may be drained into a vegetated area or used for on-site irrigation if the following guidelines are met:
 - Stop adding chemicals and stop heating the water.
 - Hold the water in the pool to reduce the chlorine level to 0.5 mg/l or less and to allow the temperature to be within 10°F of the air temperature. (May require 10 days or more)
 - Adjust pH, if necessary, to between 6.0 and 9.0 standard units.
- The water should be discharged over the ground to allow infiltration. Do not discharge the water on a rainy day or if the ground is saturated.

Questions regarding the handling of pool wastewater may be directed to the Water Management Program in DEP's regional office at 484-250-5900. Guidelines for discharging swimming pool water can be found in the "Stormwater Management" section of the Township's website under "Tips for Residents".



If you observe any pollutants entering the storm sewer or stream, please contact the Warrington Township at 215-343-9350.

OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Preserving Warrington Land: Planning for preservation of 180 acres



Starting in the 1980's, Warrington residents have worked to keep the "rural" character of the Township by monitoring development, supporting a \$3.2 million Open Space referendum and expressing ideas on open space and trails with township volunteers, staff and elected officials. This hard work is now paying off. Three properties that feature woodlands, meadows, wetlands and streams, will create over 180 acres of open space, trails and natural habitat for resident recreational use in the western part of the Township. The Mill Creek Preserve has been protected with a conservation easement. The Weisel Preserve is Township owned open space. Open space totaling sixty-five percent of the Emerson Reserve property, currently under construction by Toll Brothers, was donated to the township as a requirement under the Conservation Residential Development Ordinance.

These properties will become publicly accessible nature preserves with a focus on passive recreation with an interconnected trail system. To bring this vision into reality, a Master Plan is needed. Last year the Open Space and Land Preservation Committee began a 10 -lecture series to initiate learning about the complexity of stewardship of our green spaces. The outcome was a growing awareness that a Master Plan was needed and should include public participation, site design and strategies for land management.

To move this forward, Township environmental and open space committees recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve Natural Lands, a non-profit land conservation organization, to develop our Master Plan. Since 2014, Natural Lands has successfully worked with the Township on other projects. Their expertise helped garner increased external funding, improved outcomes and increased resident input. Please contact Ivy Ross at the Township, or via email at iross@warringtontownship.org, if you are interested in working on this project and are able to attend public meetings.

From The Building and Code Enforcement Department

From the Permits Office:

As our busiest season of the year ends, we would like to give everyone a reminder to close out any open permits. Once a project is started and all the necessary inspections are performed, it is often that a final inspection is missed. This is usually forgotten because the project is finished and it is probably the last thing on your mind.

A final inspection is important to ensure the work has been completed to code and meets all requirements. It could also point out some items you or your contractor might not have known to address and ensure the safety of the home improvement. Please contact the code enforcement office at (215)997-7501 to schedule your inspection. We are available Monday through Friday, from 8:30-3:00 to inspect your project.



From the Fire Marshal's Office:

Fall Safety Tips

- Day light savings ends on Sunday, November 1st at 2:00am. Before bed turn back your clocks by 1-hour.
- Test smoke and Carbon Dioxide detectors monthly. Replace batteries in smoke detectors at least every 6 months.
- Venture around your property to correct any home maintenance that may be a problem in the months of winter. Clear gutters of debris, ensure sidewalks, steps and driveways are clear of cracks and that outdoor lights are in working order, etc.
- Have any chimney or woodstoves cleaned, make sure vents and any heating devices are cleared of debris.
- Remember: Warrington Township does not permit open burning at any time (this includes, yard waste, trash, construction debris).



Heating Devices

- If using a space heater, turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, such as the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable heater.
- Fireplaces and woodstoves:
 - Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room.
 - Burn only dry, seasoned wood.
 - Allow ashes to cool before disposing in a tightly covered metal container, which is kept at least 10 feet away from the home and any other nearby buildings. Saturate with water.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.



Halloween Safety

- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, candles, etc.
- Costumes should be flame-resistant or flame-retardant. Choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame.
- Use flashlights or glow sticks as alternatives to candles when decorating walkways and yards. They're much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.

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Warrington Township would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents. Warrington Township would like to further request that citizens, in response, patronize these businesses first when given a choice as these businesses are saving each citizen tax dollars.

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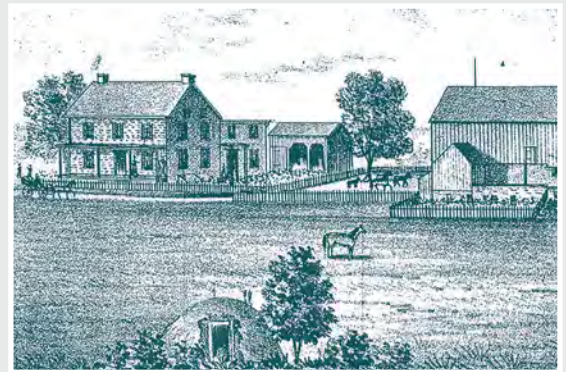
The **Weisels of Warrington Township** were members of a large and influential German family who first settled in Bucks County in 1732. Their Warrington farms are documented back to 1828. John George Weisel (1799-1881) purchased the 170-acre farm on Mill Creek Road from Michael Moyer. A creek running through it provided the power for a sawmill he built in 1842 and a chopping mill in 1844. They gave Mill Creek Road and Creek their names. The road was known as Weisel Road before it was changed to Mill Creek.

In the mid-to-late 1800s, Henry, Aaron and Samuel Weisel, the three sons of John and his wife Catherine Scherb, lived on adjoining farms now bordered by Mill Creek, Stump and Pickertown Roads.

Henry (1823-1855) owned 69 acres along Pickertown and Mill Creek Roads. He married Maria Loux and they had five children. Today the property is designated open space and is the site of a waste management plant.

Aaron (1831-1916) owned 55 acres of land on Stump Road. On the property still stands a stucco-covered house in which Aaron lived with his wife Maria Kober and their six children. In the basement was found a stone bearing the date of 1854. Its large bank barn is 50 feet long by 55 feet wide with a height of 60 feet and still in use.

Samuel (1828-1916), on his marriage to Catherine Kober in 1851, took possession of his father's 86-acre parcel on Mill Creek Road that included a 1750 house, farm and mills. A second house was built on the farm in the 1850s where the parents moved. This house is still standing today. Samuel and Catherine Weisel raised 5 children on the farm. The mills were later run by Samuel's son Frank P. Weisel (1854-1895) and then Harry Kenderdine who was married to Frank's daughter Amanda Stoudt Weisel. In a state of disrepair and lacking water, the mills were torn down by 1906.



Weisel Farm on Mill Creek Road from 1876 Atlas



1893 Build Stone and 2005 Plaque



Pickertown Road Bridge before reconstruction in 2005

The **Weisel Bridge** was originally built as a simple wooden foot bridge in the early 1800's spanning over the Creek. In 1893 a stone and iron structure that was 80 feet long by 16 feet wide, with timber-plank decking and a stone substructure was built. The ironwork of this bridge was rebuilt in 1941. It is also known as County Bridge 145 and now Pickertown Road Bridge. The Bridge approaches are under Warrington Township jurisdiction, while the Bridge is a County-owned structure. The Bridge which was determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places was replaced in 2004 / 2005 to eliminate weight restrictions. The refurbished modern bridge includes some of the old iron truss frame works from the 1941 and the original build stone from 1893 opened for traffic on May 6, 2005. The span is one of the few remaining examples of the Pratt Pony Truss Bridge in the area.

The Weisel descendants have returned to Warrington annually for their family reunion for over 100 years.

From The Department of Public Works

Leaf Site and Yard Waste Disposal Update

Warrington Township Leaf and Yard Waste Disposal reopened the site beginning Monday, June 1, 2020. The site will be open from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM the first 7 days of each month and is located at Tradesville Sewage Treatment Plant, 3430 Pickertown Road, Chalfont, PA 18914.

For Warrington Township residents that need to dispose of yard waste after the first week of each month may drop the yard waste off at Britton Industries. Britton Industries will be open Monday – Saturday to accept any and all yard waste. Their address is 4108 Bethlehem Pike, Telford, Pa. 18696. Upon arrival at Britton, you may have to provide proof of Warrington residency in order to dump free of charge.

They will NOT take any plastic; trash of any kind, pressure treated or painted lumber, rocks, concrete, tires, metal or construction debris or bamboo. Britton can be reached at (844) 274-8866 or info@brittonindustries.com



2020 Roadway Improvement Program

THE FOLLOWING STREETS WILL BE PAVED OVER THE SUMMER:



- Continental Drive (Between Liberty Lane)
- Evening Walk Lane
- Glenview Circle
- Hamilton Court
- Kansas Road (Wodock Ave to County Line Rd)
- Niblick Place
- Oxford Drive
- Parkview Circle
- Pierce Court
- Polk Court
- Spring Meadow Drive
- Sunnybrook Circle
- Wedge way (Partial Paving)
- Woodspring Drive

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED VETERANS DAY

Veteran Affairs Committee 5th ANNUAL CEREMONY

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

Warrington Township Administration Building, 852 Easton Road



WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

In Honor of our Memorial Day Ceremony

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Warrington Township cancelled the annual Memorial Day ceremony of 2020. We would like to share the backgrounds of the four fine Veterans, **Vincent Valinotti, Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired), Bonnie Kinzel, Lloyd E. Kinzel and Lloyd A. Kinzel**, whose names were to be engraved on the memorial wall and honored at the ceremony.

★ FOLLOWING ARE THE MEMORIAL WALL INDUCTEES BIOGRAPHIES ★

VINCENT VALINOTTI, COLONEL, U.S. ARMY (Retired): Vincent Valinotti received his commission as a Medical Service Corps officer from the University of Delaware Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program on 31 May 1987, and retired on 1 June 2017 after 30 years of commissioned service. He served the majority of his career in the Army Reserve and Army National Guard; served on active duty for over four years in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and served in Kosovo for nine months in support of Operation Joint Guardian. His assignments included being a Medical Platoon Leader in a Light Infantry Battalion; Observer/Controller/Trainer in a Training Support Battalion; Logistics Officer and Operations Officer positions; Division-level Inspector General; and Command of units from 8 to over 1,000 personnel. COL Valinotti's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal (5); Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" Device); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Non-Article 5 NATO Medal (Balkans); and the Army Superior Unit Award. COL Valinotti also holds the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Bronze), and earned a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA.

BONNIE KINZEL: Bonnie Busch hailed from Mancos, Colorado and was the youngest of ten children in a large Mormon family. She attended Brigham Young University prior to attending Corwin School of Nursing in Pueblo, Colorado. Upon graduating from Nursing School she worked as a nurse at Corwin General Hospital before entering military service in March 1945. She received one month of military training at Fort Carson, Colorado and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. Bonnie had received orders for Fort Leonard Wood, MO with further deployment overseas. She had returned briefly to Pueblo and was visiting with some of her nurse friends when she had a chance meeting with a young Army Aviator from nearby La Junta Army Airfield who had recently returned to the States after serving 18 months in China, Burma and India. They knew each other only a few days, but had fallen in love. Bonnie departed for Fort Leonard Wood and one week later the pilot she had met flew a B 25 Bomber to Fort Leonard Wood and Bonnie Busch became Bonnie Kinzel as they were married in the Fort's Chapel. Her orders were rescinded and she was transferred to Dibble General Hospital in Menlo Park, California which the Army had built in anticipation of large numbers of wounded soldiers returning from the South Pacific. This anticipation was justified, and during her Army career Bonnie cared for many of these returning soldiers. After the war, Bonnie moved to Germantown, PA where her husband Lloyd was from. She continued her nursing career at Germantown Hospital and later as a Nursing Supervisor at Abington Memorial Hospital when the Kinzel family relocated to Warrington, PA in 1959. Bonnie and Lloyd E. Kinzel enjoyed their home and friends in Warrington where they raised their three children, Lloyd A. (Butch), Cheryl and Bob. Bonnie had remained faithful to her Church and her musical talents were often displayed at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Doylestown Ward where she had also served as President of the Relief Society.

LLOYD E. KINZEL: Lloyd was born in Germantown, Pa and graduated from Simon Gratz High School after which he gained employment at the Leeds & Northrup Company. He had a love of flying and took flying lessons at the Hatboro Air Field and gained his pilot's license. He had purchased an old Piper J Model and began building flight hours. When the United States entered WW II, Lloyd joined the Army Air Corps in 1942 and received flight training at several bases in California. Upon graduating from cadet training, Lloyd was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He wanted to be a fighter pilot, but this was not to be as he was sent to Columbia, South Carolina for training in the B 25 Bomber. When this training was completed, Lloyd and his crew flew their plane to Natal, Brazil, Ascension Island, North Africa and on to their base in Chakulia, India where they flew missions against Japanese targets in India and Burma as part of the 10th Air Force. Lloyd's crew as well as others were transferred to China as part of the 22nd Bomb Squadron of the 14th Air Force under the command of General Claire Chennault. They flew missions out of Kunming and Yang Kai China. On February 6, 1944 his plane was flying on a weather and reconnaissance mission into French Indo China. Weather Officer Major R.E. Flemming of the 341st Bomb Group was on board and kept insisting that they fly further and further down the Gulf of Tong-king. Their fuel kept draining and they ran out of fuel and bailed out about 140 miles South of their base in Yang Kai. With the aid of Chinese guerillas, they were all able to walk back to their base, a venture that took almost a month. Lloyd flew 48 missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. On orders to return to the States, Lloyd was instead transferred back to India to train Chinese pilots. In a letter to his parents, Lloyd wrote, My students can't speak any English and I know about as much Chinese, so we have no arguments. When they do something wrong I just wait until we land and grab an interpreter to do the explaining. Upon returning to the states in late 1944 Lloyd received Instrument Instructor training and continued to train Chinese pilots at bases in Colorado, Arizona and California until the wars end. Lloyd resumed his career at Leeds & Northrup and rearing a family with his wife, Bonnie. Lloyd did continue flying as a member of the PA National Guard flying out of Northeast Airport and Willow Grove. With the advent of the Korean War, Captain Lloyd E. Kinzel was called to active duty. The Kinzel family, hence moved to Langley Field in Virginia where Lloyd served as Flight Safety Officer as well as training B 26 pilots. Lloyd was a resident of Warrington from 1959 until his death.

LLOYD A. KINZEL: Lloyd (Butch) moved to Warrington from Germantown when he was 12 years old. He graduated from Central Bucks High School in 1965 and attended Doane College in Crete, Nebraska. In 1966 Lloyd enlisted in the Army. He received his commission as a Second Lieutenant after completing Artillery OCS at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Lloyd then went on to helicopter flight training, but while in flight school had a bad accident on a motorcycle in which he had a broken neck, femur and internal injuries. He was not allowed to continue with his dream of flying due to the neck injury and could have taken a medical discharge. Instead he completed Jungle Survival at Fort Sherman in the Canal Zone of Panama with a rod in his femur. The rod was removed and he departed for Vietnam where he served with the 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta. Lloyd served as an Officer with 3/34th Artillery, a barge artillery that could travel on the Mekong River and its tributaries to provide artillery support. He also served as a Forward Observer with 3/60th Infantry and as a Division Artillery Air Observer. Captain Lloyd A. Kinzel was awarded two Bronze Star Medals, one with "V" device, an Air Medal with "V" device and a Purple Heart. Upon leaving military service Lloyd embarked on another dream of a sailing venture which began when Lloyd read about Robin Lee Graham circumnavigating the world in his sailboat the Dove. Lloyd rebuilt an old 41-foot gaff rigged yawl building new masts out of sitka spruce, sister ribbing the entire boat and replacing the sails as well as the auxiliary engine. Lloyd never accomplished the feats of Robin Lee Graham, but he did sail from Philadelphia to the Caribbean with his brother Bob and two friends. Sailing and being close to nature was great therapy, but after over a year of living on his boat, the Venture, it was time to move on. Lloyd attended Delaware Valley College as a full time student while working second shift as a welder for Pullman Trail mobile and occasionally the Winding Brook Dairy Farm in Warrington. Lloyd also built a house in Horsham and after graduating with a B.S. Degree in Agronomy he went to work for the U.S. Food & Drug Administration. During much of his FDA career he served as a Regional Milk Specialist and was active with the Dairy Practices Council. Lloyd met his wife, Iris when he took a trip with his lifelong friend, Gunther Jaster to Toronto, Canada. Lloyd and Iris initially lived in Horsham, but moved back to Warrington when Lloyd's mother died. Their three sons Kris, Greg and Derek played baseball and football at Igoe Porter Welling Memorial Field (formerly Barnes Field) where Lloyd had played ball as a boy and attended Central Bucks West where they were members of State Championship Football Teams. This was a feat Lloyd never achieved. Lloyd knew Billy Igoe as they were members of Warrington Boy Scout Troop 58 together and played on the same Babe Ruth baseball team and he remains saddened by Billy's loss in Vietnam. Lloyd and Iris still spend most of their time in Warrington, but anticipate moving to their home in Osprey, FL in the near future. Their son Kris and his wife Sheila are both school teachers in North Port, FL. Greg is an Oncology Nurse at Sarasota Memorial Hospital and Derek works for Anduril Industries in Irving, CA.

ATTENTION

All Veterans, Active Duty & Reserve Component Service Members and Spouses of Deployed Military Members



Warrington Township has an active Veteran Affairs Committee (VAC) which is dedicated to serving our Veterans. We are in the process of initiating a program to help:

- **Veterans in need of assistance,**
- **Spouses of deployed military members who could use some help.**

The VAC is in the process of launching a new project - The Helping Hands Program. This program is in the developing stages to help our Veterans and families. After we have a good database of Warrington Veterans on file, we will coordinate the program to help our Veterans.

To determine how many Warrington Residents could potentially need help, we ask that you give us some basic information on the form below. Please be assured that any information you provide will only be used for the Helping Hands Program, and no other purpose.

We are excited to begin this new project and hope that you will provide your information so that we may possibly help you in the future.

Sincerely,
Peter Scott, Vice-Chairman
Veteran Affairs Committee

HELPING HANDS PROGRAM

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THE VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Peter Scott, Vice-Chairman;
Christopher Patton, Member; Christopher Roth, Member; Vincent Valinotti, Member; Joan Klein, Alternate

BIKE & HIKE TRAILS COMMITTEE



The Warrington Township Bike and Hike Trails Committee will be holding several events scheduled for September 26th.

Our first event is the **Annual Fishing Derby**. This event has been a lot of fun for the children for the past 10 years. This year's Derby will again be held on September 26, 2020 between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Check in for the Derby opens at 8:30 AM. The fishing location will once again be along the Little Neshaminy Creek, and can be accessed from the Bradford Dam Trailhead in John Paul Park at Lower Nike. As always, the Derby is open to children between the ages of 5 to 15. In order to participate, children must bring their own fishing tackle, and accompanied by a responsible adult. Our prizes this year will be awarded to the lucky anglers who catch the biggest fish, the smallest fish, and the most fish during the Derby. This year's prizes include fishing rods, along with other prizes. As in the past, the Bike and Hike Trails Committee will be providing bait free of charge. In past years, anglers caught between 60 and 80 fish. The event teaches the rewarding hobby of fishing. In order for the Committee to get an accurate count as to the number of participants, please visit and **register at www.warringtonrec.com**.

Also, the Bike and Hike Trails Committee will hold a **Family Bird Walk**. This is a simple walk on the Bradford Trail Dam trails. Participants will get to explore the beauty of Bradford Dam Park and see a variety of birds. This hike begins at 9:00 am at the entrance to the Bradford Dam Park in John Paul Park @ Lower Nike. To participate, again please **register at www.warringtonrec.com**.



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The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) is working to get bikes to essential workers and caregivers.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, more and more people are biking as a way to commute safely and distanced from others. The DVRPC is hoping to assist essential workers and those caring for others share in the opportunity to bicycle to their activities. They have partnered with Bike Match cities in the PHL area to connect people who have an extra bike in ready-to-ride condition with others who need one in a "contactless" match through [#GreaterPHLBikeMatch](https://www.greaterphlbikematch.org).

If you have a bike you would like to DONATE, complete the Have a Bike short form found on the Bike Match webpage. Here is the website:

<https://bikematch.safelanes.org/greater-philadelphia>

You will receive a confirmation email.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know . . . that there is money identified in the General Fund Operating section of the Warrington Township 2020 Budget allocated for ongoing education and training of Warrington Township Police Officers? These funds appear twice, once for the K9 Unit and again for the Police Department personnel. Specifically, \$6,000 is earmarked for use by the K9 Unit this year. The two Police Dogs, Jolie and Murphy as well as their handlers, Officer Plum and Officer Blanchard receive explosive and/or narcotics detection training monthly. The second set of funds is for “Seminars, Conferences & Meetings” in the amount of \$25,000. This allows training of new and best practices for our police officers so that they can continue to provide public safety for Warrington Township residents and the business community. The following is a partial list of the six mandated and thirty-three specialized training programs utilized by the Warrington Township Police. Participants for the specialized training are selected by Chief Friel based on the individual’s duties and experience:



- Annual mandatory in-service that includes law and case law updates
- Annual firearms qualifications for proficiency and adherence to policy guidelines
- Annual first aid and CPR practice
- Annual motorcycle refresher
- Crisis intervention
- Sobriety checkpoint and recertification with advanced roadside impairment driving enforcement
- SWAT team offered monthly and sometimes twice a month
- Supporting individuals with autism
- HazMat, radiological, biological, chemical weapons, terrorism and civil unrest
- On-scene vehicle collision investigation
- Drug recognition
- Courtroom testimony
- Safe school initiatives
- Advanced homicide and violent crime investigations
- A host of emergency response programs

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DID YOU KNOW For Kids.....?



Did you know that Warrington Township Police Department has two (2) K9 Officers named Murphy and Jolie?

Murphy and Jolie are brother and sister Dutch Shepherds born in May 2017. They were named after two working canines that were deployed to the Pentagon and the Staten Island landfill after the September 11 attacks. Officers Stephen Plum and John Blanchard were selected as handlers for the K9 Unit and began patrol school with their canines in September of 2018 with the PennVet Working Dog Center. K9 Jolie is a dual-purpose working dog, certified in the area of Patrol work as well as explosives detection. K9 Murphy is a dual-purpose working dog, certified in the area of Patrol work as well as in the detection of drugs.

Warrington Township’s Police K9 Unit has found a creative way to stay engaged with the community, while maintaining social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. They have launched an internet story time and activity page series to help stay connected to children and families in the communities they serve, since the department’s community programs and meet and greets have been temporarily suspended.

Officer Stephen Plum and his K9 Murphy shared their first story time video earlier this month on the unit’s Facebook page and Murphy’s Instagram page, reading Pout Pout Fish in the Big Dark. The story time was so popular that the duo decided to continue the program, asking viewers to recommend stories for them to read and also to share photos of themselves reading to their own dogs, on the Police K9 unit’s Facebook page. ***For more information about K9s Murphy and Jolie and their internet story time and activity series visit <https://www.facebook.com/WPK9Unit/>. You can also follow them on Instagram at @Murphytheworkingdog and @Jolie_K9, and on Tik Tok under @Murphytheworkingdog and @K9jolie!***”

¹Warrington Police K9Unit Facebook

In The News . . .

ShopRite Donation to Lions Pride Park

On Wednesday May 20th ShopRite and the Cowhey family supermarkets presented the Township and Lions Pride Park with a check for \$22,000 from their fundraising campaign held late January through March. The cashiers and managers of the ShopRite were well versed in Lion Prides Park features and amenities and were able to answer customer's questions. Warrington Township is very thankful for the support and generosity of ShopRite and the Cowhey family supermarkets to help make this Park a reality.

Pictured L to R: Jim Furlong, Director, Warrington Lions Club and Jim Cowhey, Owner, ShopRite



WARRINGTON K9 UNIT

Thank you, Officer Plum and K9 Officer Murphy, for your heart work and giving back to the community with Storytime with K9 for Children. Your dedication to take this time to read and connect with the community is appreciated!

Warrington Police K9 Unit - Facebook Page

Interview with PBS featuring Officer Plum and K9 Officer Murphy



Recognition of Eagle Scout Daniel Haschets

Eagle Scout Daniel Haschets of Boy Scout Troop 71 completed his Eagle Scout Award project by constructing a pollinator way station at John Paul Park at Lower Nike. This natural way station helps Monarch butterflies re-populate. With the help of ten to fifteen scouts, Mr. Haschets provided planning, guidance and leadership to construct and complete this project. The Board of Supervisors acknowledged Daniel Haschets' commitment and extended their congratulations for achieving the Eagle Scout Award during their May 26, 2020 virtual Board meeting.

at left: Pollinator Way Station

Warrington Township's 36th Police Officer sworn in on May 27, 2020.

In front of family and the Warrington Township Police Department, District Judge Jean Seaman swore in Officer Joe Triola, as Warrington Township's 36th Police Officer on May 27, 2020.

Pictured L to R: Chief Dan Friel, Officer Joe Triola & District Judge Jean Seaman



Warrington Cares Scholarship Fund Awards Two Warrington Township Residents

High-school seniors **Galina S. Baron** and **Madelyn Cooper** were awarded college scholarships from the Township's Warrington Cares on June 9th during the Board of Supervisors meeting.

The **Timothy J. Bennett Scholarship** was presented by Kathy Bennett to **Galina S. Baron**. Police Officer Timothy J. Bennett dutifully served on the force of the Warrington Township Police Department for 19 years before his passing. Galina S. Baron was a senior at LifeWorks Academy who volunteers her time at Autism Class Support and Dog Town Rescue. Ms. Baron will be attending East Stroudsburg University in the Fall.

On behalf of the **Bell Family**, Vivian Bell, awarded **Madelyn Cooper** a scholarship from the **WCEC**. This scholarship is in honor of the Bell Family who has given many years of public service to the Warrington community. Bob Bell was an employee of the Warrington Township Public Works Department and also volunteered with the Warrington Fire Company No. 1. Bill Sr. lost his life in the line of duty with the Fire Company. Vivian retired in 2018, after 38 years of service as the Township's Finance Director. Vivian's son, Bob is a Warrington Township Police Officer. Madelyn Cooper is a senior at Central Bucks High School South and volunteers for the Shephard Project; Mystx FHC Coach; CB South Field Hockey Camp Coach; WWAA Field Hockey Coach. Ms. Cooper will be attending Ursinus College in the Fall.

WARRINGTON CARES DONATES FUND TO SIX CHARITIES

Warrington Cares (WC), an employee charity, was founded in 2014. WC, through fundraisers and donations, give to local families in need, charitable organizations, and scholarships to high school seniors.

The following charitable organizations received a donation of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) from WC members during the June 23, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting.

- Between Friends Outreach – Presented by Bill McCann
- Bikers Against Child Abuse – Presented by Barbara Livrone
- Cradle of Hope – Presented by Renee Scally
- Lions Club of Warrington – Presented by Barry Luber
- Silken Twine Charity – Presented by Ivy Ross
- The Baby Bureau – Presented by Barbara Livrone



(left to right): Between Friends Outreach – Mariah Drenth-Cormick, Community Outreach Coordinator; Barry Luber, Twp. Manager & Beth Guerra, Community Relations Director.



(left to right): Bikers Against Child Abuse – Steve Mattes, President, Barbara Livrone, Exec. Asst. to Twp. Mgr. & David Blough, Secretary



(left to right): Cradle of Hope – Barbara Livrone, Exec. Asst. to Twp. Mgr. & Rachel Mullelly, Director.



(left to right): Lions Club of Warrington – Barry Luber, Twp. Manager & James F. Furlong, Director.



(left to right): The Baby Bureau – Barbara Livrone, Exec. Asst. to Twp. Mgr. & Fran Wasserman, Executive Director

Not Shown:
Silken Twine Charity -
Ravi Malaviya, President, Josh Jordan.

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Fall Classes begin the following week on Thursday, October 15, 2020 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Titus Elementary. Cost for five weeks of lessons (October 15 to November 12) is \$40.00 per person. Attire is casual and comfortable shoes are recommended.

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