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From The Chairman

MANAGING GROWTH

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

During the preparation of the 2018 Warrington Township Comprehensive Plan, it became evident that our residents wanted an end to rampant development and preferred the retainage of as much open space as possible. One challenge that this presented was that State and Federal Law did not allow a municipality to pay more than Fair Market Price for land and that landowners had the constitutional right to construct houses on their property if they conformed to the Zoning Code.

Fair Market Value is determined by professional appraisers. Unfortunately, developers are able to outbid the Township and pay a premium for land. The Township Zoning Code required revisions, but if they were rewritten to be too restrictive as determined by the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code, the courts could just dismiss them. Plans for numerous developments had already been recorded and the developers had years to finalize and construct them in accordance with State Law.

Fast forward to 2022 and things have changed. Nearly all of the old permits have expired. Every new development has been approved with requirements to provide for open space, at no cost to the taxpayers. In the last few years, the Township has been able to protect 1,000 acres of open space. Much of this will be set aside in restrictive easements so it cannot be easily developed. Some projects currently in the advanced planning and execution cycle include:

- **Laurel Crossing** – The former 25-acre site of Montgomery Gardening, Inc. will be replaced by a 22-unit development of single family homes. Developed in accordance with Warrington Township's Residential Development Ordinance there will be approximately 18 acres of open space made available to the Township.
- **Barclay Hill** – The former McNanny-family farm will be replaced by 30 townhouses. After a series of negotiations with the developer, the neighboring Lamplighter development, and a committee of Township volunteers, the historic farmhouse on the property will be saved.
- **WAWA** – Following negotiations with the Chickie and Pete's Restaurant, the old WAWA will be replaced by a modern facility with gasoline pumps.
- **Sabra Health Care** – The former Fox Acute facility will be razed and replaced with a senior development with provision for log-term health and memory care.
- **Cardamone** – What was originally proposed as a 32-unit development is now proposed to be a five-unit development with ample open space contiguous to existing Township Open Space.

There are very few large (25-acres or more) tracts of land in Warrington Township and developers have been discussing some of them with Township staff. Any future development, regardless of size and use, is now being reviewed and managed in accordance with the new Chapter 22 (Subdivision and Land development Code) and Chapter 27 (Zoning Code of the Township Code of ordinance).



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



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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/HotTopics.**



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ALL THOSE ENTERING THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK.

2021 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	7:30 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	11:00 a.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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Letter From The Editor

Welcome to my favorite issue of the year. Not only is Fall my favorite season, but it is also budget season in the world of municipal government. While a Political Science major and self-proclaimed "government geek," until I started working in municipal government I didn't really understand the budgeting process fully.

In this issue, you will read a succinct everyman article by Christian Jones, our Assistant Township Manager, who walks us through the budget process, where our tax dollars are being used in Warrington Township and in an informative sidebar, what we can do to sustain the revenue stream.

Additionally, Doreen Curtin, our Deputy Zoning Officer, continues to guide us through the permitting process with an in-depth look at the Zoning portion of Part A on the permit form.

As you can see from our beautiful cover, Warrington Day is right around the corner on the 24th - and we have some fun activities planned - including the glitter tattoo artists are back and a NEW band for the fireworks! Plus, don't forget you can still register to participate in the Warrington Cares Triathlon - this is a perfect "beginner" Tri, as quoted by several athletes from last year.

Please take a look at an important article on teen and child Internet safety tips. I recently learned at an insurance conference sponsored by Delaware Valley Insurance Trust that ransomware attacks and identify theft from our youngest to oldest residents are increasing exponentially - following the recommendations from Thomas Whelans, our Communications Advisory Board member, will be an important way to avoid these types of issues.

Finally, I hope you enjoy reading about energy savings from Fred Suffian and Ivy Ross, two experts here in our Township who have been following this information for the past twenty years.

Enjoy these Fall days and hope to see you on the many trails here in Warrington Township!

Warmly,
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HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS WORK FOR YOU

By Christian Jones, Assistant Township Manager

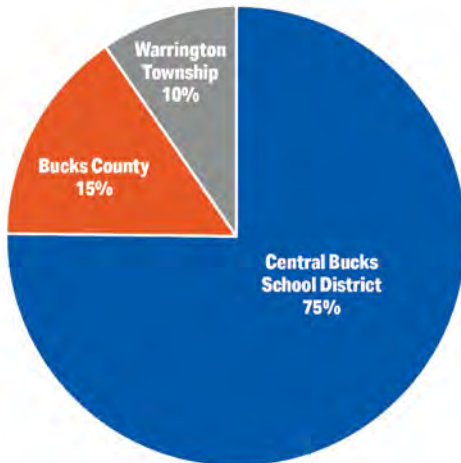


Municipal government is known for fixing potholes, providing police services, firefighting services, and permitting your neighbor's new pool or deck. Obviously, there is so much more to what we do here than what an average resident may know. If you've been following us on Facebook, subscribing to our monthly electronic newsletters (E-LINK), or reading our quarterly printed newsletter (LINK), you know we have a lot going on in Warrington Township. While we hold annual public Budget workshops (accessible in-person and online) and adopt an annual budget (posted to our website for viewing at any time), people are so busy with their everyday lives that they often don't have the time to really dig deep into where their tax dollars go. Hopefully, we can help you understand a little better.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you live in Warrington Township, but work in the City of Philadelphia, you pay an almost 3.45% wage tax to the City of Philadelphia and no (0%) Earned Income Tax to Warrington Township.

Real Estate Taxes



DIFFERENT TYPES OF TAXES

Municipal government has several different taxes that help fund the services we provide to our residents and community. Warrington Township specifically has:

▶▶▶ **Real Estate Tax (Collected and distributed by the Independently Elected Township Tax Collector):** This tax is based on your property's assessed value (set by the County).

▶▶▶ **Real Estate Transfer Tax (Collected and distributed by the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds):** This tax only occurs when someone sells their property.

▶▶▶ **Earned Income Tax (Collected and distributed by Keystone Collections Group):** This is a 1% tax on a resident's income (only half of this comes to Warrington Township and the other half goes to the Central Bucks School District).

- **Did you know?** If you live in Warrington Township, but work in the City of Philadelphia, you pay an almost 3.45% wage tax to the City of Philadelphia and no (0%) Earned Income Tax to Warrington Township.

▶▶▶ **Local Services Tax (Collected and distributed by Keystone Collections Group):** This is a \$2.00 per bi-weekly pay-period tax for anyone who works in Warrington Township.

FINANCIAL FUTURE OF THE TOWNSHIP

Under State law, Warrington Township is required to balance its General Fund Budget on an annual basis. While the Township maintains a healthy Fund Balance ("rainy day" fund) and still has money left in its Tax Stabilization Fund, we are operating with what is called a "Structural Deficit". This means that we don't bring in enough revenue to cover our current operating expenses without the use of a short-term supply of non-recurring revenue (i.e.: transfers from Utility Proceeds Fund, Tax Stabilization Fund, and Health Insurance Premium Reimbursements). Due to economic hardship our residents experienced caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic and other global issues, the Board of Supervisors decided against the adoption of a Real Estate Tax increase for 2022. However, they adopted a plan to increase Real Estate Taxes over the next 6 to 7 years to close that "Structural Deficit".

While this plan was adopted by a prior Board, only the sitting Board can approve annual Budgets and potential Real Estate Tax increases. As global economic hardship has only worsened since last year, the Board will consider whether to adopt a Real Estate Tax increase for 2023. If we continue to provide the high level of services we provide today without a Real Estate Tax increase, the short-term supply of non-recurring revenue will eventually run out. Township staff is always looking for ways to reduce expenses and maximize efficiency. However, services would need to be reduced dramatically to eliminate the existing "Structural Deficit" without raising taxes before running out of our short-term supply of non-recurring revenue.

WHERE DO MY TAX DOLLARS GO?

Warrington Township has several Funds that provide for revenues and expenditures from and to different sources and ends. Here are a few Funds that see the most action on an annual basis:

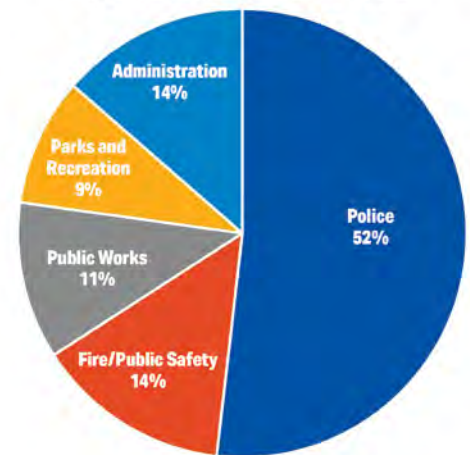
General Fund: This Fund is the Township's main operating Fund. This is what pays for Township staff (Police, Fire, Codes, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Administration) salaries and benefits, as well as supplies and professional services. You couldn't have a Township without this Fund.

- a. A large portion of your Real Estate Taxes, all Real Estate Transfer Taxes, all Earned Income Taxes, and all Local Services Taxes work together to fund expenses in this Fund. We also have revenue from permit fees and other special service fees or transfers from other Funds to help balance this Fund's budget.

Fire Fund: This Fund, funded by Real Estate Taxes, helps pay for those shiny new Fire Trucks, Volunteer Firefighter equipment, incentives, benefits, and administrative costs of the Warrington Volunteer Fire Company.

Debt Service Fund: This Fund, funded by Real Estate Taxes, pays off debt that the Township incurs through the borrowing of money to fund various Capital Projects needed throughout the Township.

Departmental Operations Costs



PUBLIC BUDGET SESSIONS AND MEETINGS

The public can observe and participate in the budgeting process by attending public budget work sessions and public meetings held by the Board of Supervisors. These days, people can attend in-person, via Zoom, or watch the meeting on our live stream - link available on the website at www.warringtontownship.org under the Government tab. This year's budget work sessions will be held on the following dates:

1. **September 27, 2022 – Budget Work Session I**
Departmental personnel requests. Five-Year (2023 – 2027) outlook for General Fund Revenue, Expenditures, and Fund Balance.
2. **October 11, 2022 – Budget Work Session II**
Propose Five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (2023 – 2027) and request feedback from the Board.
3. **October 25, 2022 – Budget Work Session III**
Present 2023 Proposed Operating Budget and 2023 – 2027 CIP to the Board.
4. **November 8, 2022 – Presentation of Final Version of 2023**
Proposed Operating Budget and Five-Year (2023 – 2027) CIP.
5. **November 22, 2022 –**
Board considers and votes on the proposed Budget.
6. **December 13, 2022 –**
If the Budget is not adopted on November 22, 2022, the Board considers and votes on the Budget.

FUNDS WITH OTHER REVENUE SOURCES

The Township has several Funds with other revenue sources that are used in several ways. Some of these Funds are common to all municipalities, whereas others are specific to Warrington Township:

- ▶▶▶ **Highway Aid Fund:** This Fund helps pay for salt, snowplow equipment, contracted services for plowing snow, traffic signal maintenance, street light maintenance, minimal stormwater infrastructure maintenance, general construction contracts, and debt associated with expenses from this Fund.
 - *State Liquid Fuels Taxes are the primary revenue source funding expenses within this Fund. The amount of taxes received are based upon population and miles of approved liquid fuels inventory roads within a municipality.*
- ▶▶▶ **Open Space Fund:** This Fund pays for the purchase and maintenance of Open Space, Conservation Easements, trails, and Parks and Recreation projects.
 - *Revenue sources for this Fund include grants, interfund transfers, and donations. In the past, projects in this Fund were funded by Bonds issues (which were approved by voter referendum).*

- ▶▶▶ **Various Capital Project Funds:** These Funds are used to pay for Capital Projects like parks, buildings, stormwater infrastructure, and road paving.
 - *Revenue sources for these Funds include bond issues, low interest loans, grants, interfund transfers, and donations.*
- ▶▶▶ **Utility Proceeds Fund:** This Fund has been used, in part, to supplement the General Fund for annual revenue lost that was historically transferred from the former Water and Sewer Department's Operations Fund. The main purpose of this Fund is to provide money for Capital Projects for the next few years instead of borrowing money to pay for them.
 - *This Fund received a one-time influx of money from the sale of the former Water and Sewer systems.*
- ▶▶▶ **Tax Stabilization Fund:** This Fund's primary purpose is to mitigate future tax increases.
 - *This Fund received a one-time influx of money from the sale of the former Water and Sewer systems.*

INTERNET SECURITY

Recommendations for Teens and Children

By Thomas Whelans, Member, Communications Advisory Board



The Board of Supervisors recently addressed the issue of cybersecurity and Internet safety for some of our most vulnerable residents - our teens and children. Thomas Whelans, with our Communications Advisory Board, offered to share some of his research and insights with us regarding these concerns. Please see some of those recommendations here.

Be Careful What You Post

It's important for children, teens and family members to know how much information is too much information.

NOT TO POST:

*Milestones • Away on vacation
Driver's license • Travel itinerary*

disclosing personal information online because they believe they have nothing to lose. A child's identity can have as much value as an adult's identity, if not more. Scammers can trick kids into disclosing their Social Security number and other details that can be used to commit identity theft. Remind children not to reveal too much information about themselves. Their date of birth, address, and SSN are all examples of personal information, and they shouldn't share them freely.

Choose strong passwords: Passwords are the primary defense against hackers. Yet, many people reuse the same password for multiple accounts and use passwords that are easy to guess, because they're also easy to remember. Teach your kids to create a hack-proof password by selecting a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols, and make sure it's at least 12 characters long. New password recommendations suggest length over complexity, the longer a password, the harder to hack.

Keep your social media accounts secure: There's a good chance someone in your house is on a social network. But social media can also attract cyber snoops and identity thieves. Keep a close eye on your social accounts. If someone messages you who hasn't done so in a while, be suspicious. Your friend's account may have been hacked. Parents should remind teens to also never meet in person with someone they met online and tell an adult if a stranger is messaging them.

Be careful what you post: It's important for children, teens, and family members to know how much information is too much information. In their excitement to share milestones, teens may sometimes post their personal information online. For example, a driver's license or a travel itinerary shared online could be valuable information for identity thieves or burglars. Also personal or inappropriate photos can attract online predators, or could affect future educational or employment opportunities. Never post vacation plans online. EX: (Status: Leaving tomorrow for a 7 day cruise!) and Never post pictures while you are still on vacation. This is basically saying, "Hi, my house is empty, come on over".

Shop online only from secure sites: Whether teens are allowed to shop online is up to their parents. Whether teens will listen is another story. Teach yours how to shop safely online by acquainting them with some indicators of a secure website. One of the best indicators is whether a site is running on HTTPS, which means the site has a security certificate that safeguards visitors' personal information by encrypting their data. You can verify if a site runs on HTTPS by double-checking the beginning of a URL in the address bar and also confirming if there's a padlock next to it.

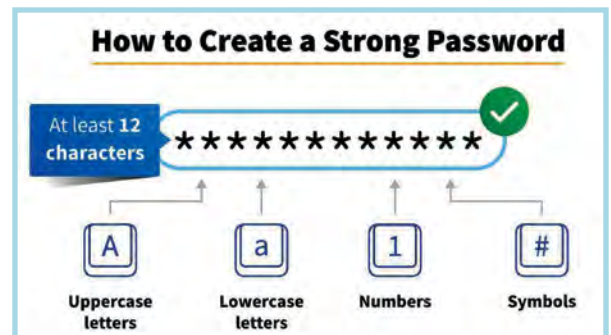
Keep privacy settings on: Web browsers, mobile operations systems, and social media channels all have settings in place to protect your privacy, and it's up to you to adjust them. Keeping them turned off means your information might be shared with marketers to help your browsing experience, but it also could be intercepted by hackers. Play it safe and keep your privacy settings on. Parents should adjust kids' devices accordingly and teach teens how to keep the settings on themselves.

Understand privacy policies, ... and know that privacy policies may not be private. With more websites and applications collecting information and using it for advertising and marketing purposes, make sure your family knows the value of online privacy. Many apps have privacy policies that disclose that the apps collect and share their users' information. Kids and many adults often accept these policies without reading them. Even if your settings are set to private, remember nothing is private. Even the so-called private browser is not private. Law enforcement, website administrators, and hackers could have access to your so-called private information.

Backup data regularly: A type of malware, ransomware is popular among cybercriminals who can lock your computer so you can't access your valuable files, like your private photos or tax information. One of the best ways to combat the threat of ransomware is to backup your data regularly. Backup your kids' devices, too, and teach your teens to do the same.

Know the dangers of the Internet: When it comes to cybersecurity, kids are often one of your family's weakest links — and that can be for lack of knowing the dangers of the Internet. Teach kids about suspicious activity online and encourage them to ask for help if something seems unusual.

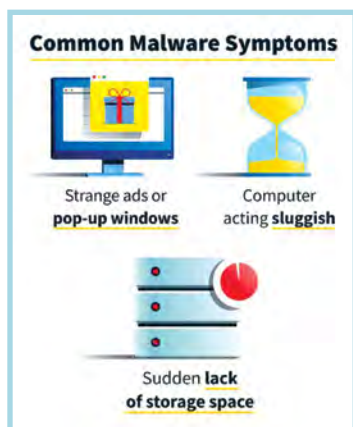
Remember your identity is important: Sometimes kids make themselves vulnerable to identity theft by



Keep your Internet connection secure: Almost every member of the family might access your Internet connection, and each person may have devices also vying for your Wi-Fi's attention. It should come as no surprise that hackers also want to use your home Wi-Fi network. Cybercriminals can hack home routers and gain access to various internet-connected devices like home security systems and smart doorbells. Make sure your home Wi-Fi system has a hard-to-crack password and consider cybersecurity software that identifies "intruders" on your network. Finally, a VPN is one of the best ways to ensure your Internet connection is secure.

Monitor online activities: Monitoring your kids offline is enough stress. Thankfully, there's some cybersecurity tools to help you monitor their online activities. Install a cybersecurity software with parental controls on your kids' devices to block certain features on games, track kids' location, backup their data, and manage their screen time.

Install a comprehensive cybersecurity suite: To help every family member from clicking on the wrong links and visiting the wrong sites, install a comprehensive cyber safety solution that provides protection for all your family members and their devices. Your smartphone and tablet need as much protection as your computer and laptops. So do your thermostat, smart doorbell, home security system, and other Internet-connected devices.



When in doubt, call support: The best security software programs offer 24x7 support. If you have any suspicion you've been hacked, call for help. If you think your device is under malware, spyware, or ransomware attack, call for help. A good security suite will have experts to help you resolve your problem. That said, unless you are subscribed to a comprehensive (and expensive) service that actively monitors your computers, support will NEVER make an unprompted call to you and ask for details or control of your computer.

Be careful what you download: There are more than 1.8 billion websites worldwide, and it's no secret that some of them have malicious intent. A malicious website is a site that attempts to install malware on your device, meaning anything that will disrupt computer operation, gather your personal information, or allow unauthorized access to your machine. This usually requires some action on your part, but there are also drive-by downloads, whereby a website will attempt to install software on your computer without asking for permission first. Downloading and running security software can help defend against these threats, but it's also worth knowing how to diagnose if your computer has malware so you can remove malware.

Go private on public Wi-Fi: There are a lot of risks of connecting to public Wi-Fi networks. In addition to keeping your kids and teens attuned to them, it's important for parents to remind themselves that hackers and cybercriminals consider public Wi-Fi, such as in malls and coffee shops, an easy access point to getting hold of your data. For this reason, always use a VPN when connecting to public Wi-Fi. Don't have a VPN? Consider if you can hold off on Internet browsing until you are home.

Close unused accounts: Unused accounts can be a rich source of personal information for cybercriminals. Sometimes kids create an account with their first and last name or their birthday in the username. Cybercriminals can patch these data points together and steal information from other sites that the individual uses. If you think you won't be revisiting the site, it's best to close the account.

**Information in this article was provided by the author through his research and expertise in the area of cybersecurity.*

INTERNET SAFETY TIPS

Everyone should:

- Remember to logout of the accounts you've accessed before leaving the PC, even if it's a home computer.
- Never open an attachment from someone you don't know. No matter how tempting! EX: (Subject Line: Free Vacation!)
- Never share your password with anyone.
- Never upload (post) pictures of yourself onto the Internet or on-line service to people you do not personally know and NEVER upload explicit photos.
- Never download anything from an unknown source, ever.
- Never send money or account information to a non-validated source.
- Never give out identifying information such as your name, home address, school name, or telephone number.
- **Understand that whatever you are told online may or may not be true.**

In addition to the list above, children should:

- Never buy anything online without parental permission.
- Never download or install software without parental permission.
- Print out and report mean or insulting messages to your parents or to a teacher at school.
- Never use images or messages that are hurtful or insulting to others.
- Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone you met on-line. NO MATTER WHAT!

Parents should:

- Remember that Internet technology can be mobile, so make sure to monitor cell phones, gaming devices, and laptops.
- Establish clear limits for which online sites children may visit and for how long.
- Create a favorites folder for sites your children are allowed to visit.
- Know who is connecting with your children online and set rules for social networking, instant messaging, e-mailing, online gaming, and using webcams.
- Periodically check your child's postings and internet history.
- Maintain an open dialogue with your children about their internet activities and online safety.
- In addition to yourself, identify other safe people to talk with about uncomfortable or dangerous internet incidents.

To find out the latest information on cyber safety or to report cyber incidents visit:

Federal Bureau of Investigation

<http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/cyber/cyber>

U.S. Department of Justice

<http://www.justice.gov/criminal/cybercrime/reporting.html>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

<http://www.dhs.gov/topic/cybersecurity>

TRIATHLON: Join Us As a Participant or Come Out to Cheer!

By Jeannine Fielding



It's not too late to sign up for this year's **Goodman Properties/Warrington Cares Sprint Triathlon!** And, those who have already signed up would like to have you come out to cheer them on.

Consider what it means to run a Sprint Triathlon – many of us have already done so – just not together. You might have completed a 300-meter swim, a 10-mile bike ride or a 5K run, right? So, why not combine them! Imagine the bragging rights!

Think of the people you will be helping by participating in this wonderful event sponsored by Warrington Cares, (WC) a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, which raises funds for local causes. Its Mission states, "All funds raised will be directed towards providing money to local families in need, annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors who reside within Warrington Township, and making periodic donations to other non-profit organizations."

How to Become a Sponsor

There is still time to become a Sponsor!

This is a great way to get your name and business out there front and center. In past years, there have been over 200 participants in the race. Your name will appear on all signage and even t-shirts worn by staff members and visitors well beyond the day of the event.

WC has hired a professional timing company - DQ Events/DQ Timing Company, which will organize the event (they specialize in these events and will handle the online registration process). DQ Events /DQ Timing Company has over 24,000 Runners/Triathletes in their database and will send an email blast to announce and update this event.

Thanks to businesses like yours, WC has raised over \$70,000 over the past four race events. This year, we hope to help more families by raising even more money! For example, in 2022; WC awarded five non-profits (\$2,000 each for a total of \$10,000), and awarded two high school students \$2,500 college scholarships and provided gift cards up to \$2,000 to families in need during the holidays.

Thank you to Goodman Properties for already signing up as our Title Sponsor! The race is now officially "The Goodman Properties/Warrington Cares Sprint Triathlon"

Who/What/When/Where

WC will be holding a **Sprint Triathlon/ Duathlon on Sunday, September 11, 2022** with a start time of **7:00am** at the **Mary Barness Community Pool** located at **2501 Freedoms Way, Warrington, PA 18976**

To register, please visit the WC website: www.warringtoncares.org

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- Your company's name on Webpage dedicated to the race
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- Company name mentioned and thanked at the awards ceremony for all races
- Benefit of being a community partner

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



CHRIS ROTH



Chris Roth

Chris Roth, Equipment Operator, with Public Works has been with Warrington Township for 18 years. In addition to being an Equipment Operator, Chris specializes in electrical work and HVAC, fixing just about everything. If you've ever seen Chris working, you know that he is dedicated and very focused on the job at hand and can be seen at many of the Township buildings or facilities.

This strong work ethic stems primarily from his military service where he served in the U.S. Army as a Staff Sergeant for 12 years. Part of that time was spent during two tours of duty in Afghanistan (18 months) and Kuwait (12 months). While in the service, Chris was an equipment operator, electrician, and construction Supervisor.

When asked about his experience in the service and how it compares to his civilian life in Warrington Township, Chris commented that he was surprised at what being in a third-world country "looked like" and that it was truly an "eye opening experience." "We have it so good in this country; we often take it for granted," he added.

Chris definitely likes to help others, enjoys providing a variety of electrical services to the Township, as well as fixing anything put in front of him. He loves to spend quality time with his wife and four children riding Quads and fishing. They reside in Willow Grove.

RESIDENT Feedback

Andrew,

Just a giant thanks to Jeanine. From the first time I called her, she was ready and willing to help us make the event work and came up with thoughtful suggestions (walking me through all the park options and which would work best for us) and creative solutions when something went wrong or got complicated. We were in no way a big event driving substantial revenue for Parks and Rec (total of \$150 spent) but Jeanine never made me feel like a bother.

Thank you so so much.

Kate

Christian,

Thank you for your support and very quick response. This morning, we were notified by the Township Engineer that the ramp will be moved to another location which does not impact our sewer line. It's been great working with you on this matter.

Jim and Maria

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LESSONS ON PERMITS, Part 2

By Doreen Curtin, Deputy Zoning Officer



Welcome back! We successfully completed the first page of the Zoning and Building Permit Application. We know that in order for the Zoning and Building departments to process applications for permits, sufficient information must be provided. Last issue we talked about the parcel and its unique markers such as parcel numbers and zoning districts and how that information allows each department to understand the property and whether or not certain projects can be constructed, if they need to be modified or even if storm water needs to be managed. And as we discussed, each municipality keeps a careful eye on development, water management and building safety!

Let's move to page 2 of the permit application! On this page our Building Department is able to obtain the necessary information on the contractors with whom you may doing business. Whether you're dealing with a plumber, a heating contractor, an electrician, etc.,

the office needs to be able to contact the contractor in the event that there are questions during the review period, in the coordinating the scheduling of inspections or knowing whom to notify when it comes time to issue the permit. So, if it's the "butcher, the baker, the candle stick maker" providing legible, accurate information, especially contact information, is essential!

Each discipline, be it plumbing or mechanical or electrical, requires additional information for the plan reviewer. Sometimes it is best to obtain the information directly from the contractor. Types of plumbing fixtures, descriptions of heating equipment or numbers of outlets and switches, all affect the processing of the permit application. And while most of the information is shown on building plans, the Permit Administrator and the Building Code Officials need to see the information on the application itself.

Under the laws of the Commonwealth, the Uniform Construction Code requires that all plans are reviewed by State-certified plan reviewers, and the projects are inspected by State-certified inspectors. Each certified professional undergoes extensive training and testing to ensure that plans reviewed meet the requirements of the Uniform Construction Code, as well as the International Code Council Codes such as the International Residence Code, the International Building Code, the National Electric Code, the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code and the many other codes that ensure the safety of the structures in which we live and work and use for recreation.

In Warrington Township, our office has a State-certified Commercial Plan Reviewer and Inspector. Mr. Gary Toth has served the Township reviewing and inspecting businesses, medical buildings, convenience stores and a variety of commercial enterprises. Our office also has a State-certified Residential Plan Reviewer and Inspector. Mr. Chris Bergen keeps track of residential projects including additions and swimming pools ensuring the safety of your home and projects. Warrington Township does, however, require property owners or contractors to have their plans read and projects inspected by one of several registered third-party inspection companies for electrical work. Plans must be reviewed and approved by one of those agencies for inclusion with the submission of permit applications. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Toth or Mr. Bergen who are always able to provide recommendations, assistance and competent advice!



Part of the Building portion of the project also means the permit application requires the submission of building plans. Commercial plans always require plans done by a design professional, be it a certified engineer or architect, and they must be licensed to perform those services by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Residential structures may or may not be required to be done by a licensed professional and you may want to contact Mr. Bergen prior to the submission of plans if you're not sure what you'll need.

Building plans are reviewed for code compliance so a complete, accurate document helps the reviewers and prevents delays. A site plan or plot plan is also required for the plan reviewer and must be the site plan approved by the Zoning Officer.

Hopefully this brief overview of the Building Permit portion of the Permit Application helps with understanding what is needed to obtain a permit to build a structure. The application notes items to take into consideration and should help with the assembling of materials for the application.

Next time, page 3, the Zoning portion of the Zoning and Building Permit Application. So, stay tuned for the next part of the adventure!

WARRINGTON COMMUNITY DAY

Join Us for a Day of Fun and Festivities

BODY ART GLITTER TATTOOS ARE BACK!

By Jeannine Fielding



This year's Warrington Community Day will be held on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH FROM NOON UNTIL 5:30 PM** at **John Paul Park at Lower Nike** (rain date is September 25th). **FREE Parking** is available at both Lower and Upper Nike Parks. Free shuttle runs between the parks all day, in addition to a walking path for safely walking from one park to another. **Please be careful of passing cars.**

During the day, you can explore the tents of our many boards and committees, as well as local vendors while listening to the DJ Party Hardy mixing tunes to keep it fun and festive! Food trucks and plenty of snacks help the day to move along for adults and children alike. Meet your local firefighters and police officers and get to sit in trucks, cars and motorcycles!

At 6 pm, everything shifts to the Upper Nike Park at Lions Pride Park where the John Austin Band band will perform for the first time while families await the fireworks display over the "mountain". If you've never seen Warrington's fireworks, then you are in for a treat! Last year, we had over 1,000 attendees join us to watch the excitement literally "explode" to cheers from the audience. While playing games and awaiting the fireworks, there will be additional food trucks and goodies to eat and purchase.

Looking forward to seeing you this year! The Board of Supervisors and staff would like to thank all the vendors and sponsors who help to make this day possible!

THIS YEAR, WE BRING YOU MANY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES, INCLUDING:

- Body Art Glitter Tattoo and Matte Tattoo artists
- Petting Zoo
- Rock and Roll racing
- Inflatable activities
- Rock wall and bungee drop
- Balloon animals
- Warrington K-9 Demonstration
- Singing and dancing performances at the Pavilion from Noon until 5:30pm, including free style dancing, Irish dancing, and musical performances
- And more activities



21ST ANNUAL DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

A Successful Event for Many Warrington Groups

By Ivy Ross, Chair, EAC

Over 100 volunteers from all across the Township and all ages worked with our very own Environmental Advisory Council for its 21st annual Day of Community Service held this past May.

It included members of the Central Bucks South High School National Honor Society, CB Cares, Central Bucks South High School's Football team, and members of the Central Bucks High School's Environmental Club, Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, Township staff, Supervisor Ruth Schemm, Township Public Works staff and the Township Bike and Hike Committee.

These volunteers worked to beautify multiple locations within the Township for what turned out to be an extremely successful event.



Projects at John Paul Park at Lower Nike included

- Maintenance of our existing Pollinator Garden, including weeding, mulching, and planting new pollinator plugs.
- Removal of grasses and weeds, mulching, and re-securing protective cages on existing trees and shrubs along the trail from the parking lot trail head toward the bird blind.
- Planting 25 native Paw-Paw trees in our existing edible forest along the trail.
- The Bike and Hike Trails Committee did a trash cleanup around the Bradford Dam.

Projects at Igoe Porter Wellings Park (IPW)

- The existing Rain Garden was weeded, mulched and new pollinator plugs were planted.
- The existing Butterfly Garden was weeded, mulched and new pollinator plants were planted.
- The Veterans Memorial Garden was weeded, four native shrubs and annuals were planted, and the garden was mulched. Twelve new American Flags were installed on the medallions.

Lions Pride Park

The entrance garden and the Lions Pride sign was weeded, annuals were planted, and the gardens were mulched.

Weisel Preserve

One week before Community Day, 49 native trees and 30 native shrubs were planted along the existing trail. The existing Pollinator Garden was weed wacked, and 30 new pollinator plugs were planted to enhance the garden.

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Check Out Pollinator Plants at Mary Barness Pool

Learn how to create your own pollinator garden

By Ruth Schemm and Barbara Brown

On June 4th, 2022, Barbara Brown, Warrington Environmental Advisory Council's Plant and Garden Design Guru, presented a lively workshop at the Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool. Fifty interested people attended the workshop and were able to purchase a starter kit of 6 plants to begin a pollinator garden. Over the past 10 years, Barbara has mentored many on how to select native plants and design spaces in local gardens. The end-game is to increase wildlife habitats in local backyards. Even a small area can be designed to attract birds and native insects. Fun to observe, especially in the spring and summer months.

Barbara cited books and research done by Doug Tallamy, a University of Delaware entomologist. Part of a growing body of researchers, Doug's photographs and narrative enlists public support for insects, the mainstay of food production. There are 437 species of native Pennsylvania bees and birds dependent on 122 caterpillars to feed their nesting young. Tallamy, his graduate students and volunteers have developed a movement to increase the insect population and counter a downward trend in insect populations. The typical suburban expanse of turf grass and non-native plants has contributed to a worrisome decline in insects that pollinate our food crops. See <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/tallamy/not-in-our-yard-doug-tallamy> and find information and great photos.

Adding a small area planted with Milkweed, Joe Pye, Bee Balm or Monarda and Purple Cone Flowers will attract native bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects. The native plants allow insects to thrive. At the end of the presentation, attendees planted 42 pollinator plants at a newly installed pollinator garden to the south of the pools. As the new plants grow, take time to join the fun of seeing blooms and observing pollinators attracted to the plants. Questions??? Call 215-343-9350 and leave a message for Ivy Ross, Vice Chair of EAC or Ruth Schemm, Member Warrington Board of Supervisors.





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Fall Stormwater Tips

By Mary Stoker, CKS Engineers, Inc.

Fall is the time of year when school starts back up and the leaves begin to fall. As you are working outside and enjoying the cooler weather, remember these tips to protect our environment and water.

Leaf Litter and Yard Waste

- Leaf litter and any yard waste can cause harmful nutrient accumulation in nearby waterways.
- Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile or use for mulch or fertilizer.
- Do not rake leaves into storm drains, streets or waterways.

Plant a Tree

- Fall is a great time to plant a tree. Trees absorb the runoff and reduce amount of water that will runoff into the streets and waterways.

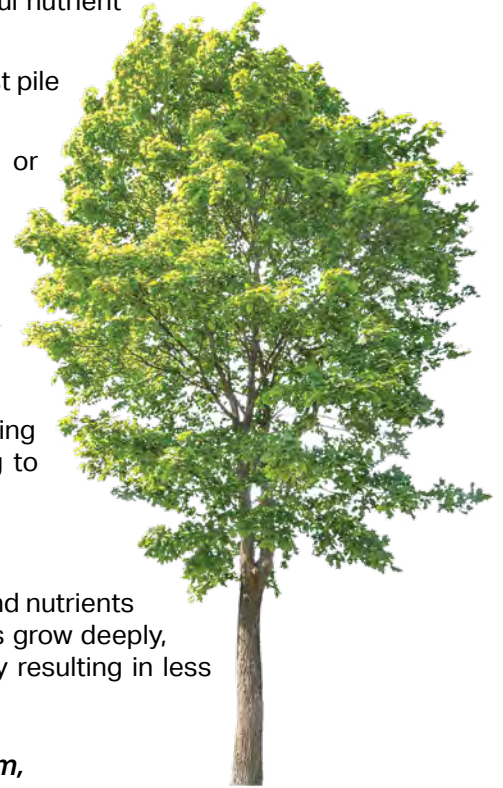
Prune your Trees and Shrubs

- Pruning trees and shrubs in the fall will give them a good start in the spring growing season. It will also help them to use more water in the spring to reduce the runoff.

Aerate your Lawn

- Aeration involves perforating the soil with small holes to allow air, water and nutrients to penetrate the grass roots for a healthy lawn. Aeration helps the roots grow deeply, reduces soil compaction and restores your lawns natural draining ability resulting in less runoff to our streams.

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



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Mary Barness Community Pool Continues to Shine – and Shade

By Andy Oles, Director of Parks and Recreation

Nothing says summer more than the opening of Warrington’s Mary Barness Community Pool each year and this year was no exception. We had our usual “regular” families who make it a tradition to be the first to the pool no matter the weather to families and friends reconnecting once again at their favorite spot.

Members and guests got a chance to see our new shade structures at both the upper and lower pools to provide cool areas out of the hot sun, as well as the expanded Cool Eats concession area which helped with smoother service.

We are proud that our staff managed this year with ease and excellent customer service to our residents who enjoy our pools for many different reasons. Looking forward to seeing you again next year!



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Energy Transition and Efficiency Overview

By Fred Suffian, Chair, Environmental Advisory Board



To address these issues the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on August 24, 2021, passed a Clean Energy Resolution. The goal of this resolution is to approve a transition to 100% clean and renewable energy and will set goals to complete this transition in the electricity sector by 2035 and in all energy sectors, including heat and transportation, by 2050.

The climate is changing at an unprecedented rate, posing immediate risks to individuals and commerce while straining infrastructure, emergency and social services, and impacting access to food and water. While southeastern Pennsylvania has fared better than many places, we are not escaping these impacts as so-called “extreme weather events” are becoming increasingly common in our region, as well. Warrington is experiencing higher, often record-breaking temperatures on a consistent basis. Tornado warnings, and actual tornados, have become a regular occurrence that we need to deal with. Unlike the western half of the country where this is contributing to extreme drought conditions, here we are experiencing substantial rains which create more stormwater and flooding conditions. In September of last year, tropical storm Ida, in addition to spawning tornados that just missed the Township, dropped four to ten inches of rain throughout Bucks County. Bradford Dam was breached that night with the water height of the reservoir area rising halfway up the trees surrounding the creek bank and flooding the meadow just short of the berm.

Ida was a mega event, but we have had lesser storms that dropped an inch or more of rain in an hour as they passed through. Such storms tend to create a great deal of stormwater and often lead to dangerous flash flooding. Stormwater creates problems of its own as runoff washes over lands and fields, its momentum brings along sediment, fertilizers, pesticides, nutrients or other contaminants and deposits them elsewhere. Runoff washes pollutants into water sources which can diminish water quality, threaten drinking water sources, and water treatment processes.

How did we get where we are?

Increases in air pollutants such as carbon dioxide are changing our weather patterns making them more extreme. Rising temperatures produced more rain. More rain gave rise to more flooding. Over the past 50 years, the Township’s growth has led to a tremendous amount of development. Topsoil was disturbed. Trees were removed, and houses and shopping centers were built. All these factors increased stormwater runoff. The American Lung Association annually grades each county in the state. This annual review graded 4 counties in PA an F for Air Quality. Bucks was one of the 4. Also included was Philadelphia, Montgomery and Allegheny, but Bucks and Philadelphia were low F’s. (Bucks - 24 Orange days, 3 Red)

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The BOS established a technical team comprised of the Environmental Advisory Council in cooperation with the Planning Commission, Township professional staff, along with the general public to develop an Action Plan. The Action plan will outline steps that the Township, as well as residents can take to reduce energy use, reduce carbon emissions and waste, and become energy independent via the use of clean, renewable energy. The process will include regular updates to the BOS and to all pertinent Township committees. Community engagement is occurring throughout the process via in-person/virtual committee meetings, and online surveys. A link to the survey can be found here: <https://forms.gle/9gpDvV7UJTmva5f8>

The drafting of this plan is to be completed within 24 months of the resolution date, no later than August 24, 2023, and will include interim milestones, financial impacts, equity metrics and potential financing mechanisms.

The BOS, along with our technical team, is encouraging all Warrington residents to participate in the planning and implementation process. For more information contact the EAC at eac.warrington@gmail.com.



Stop by and visit the new Energy Transition and Efficiency page on the Warrington Township website. Located on the Community tab. On this site, you will find energy efficiency tips that can save hundreds of dollars, as well as reduce air pollution. Also, you will see a link to a survey and a draft of the Township’s Plan to become more energy efficient.

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1. Let the sun heat up your rooms

Use curtains to your advantage. During the day, opening the curtains to let in sunlight from south-facing windows will help warm the room without using any extra energy. In the afternoon, close the curtains to hold in heat and keep the chill out. Use the sun's energy and warmth to your advantage!

2. Seal cracks, leaks and drafts

Before it gets too cold, check your windows and doors for gaps and open areas that could let heat out or cold in. Using weatherstripping and caulking before you're in the thick of winter will contribute to significant savings if you catch the drafts in time. Additionally, you should check cut-throughs for pipe access, recessed lighting, entries to unfinished spaces and chimneys for gaps that could be affecting your insulation.

3. Reprogram your thermostat

During the summer months, we recommend setting your thermostat at 78 degrees so your system doesn't have to work too hard to bring the temperature down. As we move into fall and the cooler weather it brings, we recommend reflecting the same idea with your heat. Keeping the temperature set so that the heat doesn't turn on until it's 68 degrees or lower will help it run systematically without being overworked or using too much power. A good practice is to find a temperature you like and leave it there for day-to-day use. If you're going to be away for a while, set it low – 65 or lower – and step-up recovery two degrees at a time when you return. A programmable or smart thermostat is a great way to stay on track as you can set it and forget it.



4. Service your heating system

Transitioning to fall is the perfect time to make sure your heating system is operating properly. Not only should you change the air filter monthly, but you'll also want to make sure it is functioning properly and using the right amount of energy for the size of your system and home. If you need to upgrade, it's best to get it out of the way before it's an emergency and too cold outside for comfort.



5. Reverse ceiling fans

We think of ceiling fans as a tool to cool us down, but they can also work to keep us warm. When you set the direction of the fan to turn clockwise, it pushes warm air that has risen to the ceiling back down into the room. It also helps to redistribute air so the air coming out of the vents reaches all parts of the room rather than having warmer and cooler pockets of air in different areas. No ceiling fans? Consider installing them in rooms you use most for a simple way to consistently help maintain your energy usage.

6. Assess your fireplace

Your fireplace is a large, but sometimes not obvious, pathway for air to escape. The damper should stay closed unless a fire is burning so that warm air from your heating system doesn't escape through the chimney. Check the seal to make sure the damper is as snug as possible. Tempered glass doors and an air exchange system that blows warm air back into the room will also help keep the heat

where you want it - inside your home. You can also purchase energy-efficient grates that help draw cool air toward the fireplace and direct warm air back into the room.

7. Replace your indoor air filter

This tip is helpful year-round but is one that can be easily forgotten. When dust and dirt build up on HVAC filters, it makes the entire system work harder than it needs to, therefore using more energy. Set a reminder to change your filters monthly or sign up for a subscription so your filters stay dirt- and allergen-free, keeping your system working at an optimal level.

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Digging Tips from Public Works

By Joe Knox, Director of Public Works

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NEWS AND NOTES

FISHING DERBY

There is still time to sign up for this year's Fishing Derby. The Derby will be held on the morning of Warrington Day, September 24, 2022 with the rain date of September 25, 2022.

The Derby is open to children between the ages of 5 and 15, and in order to participate, anglers must be accompanied by a responsible adult and have their own fishing tackle. In regards to fishing bait, the Bike and Hike Committee will be providing that free of charge and will be giving out prizes. Like in previous years, there are several prize categories including: biggest fish, and the most fish caught just to name a few. Last year, there were about 40 anglers who participated and they caught close to 60 fish. Most importantly, all of the children had a good time as they learned that fishing is a great sport.



In order for the Bike and Hike Committee to get an accurate count of all those that wish to participate, we invite all those who are interested to register on Warringtonrec.com.

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR WATER STUDY

Researchers at Temple University are looking for families who drink water from a private well for a paid study. They are interested in keeping children safe from illnesses that can be spread by drinking water from private wells. Families will receive a free whole-home UV water treatment system (value of device + installation = \$1,000). Families can participate from home. To be part of this NIH-funded study, families must have a child three years old or younger and live in select PA counties.

For more information, visit their website at www.wetrial.org, call them at (215)204-5124, or email them at wetrial@temple.edu.

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RENTER'S CORNER

By Jeannine Fielding

As a renter myself, I have begun to look at this new Renter's Corner with real excitement! What DO renters want from their community? This is an important question.

First of all, the stigma of renting is no longer what it once was – post-Covid there are many singles, couples and families who decided to either downsize for financial reasons or because they no longer needed all that space to manage and wanted a "simpler" life of a renter. Those of us who rent don't necessarily do it because we "have to," but because we "choose to".

According to the real estate blogger, *mashvisor*, renters want certain things about their actual rental properties, such as: larger property, parking for guests, modern buildings and appliances, air conditioning and a pool or gym on the premises. There are also other things that have to do more with the community they live in: close proximity to good schools and a comfortable community where they feel welcome.

In Warrington Township, I believe this translates to mean that we have several of the Central Bucks best schools right here in our backyard: Barclay Elementary School, Titus Elementary School, Mill Creek Elementary School, Tamanend Middle School, and Central Bucks South High School. It doesn't matter if you are a renter or a homeowner – you can take advantage of them all times of the year!

Apartments.com recent article titled "*The Top Amenities Renters Are Searching For*" tells us that renters are looking for outdoor spaces and walkability – especially because we don't have our own backyards any longer. I completely agree.



What does this mean for us in Warrington Township?

It means that this is the season to explore those walking trails that connect the Township from north to south and east to west. For example, I recently discovered a trail behind Barclay Elementary School and Falabella Circle – just around the corner and easy to walk now that Public Works has trimmed some of the brush away.

Finally, renters spend money, too! We might not have large lawns to mow or decks to stain or garages to hang our bicycles from the ceiling. BUT, we do have living rooms that need shelving and photo frames, tv's; kitchens that might need a butcher's block or rollaway cart; bedrooms that need furnishings and decorations. These are all possible to find right here in Warrington Township with our local businesses from large box stores to small businesses up and down the Route 611 corridor and elsewhere throughout the Township. Everything is conveniently located – with ample parking – and reasonable prices.

Continue to email Jeannine with any ideas you would like to see covered in this Renter's Corner at jfielding@warringtontownship.org.



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FLOODS

Floods can happen everywhere, making them one of the country's most common natural disasters. Flooding poses a greater threat in low-lying areas, near water, downstream from dams. Even the smallest streams, creek beds or drains can overflow and create flooding. During periods of heavy rain or extended periods of steady rains, be aware of the possibility of a flood. Flash floods develop quickly—anywhere from a few minutes to a few hours. Listen to local weather reports for flooding information.

Before

- Check to see if you have flood insurance coverage.
- Raise your furnace, water heater, or electrical panel if they are in areas of your home that may be flooded.
- Install "check valves" in sewer traps.
- Construct barriers, such as levees, berms, or flood walls, to stop floodwater from entering the building.
- Seal walls in basements with waterproofing compounds.
- During a flood or flash flood watch, be prepared to evacuate, including fill your car's gas tank; bring in outside furniture; move valuables to high points in your home; and unplug electrical appliances and move them to high points.
- During a flood warning, evacuate if you are so advised.
- During a flash flood warning, immediately seek higher ground.
- Keep your emergency supplies kit, including water, stored in an easily accessible, waterproof place.

During

- If time allows, call someone to let them know where you are going, and check with neighbors who may need a ride.
- Stay out of flood waters, if possible. Even water only several inches deep can be dangerous. If you have to walk through water, use a stick to check the firmness of the ground ahead of you. Avoid moving water.
- Do not drive into flooded areas. If your car becomes surrounded by rising water, get out quickly and move to higher ground.
- Stay away from downed power lines.



After

- Do not return home until local authorities say it is safe to do so.
- Do not eat or drink or cook with your tap water until local authorities say it is safe.
- Avoid floodwaters, which could be contaminated or electrically charged.
- Watch out for areas in which the floodwaters may have receded, leaving weakened roadways.
- Be extra careful when entering buildings that may have hidden structural damage.
- Clean and disinfect everything that got wet.
- Service damaged septic tanks, cesspools, pits, and leaching systems as soon as possible. Damaged sewer systems are a serious health hazard.

For more information, visit the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org/disaster.
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FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR WEEKEND WARRIORS

By Christian Jones, Assistant Township Manager

Have you ever applied for a permit to install a patio in Warrington Township?

Perhaps you've thought about putting up a fence so your dog can run free in your backyard. The Township recently restructured the zoning section of our Fee Schedule to help make it easier for our residents to understand what fees the Township will charge for required zoning permits.

Now you can go to the Fee Schedule on our website, press "Ctrl" and "F", and search for the words "shed", "fence", "patio", "pool", etc. You'll find the zoning permit fee right there and you'll know what that specific project will cost you in zoning permit fees for budgeting purposes.

The Township has also implemented an "Application Deposit Fee" for both zoning and building permit applications similar to what is done in neighboring municipalities. Additionally, if a 2nd review is needed, it would be included in the permit fee. Any reviews beyond this will have a fee that is 25% of the cost of the original permit fee.

For example, on a \$100 fence permit a third review would have a \$25 review fee. These changes should help make the permit fees clearer and help streamline the process for residents and the Township.



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Questions can be directed to Heather Wauls, 215-794-3700
or hwauls@cornerstoneclubs.com

Register at www.warringtonrec.com

First create your household account, add all family members and
confirm your email address – you are ready to register!

CLASSES

CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING
Thursday, November 17, 4:00 - 5:15 pm
\$80 per person
Maximum 5 people



This American Red Cross Blended CPR training class give you the information and the skills you need to help adults, children and infants during breathing and cardiac emergencies. Learn CPR, AED, choking and basic First Aid training for adults, children and infants. Help keep your family safe by becoming familiar with the proper way to respond in an emergency. Registrants will first complete an online training module prior to the in-person skills assessment. A link to the online training module will be sent after registration.



BEGINNER T'AI CHI
Tuesday, 11:15 am - 12:10 pm
September 20 - October 25 (6 weeks)
November 1 - December 6 (6 weeks)
\$109 per person
Maximum 10 people



For beginners of all ages and abilities, this is a 6 week introduction to the ancient Chinese martial art, exercise, and moving meditation known as T'ai Chi Chuan. Students will learn several postures each week and by week 6, perform the complete 13 posture Yang form. For students desiring to renew or continue a T'ai Chi practice, this class provides an excellent foundation to participate in ongoing mixed-level T'ai Chi and preparation to learn more advanced T'ai Chi and Qi Gong concepts and techniques.



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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES



CHAIR YOGA
at Cornerstone Health & Fitness
Tuesday, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
8 week session September 20 - November 8
\$72 per person
Maximum 5 people

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
a Cornerstone Health & Fitness
Monday 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, September 19 - November 7
Sunday 10:45 - 11:45 am, September 25 - November 13
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Maximum 7 people



Focuses on learning and practicing basic to intermediate poses, alignment principles, breathing techniques and relaxation. For all fitness levels.



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GROUP FITNESS CLASSES CONTINUED



CYCLING at Cornerstone Health & Fitness
Monday 6:00 pm - 7:00pm
8 week session: September 20 - November 19
\$72 per person
Maximum 5 people

This non-impact cardio workout on a stationary bike with a weighted flywheel uses speed and resistance to create an individualized level of intensity. Since participants choose their own speed and resistance, class intensity is self-determined. For all fitness levels.

BARRE FITNESS at Cornerstone Health & Fitness
Wednesday 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm
8 week session: September 21 - November 9
\$72 per person
Maximum 5 people

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
Saturday 10:45 - 11:45 am
8 week session: September 24 - November 12
\$72 per person
Maximum 7 people




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 periods 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.

GROUP EXERCISE CLASS PASS
\$82 FOR 6 CLASSES

Use the Group Exercise Class Card to try a variety of classes at Cornerstone Health & Fitness. Passes can be used for any class that is included in membership and cannot be used for classes that require an additional fee. Try yoga, HIIT, indoor cycling and more! Pre-registration is required for all classes, can register up to 25 hours in advance.

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WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP: FALL 2022

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2022 BCTA TENNIS IN WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP

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Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool: 2501 Freedoms Way, Warrington, PA 18976

Palomino Park: 2100 Palomino Drive, Warrington, PA 18976

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Season 4: Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool, *September 1 – September 29, 3:15 – 4:00 PM*

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

Season 4: Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool, *September 1 – September 29, 4:00 – 5:00 PM*

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

Season 4: Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool, *September 1 – September 29, 5:00 – 6:00 PM*

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

Season 4: Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool, *September 1 – September 29, 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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