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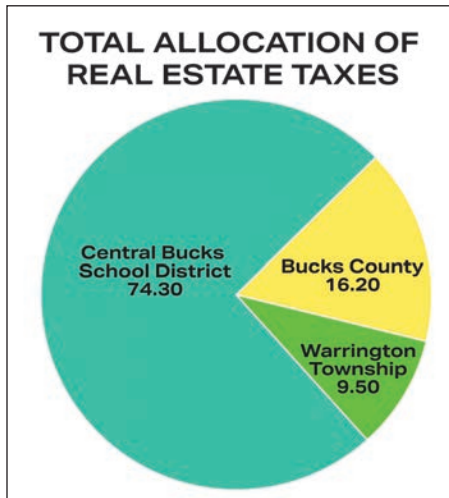
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by Fred R. Gaines, BCEE, PE, Chair

## You might ask yourself: *Where do our Taxes go?*

From a mere factual standpoint, Warrington Township taxpayers are billed for taxes two times/year. The first is for Bucks County and Warrington Township, and the second is for the Central Bucks School District. I'd like to take the opportunity to share with you how those taxes are allocated and explain a little bit about how we in Warrington Township, as your Supervisors, are using every dollar to help promote the quality of life and safety of all our residents.

Real Estate taxes are apportioned as follows:



The School District taxes are used to educate the township children, pay teacher salaries, and maintain the buildings and grounds of our stellar schools here in Warrington Township, which includes Central Bucks South High School, Tamanend Middle School, Mill Creek Elementary School, Titus Elementary School, and Barclay Elementary School.



Fred R. Gaines, BCEE, PE, Chair

County taxes are used to fund the prison system, health department, social services for seniors, children and families, county parks, public works, and other services.

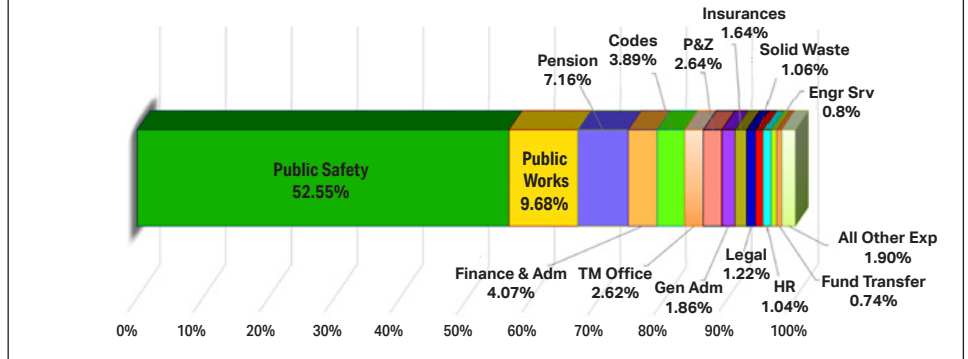
Township taxes are used to pay for police, fire, and subsidize ambulance services, maintenance, and snow removal of 80.29 miles of township roads, and upkeep and safety of the many parks, playgrounds, open space, and trails.

A graphical analysis of the forecasted expenditures from the General Fund for 2023 is shown below.

As presented below, Public Safety (Police Pension and Emergency Services) together represent 60.1 % of the current Warrington Township General Fund expenditure budget. This does not include the Capital costs associated with a new fire truck at the cost of \$1 million in order to stay current with high-quality equipment that provides the greatest safety features for both the firefighters and those whom they are serving.

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

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The 2023 Budget was passed unanimously last fall by the five-member Board of Supervisors following several months of meetings – all of which were open to the public.

While it would be nice to pick and choose areas where we could reduce expenses, as you can see from the graphs provided, there are many decisions about services and projects that we as Supervisors face annually to keep the township moving forward, staying on top of safety trends and maintaining a professional staff to help keep residents safe and provide spaces/places that maintain or improve the quality of life for our residents.

Unfortunately, the government cannot operate on a profit-and-loss basis like the private sector, where a firm could merely cut back on services to meet the "bottom line". Crimes must be investigated, fires must be fought, injured people must be transported to hospitals, roads must be paved and plowed, parks, trails, and ball fields must be maintained,

and other municipal services must be provided. And some of the services are mandated by State and Federal Law.

Therefore, as we tackle the 2024 budget, making key decisions on both capital and general projects, we encourage you, the taxpayer, to participate by attending any of the work sessions listed on page 6 or sending me or any of the Supervisors an email directly. Emails are listed on the website on the Government tab/ Board of Supervisors tab.

*Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you!*



## **SIGN UP FOR E-LINK ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

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

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

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# Letter from the Editor

By Jeannine Fielding

## Our Education Issue



Jeannine Fielding

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I am so excited to present what I'd like to call our EDUCATION ISSUE this fall!

You will get an opportunity to read about how our taxes are allocated in the Chairman's Letter (page 1), learn some helpful insights regarding the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS)'s annual conference by Supervisor Vanessa Maurer (page 9). You can follow the upcoming budget process and timetable to get involved by Finance Director, Peter Kim (page 6); learn about what happens next when neighbors have complaints about high grass or other issues by the Director of Code Enforcement and Emergency Services, Lee Greenberg (page 14). You will also unravel the mystery of the water tower on Route 611 and how the water and sewer system sale helped

residents to save quite a bit of money by Assistant Township Manager, Christian Jones, (page 12).

If you view the Comings and Goings, you will note that we welcomed several new members to committees in the last quarter, and Supervisor Michael Diorka explains how all the Chairs of the committees and boards met to discuss communication, goals and common objectives, as well as encourage many of you to get involved in the near future (page 8).

You will get to read about how our very own K-9 Officer Stephen C. Plum, Jr. was honored in Washington, D.C. for his service and dedication to our township. Renters and all residents can read about the DART bus coming to Warrington Township, making the connection to services within the township and up and down the Route 611 corridor much easier, including a connection to Doylestown DART.

And, what is happening with the small firehouse on Kansas Road? Mary Doyle Roth explains this restoration to us in great detail with some fun photos! Or, what if you notice a missing or damaged street sign? Public Works Director, Joe Knox, explains what to do (page 11).

Finally, a friendly reminder that both the Warrington Cares Sprint Triathlon and Warrington Community Days will be upon us very shortly – September 10th and September 23rd respectively. We hope you will join us for both of these wonderful events – either as a participant, sponsor or vendor.

These events are a great opportunity to mingle with your neighbors, get to meet your Supervisors and staff, as well as give back to your community.

As always, questions and suggestions for future articles are welcome! We will be adding another Employee Spotlight again in the winter edition, as well as letters from residents.

## COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

### Comings and Goings

#### GOING

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Yes, the DART bus will be coming to Warrington Township this summer – with its full schedule available for fall. With all the congestion on area roads and sometimes difficulty finding parking, having the DART available will make life much easier for many.

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shopping, eating at restaurants or to visit friends or the doctor's office.

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The DART South will run continuously throughout the day with stops at some of our favorite stores and shopping plazas, including: Target, WalMart,

Lowe's, Shops at Valley Square, Amazon Fresh Warrington Shopping Center, Doylestown Poine Shopping Center and Grundy Hall.

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# Warrington's Township 2024 Budget

## BUDGET SEASON IS UPON US –

### Working Toward Short-Term and Long-Term Goals for the Township

*By Peter Kim, Finance Director*

**W**arrington Township's budget process begins in late June, and Board of Supervisor approval is sought in November for the following year's operations and capital projects. The development and approval of the budget process are both very extensive; the process involves historical, current, and future

years' revenues and expenditures evaluation and projections. The main objective of the budget for the township is to allocate its limited resources to deliver the services for residents of Warrington Township based on the township's objectives and goals.

For the upcoming 2024 budget development, the budget process will start with gathering and distributing the current year (2023) data with all budget-involved parties, including department heads and committee chairs for their input and outlook on their budgets.

#### WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP 2024 Proposed Budget Timeline

Tues, Sept 26, 2023

**Budget Work Session I:**

Departmental personnel requests, Share Five-Year (2024 -2028) outlook for General Fund Revenue, Expenditures & Fund Balance, along with the draft copy of 2024 operating budget.

Tues, Oct 10, 2023

**Budget Work Session II:**

Share Draft Copy of Five-Year CIP (2024 - 2028) & Request feedback from the BOS.

Wed, Oct 11, 2023

Mon, Oct 23, 2023

Incorporate BOS feedback into 2024 Proposed Operating Budget & Five-Year CIP (2024 - 2028). Revise 2023 projections as necessary & prepare and complete 2024 Proposed Budget PowerPoint Presentation.

Tues, Oct 24, 2023

**Budget Work Session III:**

Present 2024 Proposed Operating Budget & 2024-2028 CIP to BOS.

Wed, Oct 25, 2023

Mon, Nov 13, 2023

Incorporate the BOS feedback and make final adjustments to the 2024 Proposed Operating Budget & 2024-2028 CIP.

Tues, Nov 14, 2023

Present 2024 Proposed Operating Budget and Five-Year (2024 - 2028) CIP.

Tues, Nov 28, 2023

The BOS considers and votes on the proposed budget.

Tues, Dec 12, 2023

If the budget is not adopted on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, the BOS consider and vote on the proposed budget on Tuesday, December 12, 2023.



Budgeting is the setting of expenditure levels for each of an organization's functions. It is the estimation and allocation of available capital used to achieve the designated and desired objectives and long-term goals.

Please see the 2024 budget development timeline (page 6) and consider joining us for any of the budget sessions open to the public.

During the entire budget process, assumptions, projections, and associated details are reviewed over and over to ensure the prudent allocation of the resources to deliver efficient and effective services to the residents, while achieving the township's short-term and long-term objectives and goals. As you can see from this description, the process is a collaborative effort with the vision to deliver a budget that is efficient and effective in serving all residents of Warrington Township.

The final budget will be presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting. The board will vote on the proposed budget in late November 14th Board of Supervisors meeting and must adopt a balanced budget by December 31st.

## ***At a very high-level the budget process follows the below cycles:***

- **Finance Department prepares worksheets** to assist the department heads in the preparation of year-end department projections and next year's budget estimates;
- **Multiple meetings between the Township Manager, Finance Director, and the Department Heads** to review, evaluate, discuss, negotiate, resolve, and determine plans for the following year's level of activities and services;
- The **budget** is prepared and presented to the Board of Supervisors at budget workshops for their comments, edits, and/or approval;
- **Justification of the budget** request may be required in writing, and in most cases, the Township Manager, along with the Department Heads, presents the justification.



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# Volunteer Opportunities

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

## Do You Have a Calling to Serve Your Township?

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### Are you up to the challenge?

Warrington Township offers a number of volunteer opportunities for residents to assist the Board of Supervisors in decision-making affecting the safety and well-being of its residents and their families.

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## PSATS Through the Eyes of An Elected Official

**A**t the 100th PSATS Conference in Hershey, Pa., I connected with a lot of professionals in various 2nd class townships from all over the state, including a lot of emergency and police personnel. As one of the Supervisor representatives on this year's Collective Bargaining Committee, I attended many police-focused discussions to educate myself and prepare for the collective bargaining process this fall. I also learned a great deal about common issues, and as one of your elected Supervisors, how to balance the responsibility of the role with the needs of the residents, staff while giving myself the opportunity to learn and grow.

### Similar Issues

I found many of the townships are experiencing the same concerns we are regardless of the size or location of the township: funding, continued training to meet the ever-changing needs of society: drug (fentanyl crisis), rise in crime and lack of sufficient personnel staffing for police in terms of qualifications and numbers.

### Volunteer Firefighter Crisis

The Fire/First responder issue that continues to dominate the discussions is the volunteer crisis and the concept of moving to staffing paid fire fighters. This will severely impact township budgets. In addition to this, many of the townships have recognized that the first responders are also designing emergency plans related to weather related incidents driven by climate change.



### Local Connections In Person

Most of the township supervisors I connected with were from our surrounding townships: New Britain, Doylestown, Warminster, Plumsteadville and some in Montgomery County. I have corresponded with some of these supervisors, but only met them for the first time in person at PSATS – so it was a great opportunity to connect with our neighbors in Bucks County in person.

### Diverse Backgrounds, but Great Responsibility

The interesting thing I observed last year at PSATS and this year is the common thread that all of those in attendance are leaders within their respective communities that carry the weight of responsibility to problem-solve a variety of issues. As supervisors, we all come from very diverse backgrounds, and as a township we have a staff of very diverse professionals, including: finance, governance, technology, engineering, code enforcement, planning, zoning and project management, just to name a few. Although PSATS provides us with a rare opportunity for professional growth and development

within this space, we cannot be experts on everything that may impact our township. Our problems and successes may look very different from even those townships we border.

### Give Yourself Some Grace

I connected with a township supervisor that was a retired psychiatrist who would coach professionals and coordinate educational retreats focusing on growth mindset in his professional career. It was a fascinating conversation because he recognized that there is a running personality of elected officials who accept the responsibility, and are accountable for the decision-making of the township. He found that we, as elected officials, are very hard on ourselves, and rightly so because let's face it this is a thankless job that doesn't pay well.

However, because of that, he finds most of the supervisors share the trait of being deeply concerned citizens wanting to attribute to the betterment of their community. I asked him what advice he has for all of us as supervisors and he said, "give yourself some grace, and remember you are making the best decisions given the information and knowledge you have at the time. Also, supervisors tend to hold themselves accountable for the actions of others, and there is only so much we can have control over." I thought it was insightful and wanted to share it with all of you. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns you might have to [vmaurer@warringtontownship.org](mailto:vmaurer@warringtontownship.org).

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## PSATS 2023 Annual Conference – 100 Years in the Making

This year's Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) marked the 100th anniversary – and there was much to celebrate! There were 400 first time attendees, 35 municipalities in the Parade of Flags and two attendees celebrated 45 years' worth of conferences. Remarkable!

### What is PSATS & why do we attend?

PSATS is a great place to go for Township Managers, Board Secretaries, Supervisors and other staff to meet with counterparts from other municipalities around the Commonwealth. You get an opportunity to ask questions of experts in the fields of law enforcement, emergency services, public maintenance and finance. Events included: Manager's Roundtable, Delegate-Exhibitor Mixer, Secretaries and Managers Q&A and a Legislative Grassroots reception.

This year's conference focused specifically on how the state can partner with federal agencies, creating "actual partnerships, not one where the rules are doled out by big government and the bill is left for the local government to pay," said Dave Sanko, PSATS Executive Director.

PSATS is prepared to assist in the fight to preserve local autonomy and Sanko referenced several new initiatives including the Cyber Insurance Program to assist townships with protecting assets and residents from ransom demands and hacks; the updated Sunshine and Right-to-Know manuals; and Township Thursday, a weekly live video call-in to feature questions and

### PSATS Legislative Priorities currently presented:

1. **STOP** Unfunded Mandates
2. **SUPPORT** Public Safety
3. **ENSURE** Dedicated Local Transportation Funding
4. **RECOVER COSTS** for Commercial Right to Know Requests
5. Second Class Township Code Amendments

answers aimed at making the job of township officials easier.

### Warrington Delegate Shares His Insights

Dr. Michael Diorka, Ed.D., this year's Delegate from Warrington Township said, "It's important for our residents to know and understand how our local municipalities, through our elected Supervisors and County Association (BCATO), ask for legislation to be enacted in the best interests for our residents." He attended several workshops, including one that focused on communication and education for our residents and its importance. (See sidebars regarding Resolutions.)

### Consolidation

There has been a lot of talk about townships that do not have the bandwidth to carry out their respective duties such as safety, roads, and emergency services to consolidate in order to conserve resources. However, Sanko said that "cooperation is key, not consolidation." What that means is there are a lot of things townships can do to cooperate with each other, such as what Barry Lubber, Township Manager and President of the Bucks County Consortium is doing with his fellow managers to try to share resources when purchasing salt or other large items. "If we can make these purchases in bulk for multiple

counties, then we will certainly be able to save money and that is an excellent form of cooperation without the need for consolidation," says Lubber.

### Guest speakers

Each year, PSATS includes not only over 80 sessions to choose from in the form of workshops and discussions, but also the business session, elections and resolutions voting. As well, attendees got to hear from Lt. Gov. Austin Davis; Rep. Joanna McClinton, Pa. Speaker of the House; Sen. Scott Martin, and NATaT President Neil Sheridan.

Gov. Josh Shapiro and U.S. Sen. Bob Casey shared their remarks by video. And, a cabinet secretary's forum was held on the final day with the acting secretaries of the state Department of Transportation, the state Department of Development, as well as the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

### Exhibitors Shared Their Latest & Greatest

There is nothing cooler than going into the Exhibit Hall both indoors and outdoors and seeing all the gadgets that the exhibitors have to offer each year at PSATS. As PSATS staff reported in their Daily Township Times, long-time exhibitors know the value of getting their products in front of so many township officials.



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"It's valuable in two ways," said Jim Cheunes, of Best Line Equipment. "We get to showcase new products and new equipment and we have the time to train, to teach them how to use it." It's also a great way to reconnect with your vendors. Mr. Luber connected with Waste Management, as well as Caselle, both vendors who support Warrington Township.

#### **Awards**

Each year, PSATS awards up to 50 awards all the way from the President's Leadership Award to Excellence in Intergovernmental Cooperation Award. This year, Warrington Township was honored to win the 3rd Place Award Audio Visual Communication for Warrington Community Day 2022 Save the Date video.

#### **THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE VOTING DELEGATES FOR '23 PROPOSED BY OUR COUNTY ASSOCIATION THAT WERE APPROVED WILL BECOME PSATS POLICY FOR 5 YEARS AND BE MOVED TOWARD LEGISLATIVE ADOPTION:**

1. Alternative means of generating revenue for the maintenance and repair of local roads.
2. Amend second class township code to provide for dedicated mileage for maintenance and road repair.
3. Require valid certificate from Real Estate Commission to sell cemetery lot, crypts and niches in columbaria.
4. Amend Act12 of 2016 to require more public input when wastewater and water facilities are proposed to be acquired by private utilities (180 days and 1 public meeting).
5. Increase the Prevailing Wage Law (Act 442 of 1961) to increase the threshold for compliance from \$25K TO \$500K for all projects.

## **Public Works**

*By Joe Knox, Director of Public Works*

### ***Have you noticed a Street Sign missing, broken or damaged? Well, you're in the right place to report it.***

One of the easiest ways to report a damaged or missing Street/Traffic Sign is to go directly to the Warrington Township website and on our Home Page Search for "Citizen Action Line". Scroll down to "Contact Us" and locate the Public Works Department.

You can also contact the Department of Public Works directly at (215) 822-1249. When contacting Public Works directly, you may have to leave a voicemail. Our normal hours of operation are Monday through Friday between the hours of 6:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Summer hours vary due to some extended shifts.

#### **Information Needed When Reporting Damaged or Missing Street Signs**

Make sure you note the exact location of the sign, for example, in front of 555 Anderson Way, or at the intersection of Palomino Drive and Shetland Drive, and the particular problem, i.e., missing, damaged, faded, obscured or graffiti involvement. A phone number where you can be reached is helpful, however not necessary.



Regulatory signs that are damaged or missing can be dangerous for the motoring public. Missing Stop signs, Yield signs, Speed Limit signs can cause accidents and injuries to pedestrians and motorists.

***Public Works appreciates your willingness to support this very important initiative.***

- **Damaged Signs can be:** Speed Limit Signs, Stop Signs, Yield Signs, Street Identification Signs, or any roadside sign.
- **Types of damage can be:** Bent Signs, Leaning signs, Illegible Faded Signs, Missing Signs, Obscured Signs due to vegetation, etc.

Clearly, any sign missing or damaged is important to us and will be repaired or replaced as soon as possible.



## What Has The Sale Of The Water and Sewer Systems Done For You?

You might have heard from your neighbor that Warrington Township used to own its own water and sewer systems – thus the water tower behind the Wellness Center on Route 611 and Shetland Drive. Let me explain a little bit more about the water and sewer systems, the reason for their sale, and the great savings to our residents over the past several years.

In 2019, all residents of Warrington Township connected to public water were being delivered drinking water with non-detectable levels of Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS). This water had been coming

*One simple, yet incredibly significant result of this potential sale, was the cost reduction of our residents' water bills by approximately 50%.*

from North Wales Water Authority's (NWWA) Forest Park Water Treatment Plant (FPWTP) since the summer of 2017, and the township was in the third year of its then-new Water Supply Agreement with NWWA.

Unfortunately, as some of our longer-tenured residents are likely

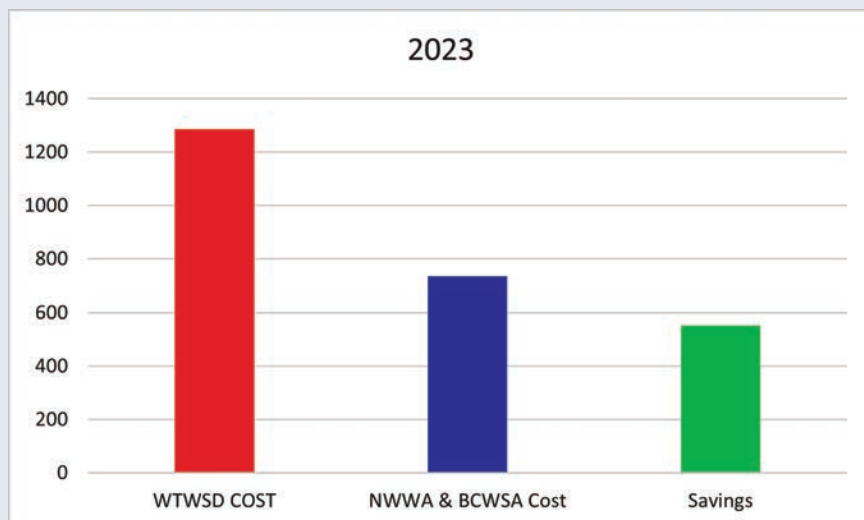
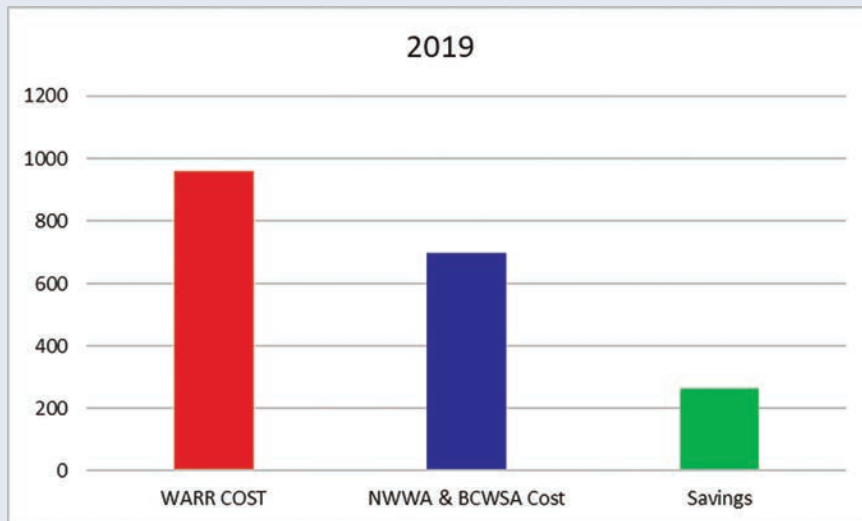
aware, the township's water supply was contaminated by PFAS due to the historical use of firefighting foam containing PFAS at the Willow Grove Naval Air and Reserve Base, which prompted the township to shut down our public water wells in 2014 and 2015. This was one of the most critical events in the history of our township and there were many meetings related

to this event, including one that brought in 400+ attendees to Central Bucks High School South in August 2016. The township committed to bringing our water supply to non-detect in 2016 and fulfilled that commitment through the purchase of water from NWWA's FPWTP.

The township's Cooperative Agreement with the Air National Guard (ANG) only provided reimbursement for a fraction of the cost of the water purchased from NWWA to replace ground well water lost from the contamination and our residents were paying a premium on their water bills.

### A Sale To Benefit Our Residents

The township was approached by NWWA with an expressed interest in purchasing the water system. One simple, yet incredibly significant result of this potential sale, was the cost reduction of our residents' water bills by approximately 50%. There were multiple variables to investigate and review, but after a transparent and lengthy public process, the water system was sold to NWWA, and the sewer system was sold to Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA).





### Cost Savings After Water-Sewer Sale

Based upon data available at the time, the 2019 annual water bill for the average resident went from approximately \$510 to \$264, which resulted in annual savings of approximately \$246. Additionally, due to a 4-year rate lock with BCWSA, there has been no increase in the annual sewer bill for the average resident which has remained at \$449 per year since 2019.

Had the township retained ownership of the water and sewer systems, it was projected that the 2023 annual water bill for the average resident would be approximately \$678, and the 2023 sewer bill would be approximately \$609.

Altogether, including the credit NWWA applied to water bills, the average resident will have saved approximately \$2,147 by the end of 2023 due to the sale of the systems.

### What Else Did The Sale Do For You?

Additionally, the sale of the systems facilitated the creation of several funds, which enabled the township to pay for other projects that we would normally have had to borrow money to pay for. These funds are called the Tax Stabilization Fund, with an original allocation of \$4 million, and the Utility Proceeds Fund, with an original allocation of \$12 million.

These funds have been utilized to further mitigate tax increases for our residents by temporarily supporting the township's General Fund and

paying for several Capital projects like our annual Road Paving Program and several stormwater management projects since the sale of the water and sewer systems.

The township raised property taxes in 2023 by 1.5 mills to help fund additional Police Officers and Fire Services which equated to an approximate \$56 increase for the average homeowner. This increase reflects 2.6% of the savings to our residents from the sale of the water and sewer systems. It is important to note that both the Tax Stabilization and the Utility Proceed Funds are projected to continue working for our residents in the upcoming 2024 annual Budget.

Ultimately, the sale of the water and sewer systems saved our residents a significant amount of money and helped the township to move forward with capital projects which would have otherwise not been possible without borrowing money (which would have necessitated an additional tax increase).

We hope that this article has helped to explain a little more about that mysterious water tower and the benefits to our residents.

*In 2023, even with a NWWA slight increase from \$3.60 per thousand gallons to \$3.96 per thousand gallons in water rates, our average resident is paying approximately \$286 for their annual water bill. The average resident is paying approximately \$735 for both water and sewer instead of the \$1,287 that was projected under township ownership, and this equates to a savings of \$552 in 2023 alone.*



# Emergency Services and Code Enforcement

By Lee Greenberg, Director of Code Enforcement and Emergency Services

## Code Violations – What Happens Next

Throughout the year, the township experiences numerous complaints about code violations. These could be as simple as high grass on a neighbor's lawn or as complicated as multiple cars parked on a property without registration plates that are unsightly and a nuisance. The best way to get your concern addressed is to submit it through the township website to the Action Line. There are many other methods, but they often come with delays. The Code Enforcement Department looks at the complaints in the action line on a daily basis.



### Ordinance Enforcement Procedure

The township created an Ordinance Enforcement Procedure with a "chain of command" structure to assist staff when it comes to action items listed above. While we want to keep all properties safe and clean, residents are encouraged to exercise

patience as the enforcement process is conducted. Some violations are remedied quickly. Others take time. It is important to understand that many of our property maintenance violations are written against the 2018 International Property Maintenance code that has its own set of enforcement rules. Nuisance violations are given 30 days per notice for repair or mitigation. This allows the resident to receive the notice of violation and hire a contractor, if needed, and the work to be scheduled within the grace period.

### The Enforcement Process

It's important to note that either I or someone from my department will do our best to investigate the complaint in a timely manner and determine what action, if any is indicated.

Once the concern/complaint is verified, an attempt to make contact with someone at the property is made. If successful, the violation is discussed with a responsible party in the hopes that they will take the necessary steps to fix the issue. If no contact is made, the desired agreed upon time is elapsed, or if it is a repeat problem, then a written notice of violation (NOV) is sent.

Generally, 30 days is given for remediation. If it is a life safety issue, a reasonable but lesser time is granted for remediation.

For a nuisance violation, if the NOV is not answered a second NOV with a reasonable time will be awarded. If after the second NOV there is no answer



to the violation, there is a potential to have a non-traffic citation written and issued. This is a Commonwealth citation similar to a traffic citation that the party will have to pay the fine or plead "not guilty." If the party pleads not guilty then a hearing in district court will be scheduled.

I hope this helps you understand the process. It is not often as simple as "just fix the problem." Every concern/complaint is fielded as an individual. I/we do our absolute best to resolve the issue in a timely and appropriate manner.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me in the office. I can be reached by office phone at **215-997-7501 ext. 308** or by email at **lgreenberg@warringtontownship.org**.

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## Why Naturalize Stormwater Basins?



### What is a Stormwater Basin?

Stormwater basins are areas that are constructed with earthen berms to hold stormwater after a rain and release the water more slowly into the stream. When stormwater basins were built with older developments, basins were primarily to control flooding by holding back the runoff from a storm. More recently, the regulations require that stormwater basins also be designed to address water quality.

### What is a Naturalized Stormwater Basin?

Typically, a Naturalized Stormwater Basin allows for the vegetation in the bottom of the basin to grow into a meadow. These basins can be mowed once or twice a year to keep the growth from getting too high.

### Why naturalize a basin?

Many municipalities have been required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to find ways to improve the water quality of the streams

and lakes within and downstream of the municipality. One method to improve water quality is to modify an older stormwater basin by removing or interrupting the flow in concrete channels in the basin, allowing a meadow to grow in the bottom of the basin and planting trees and shrubs. The benefits of naturalizing a stormwater basin include:

- Allowing water to infiltrate into the ground to recharge the aquifer and be used by the plants;
- Reducing sediments and pollutants that wash downstream;

- Reducing the volume and rate of water that reaches the stream which will help reduce flooding and streambank erosion;
- Reducing the need for mowing is reduced;
- Providing shade which helps reduce the temperature of the water released into the stream.

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

## Ways Everyone Can Help Keep our Streams Clean

By Mary Stover, P.E., CKS Engineering

As part of our Stormwater Permit with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the township is required to help prevent pollution and keep our streams clean for drinking water, irrigation, fishing and enjoyment by the public. Here are some ways you can help keep our streams and rivers clean:

- Keep your nearest storm drain clear of debris and litter
- Never dump anything down a storm drain
- Use fertilizers sparingly
- Use pesticides only when necessary
- Do not blow grass clippings or leaves into the street
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down paved areas
- Compost or recycle yard waste
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of properly
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on an unpaved areas
- Service your car regularly to prevent leaks onto paved areas
- Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste at designated areas
- Produce less waste – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled or recyclable products whenever possible

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## The Original Warrington Firehouse is being restored!!!



Taken around 1955 on Maple Ave. shows the Fire Department's firefighting fleet. In the background several houses on Kansas Rd. can be seen.

**W**arrington Historical Society is happy to report that the original firehouse on Maple Avenue has been saved and is being restored. It was on the market last year and at first all the potential buyers planned on demolishing part of the building. The township and Society discouraged them. Then Peter Walts came along, and he wanted to restore the building back to its 1934 glory.

The building will become the home of his company, Centropy Group. Peter lives in Horsham and is a volunteer fireman there so the old firehouse excited him. Several variances were needed to allow for parking on the small building lot, but everything went smoothly because of the history behind it. A. Oscar Martin, a renowned Doylestown architect, designed the building.

Last month, Peter invited a few of us to see his progress and plans. He pulled out all the existing cubicles in the office area



Leroy Murray sits at the wheel of Warrington's first fire truck. Other company members pictured are, from left to right, (first row) Ellis Lewis, Elmer Lewis, Irvin MacNair, and Joe Penrose; (second row) Charles Loux, Dave Worthington, Jim Kern, unidentified, and Sherman Perry.

and exposed the original floors and walls. In the garage area they found metal-lined doors. Below is a short history and a few pictures.

### History of Warrington Fire Department

In 1919, a fire destroyed the Sassaman house situated on Street and Kansas Rds. Kansas Road was a narrow dirt road and it was close to the Worthington's General Store on the opposite side. Firemen from Horsham, Willow Grove, Hatboro and Doylestown responded to the alarm. Hoses were laid into the Neshaminy Creek and water was immediately pumped on the fire; but with all their work and efforts the house was completely destroyed. The barn behind the house and Worthington's Store were saved, although the side and roof were scorched and charred. Many of the men met in Worthington's Store in the evenings either to play cards or just to discuss the news of the day. After this fire, they realized the need for a fire company in the township.



2099 Maple Avenue

In September, 1921, a group of men met at Tettemer's house with further discussions of a fire company and how to organize. Harry Woern oversaw this meeting, and all agreed to proceed to organize a fire company and apply for the charter.

On March 27, 1924, Warrington Township Fire Co. #1 was organized. Twenty-two members signed up and paid dues of \$1.00 each. On April 4th, and May 14th, 1924, firemen meetings held in Cozens Church (then located on Easton Rd) to continue to organize, and vote in officers. The firemen, with the aid of the Ladies Auxiliary, planned a chicken dinner to be served in Cozens M.E Church, although it was poorly equipped - with only oil stoves and had no running water. Again, the fire department overcame the obstacles. A bucket brigade was formed, and water was

carried over the fence from the neighbor's hand pump on the back porch. In June of 1926, the Auxiliary held a strawberry festival at Cozens M.E Church, and since it was a success, they had several more at different times.



The first fire truck, a 1925 Ford Model TT American LaFrance chemical fire truck, was purchased for \$2,083. It was in service until 1955. The 40-horsepower engine was not enough for the hills of Warrington, so the fire company voted to give the truck to Joseph Penrose Sr. It was owned by the Penrose family from 1955 until May 2008 when it was given back to the fire department.

In 1924 while meeting with the Horsham Fire Department, they suggested the purchase of a Ford Minute-Man Chemical Outfit. On Nov. 4, 1930, the discussion about a new firehouse took place and a committee was appointed.

In 1931, entertainment (with skits and singing) was also held at the church to raise funds for the department. The charter was voted on and accepted by the members present.

The first unofficial firehouse was in a garage behind the Worthington General Store. At the top of the garage sat a bell that was rung to summon the firefighters in case of a fire. On April 3, 1934, the Trustees reported that the bill of sale for ground from Anna Penrose on which to build the new firehouse had been signed. A. Oscar Martin drew up plans. Ground was broken shortly after this, and the dedication of the firehouse took place on March 2, 1935.

In 1939, an addition was made to the building at a cost of \$3,760.99. After twenty-five years of service, the department agreed to sign the title of the Model T Ford Fire Engine to Joseph Penrose Sr.

In 1977 a 2nd firehouse (Station 29) was built off of Easton Rd and Freedom Way on property provided by Herbert Barness. A Substation, (Station 78) is located on Pickertown Rd.





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# Community Day of Service

By Fred Suffian, Environmental Advisory Council, Chair

## 22nd ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE A ROUSING SUCCESS

The 22nd annual Community Day of Service was hosted by the Warrington Environmental Advisory Council (WEAC), on the morning of May 20, 2023. Approximately 70 volunteers participated, including Supervisors Ruth Schemm, Mike Diorka, and Andrew Macaulay. We accomplished a lot, even with the rain. At the start of the event, volunteers were treated to bagels and coffee, given instructions and equipment, then proceeded to fan-out all over the township to work on accomplishing the following projects:

- **Pollinator Garden at Lower Nike Park** - Maintained this garden and planted pollinator plugs.
- **Rain Garden at IPW Park** - Weeded, cut out dead wood, and mulched.
- **Butterfly Garden at IPW Park** - Weeded, planted additional 30 pollinator plugs, and mulched.
- **Memorial Garden at IPW Park** - Weeded, planted annuals, and mulched.
- **Park Sign at Bradley and Folly Roads** - Weeded, planted annuals, and mulched.
- **Kiosk Garden at Lions Pride Park** - Weeded, planted annuals, and mulched.
- **Pollinator Garden at the Weisel Preserve** - Created a new pollinator garden, and planted 35 pollinator plugs, mulched, and planted 9 native shrubs and 2 native trees.
- **Buttercup Basin** - Planted 6 native trees and placed four rock berms along the two channels.
- **Basin near Sarah's Lane** - Planted 10 new native trees.
- **Basin at Pickertown and Folly Roads** - Planted 15 new native trees and 6 native shrubs.
- **Bradford Dam Trail, and other Township trails** - The Bike and Hike Trails Committee did a trash cleanup.
- **Mill Creek Preserve** - Planted 180 pollinator plugs along the stream and planted 9 native shrubs.

The value of volunteer labor exceeded \$6,000 which is a considerable savings to taxpayers. In addition, when fully mature, the trees will sequester 30,000 lbs. of CO<sub>2</sub> and prevent over approximately 25,000 gallons of runoff from entering Neshaminy Creek.

After the projects were completed, sandwiches, water and Rita's Water Ice were provided to our volunteers through local donations.

### ***We would like to thank the following businesses for supporting our Day of Community Service:***

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## WARRINGTON DAY COMING SOON...

### FOUR BUNGEE JUMPING STATIONS THIS YEAR – TWICE THE FUN/HALF THE TIME!

*This year's Warrington Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 23rd from noon until 5:30 pm at John Paul Park at Lower Nike (rain date is September 24th). FREE Parking is available at both Lower and Upper Nike Parks. MORE Free shuttle buses will be running between the parks all day for shorter wait times, in addition to a walking path for safely walking from one park to another. Please be careful of cars passing.*

### Join Us!

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
- FOUR BUNGEE JUMPING STATIONS
- 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
- Pony Rides and more activities!

During the day, you can explore the tents of our many boards and committees, as well as local vendors while listening to the DJ 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 for the fireworks -- **ADDITIONAL FOOD TRUCKS AND BOUNCE HOUSES THIS YEAR WHILE WAITING FOR THE FIREWORKS!**

The Cellar Ratz will perform again this year 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.

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!



## Warrington Cares 2023 Award Recipients

This year, Warrington Cares, the Warrington Township employee-sponsored non-profit 501(c)3 created to help the community and support families-in-need presented its awards at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 13th. The charity's goal is to give back to the local community and be a driving force for good in Bucks County.

### 2023 NON-PROFIT WINNERS

#### WARRINGTON CARES NON-PROFIT AWARDS

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- Warrington Lions Club
- Pine 2 Pink
- The Fiaria Project

### 2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

#### WARRINGTON CARES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Timothy J. Bennett Scholarship – Logan Hinds
- William Bell, Sr. Scholarship – Samantha Rosinski
- Stephen C. Plum, Jr. Scholarship – Andrew Lyons

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1. **Scholarships** - To provide three Scholarships in the name of the late Police Officer Timothy Bennett, the late Firefighter William Bell, Sr., and the late Police Officer Stephen Plum, Jr.
2. **Non-profits** - To donate to local non-profits with low overhead which support the local community through food banks, clothing, health services, or other areas.
3. **Families** - To donate periodically to Warrington Township individuals or families-in-need.

## News and Notes

### Fall Planting Tips from the Environmental Advisory Council

#### 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 very 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



## WARRINGTON DAY SPONSORS

We couldn't do it without you!

Consider patronizing these businesses for your needs.

Special thanks to the following Early Bird sponsors of Warrington Day listed below. A few spots still open! Please contact Jeanine Winslow at [jwinslow@warringtontownship.org](mailto:jwinslow@warringtontownship.org) or visit our website at [www.warringtontownship.org](http://www.warringtontownship.org) under Community/Warrington Day to complete the Sponsor form.



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## National Police Week Celebrated the late Officer Stephen C. Plum, Jr.

Many Officers from our department traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend National Police Week. Of the many events, Warrington Officers attended The Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service and the Candlelight Vigil, which honors the officers who recently made the ultimate sacrifice and pays tribute to all the fallen.

Officers visited the Wall of Remembrance. The Memorial features two curving, 304-foot-long blue-gray limestone walls. Carved on these walls are the names of more than 22,000 officers who died in the line of duty throughout U.S. history, dating back to the first known death in 1786.

Unlike many other memorials in Washington, DC, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is ever-changing: new names of fallen officers are added to it each spring, in conjunction with National Police Week. Officer Stephen C. Plum, Jr.'s name was added this year.



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## 10 Questions Veterans Can Ask if They Have No Idea What to Do Next

*Staff Sgt. Paul A. Barbosa, a native of Houston, assigned to the Warrior Transition Battalion, signs up for touring a federal agency during the Operation Warfighter Internship Fair.*

**Question:** I've got three months until I separate from the Army. It seems everyone around me knows what they're going to do next. I don't have a clue. Help?

**Answer:** It may seem like you're the only one who doesn't have their post-military life mapped out, but that's not true. While some of your colleagues may have a sense of direction -- they've applied and been accepted to school, have job offers lined up or have started to plan an entrepreneurial venture -- that doesn't mean they have all the answers.



### AS YOU CONSIDER WHAT'S NEXT, HERE ARE SOME GOOD QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF:

- 1. What do I enjoy doing?** While you may or may not get a job doing what you love to do, it's a great place to start. List your hobbies, the parts of your current work you enjoy the most and what you can imagine would be fun to spend your days working on.
- 2. What am I told I'm good at?** Have you received feedback that you're a great problem solver or writer? Do your peers come to you for help navigating personnel challenges? Reflect on comments, insights and feedback you've received about your strengths.
- 3. What would I hate to do (for a living)?** Another helpful list to make is what you imagine would be terrible work. For example, would you enjoy sitting at a computer, writing code all day? How would it feel to work outdoors in inclement weather? Could you imagine working with young children? List out all the jobs you believe you would not like to do.
- 4. Which of my skills do I enjoy leveraging the most?** While you likely possess many skills and talents as you exit the military, not all will be relevant, useful or helpful in the private sector. Make a list of the skills you possess that you do enjoy leveraging. Perhaps you're skilled at working with complex technology systems, you know how to navigate high-stress situations or you've developed expert-level public speaking skills. Make a list of all skills you would enjoy building on and using post-military duty.
- 5. With some more training, what could I do?** Are you just shy of completing schooling to be an electrical engineer? If you love to bake, could a degree in culinary arts give you the opportunity to work as a professional baker? Consider areas where your skills, talents and experience would get you further with additional schooling and training.
- 6. Which jobs are in high demand?** Do some online research about the jobs that are highly sought after. What industries or sectors are hiring the most? Do you have skills or interests in a career in those areas? Instead of trying to invent a new career path, consider ones that are thriving today, where demand is high for talent.
- 7. Have I talked to others to explore options?** Talk to people in your network about their work and jobs. How did they get into that line of work? What do they enjoy the most, and where are the challenges? Listen and learn from your mentors, friends and coaches to see what sparks interest in you.
- 8. What jobs are plentiful where I want to live?** If your goal is to start a family farm and you'll be living in downtown Manhattan, you might have a tough go. Instead, if you've identified where you'll live after the military, look around at companies in that area that are hiring, industries that are booming and identify which large employers are located nearby. This might spark some ideas.
- 9. Is a gig job best for me?** Could the reason you've been struggling be because one job just doesn't sound enough? Gig jobs are part-time opportunities -- think Uber drivers, Instacart deliveries, consulting, pet sitting -- where you can work as much or as little as you need to maintain your lifestyle. This work could help you get more experience and still bring in income without committing to full-time employment.
- 10. What parameters are there in my work?** If your family needs require you not to travel, for instance, then it will be important to look at jobs that don't require travel or allow you to work remotely some of the time. If your own health limits your movements at work, that might also drive some choices off the list because of the physical nature of the work. Consider your personal and family needs alongside your career goals here.

*There's no magic formula to figuring out what to do next. But when you can draw from what you enjoy doing, what you're skilled (or could easily get trained on) and what provides you with the lifestyle you desire, your list of options becomes clearer.*

## TRIATHLON: *Get Involved in Your First Tri or Cheer on Neighbors and Friends!*



### Who/What/When/Where

WC will be holding a Sprint Triathlon/Duathlon on Sunday, September 10, 2023 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](http://www.warringtoncares.org)

**CONTACT BARRY LUBER OR JEN FIELDING AT  
215-343-9350 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

It's not too late to sign up for this year's 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 501C (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 \$60,000 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 (\$1,500 each for a total of \$7,500), and awarded two high school students \$2,500 college scholarships.

### GOLD LEVEL SPONSOR - \$1,000

- Email Blast to 24,000 runners/ triathletes with Sponsors names/logo included
- Your company's name on Webpage dedicated to the race
- Your company's name and logo on the event's shirt given to all participants and volunteers
- A table set-up at the event for your company (if requested)
- Company name mentioned and thanked at the awards ceremony
- Press Release of the event including Gold Sponsors names
- Banner supplied by you displayed at the race
- Benefit of being a community partner

### SILVER LEVEL SPONSOR- \$500

- Email Blast to 24,000 runners/triathletes with Sponsors names/logo included
- Your company's name on Webpage dedicated to the race
- Your company's name and logo on the event's shirt given to all participants and volunteers
- Company name mentioned and thanked at the awards ceremony for all races
- Benefit of being a community partner

### BRONZE LEVEL SPONSOR - \$250

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





WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP

# PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FALL 2023



All classes held at Cornerstone Health & Fitness *unless otherwise noted.*  
740 Edison Furlong Road, Furlong, PA 18925

Questions can be directed to Heather Wauls, 215-794-3700 or [hwauls@cornerstoneclubs.com](mailto:hwauls@cornerstoneclubs.com)

**Register at [www.warringtonrec.com](http://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

Monday, 1:00 - 2:30pm

October 16, 2023

\$80 PER PERSON



This American Red Cross Blended CPR training class includes an online module and in-person skills assessment. It will 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.



### T'AI CHI

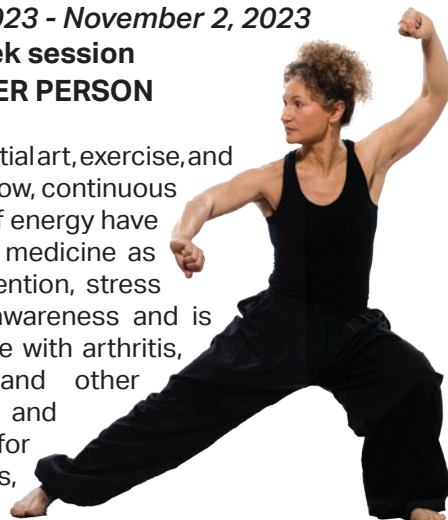
Thursday, 10:45am - 11:45am

September 28, 2023 - November 2, 2023

6 week session

\$119 PER PERSON

T'ai Chi Chuan (T'ai Ji) is a martial art, exercise, and moving meditation. Tai Chi's slow, continuous movements and gentle flow of energy have been recognized by western medicine as a beneficial tool for fall prevention, stress relief, relaxation, and body awareness and is often recommended for those with arthritis, Fibromyalgia, Parkinson's, and other diseases that affect balance and movement. This class is for beginners, existing students, and practitioners of all ages and abilities. Dig into T'ai Chi principles of balance, flow, continuity, and relaxation with breathing exercises and easy postures. Students should be able to remain vertical for one hour, otherwise, no pressure!



## GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

### ZUMBA® – at Cornerstone Health & Fitness

Monday 6:30 - 7:30pm, September 25 - November 13

Friday 9:30 - 10:30am, September 29 - November 17

8 WEEK SESSIONS

\$72 PER PERSON PER SESSION

A total dance workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, plus boosted energy. A great way to have fun and get a good workout. For all fitness levels.



# PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FALL 2023

## GROUP FITNESS CLASSES *continued*

### CHAIR YOGA

at Cornerstone Health & Fitness  
Tuesday, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
September 26 - November 14  
8 WEEK SESSION  
\$72 PER PERSON



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

### HATHA YOGA

at Cornerstone Health & Fitness  
Monday 6:35 pm - 7:35 pm,  
September 25- November 13  
Tuesday 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm,  
September 26 - November 14  
8 WEEK SESSIONS  
\$72 PER PERSON

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

### CYCLING EXPRESS

at Cornerstone Health & Fitness  
Wednesday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm,  
September 27 - November 15  
8 WEEK SESSION  
\$72 PER PERSON

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 - 6:15pm,  
September 27 - November 15  
8 WEEK SESSION  
\$72 PER PERSON

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

### YIN YOGA

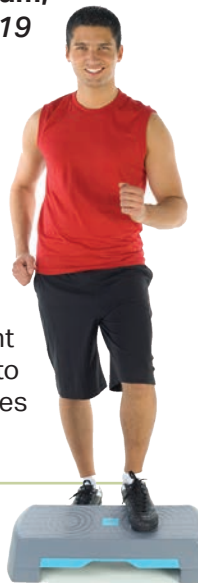
at Cornerstone Health & Fitness  
Saturday 10:45 am - 11:45 am,  
September 30 - November 18  
8 WEEK SESSION  
\$72 PER PERSON

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

### STEP AEROBICS

Sunday 9:30 am - 10:30am,  
October 1 - November 19  
8 WEEK SESSION  
\$72 PER PERSON

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



### CARDIO KICKBOXING

Saturday  
10:15- 11:15am,  
September 27- November 15  
8 WEEK SESSION  
\$72 PER PERSON

Kick stress in the butt as you redefine your body! This freestyle 60-minute cardio kickboxing class includes periodic drills using martial arts targets so that you can "test your skills" at kicking and punching. Join the fun and grow stronger in mind and body! No prior kickboxing experience required.

## GROUP EXERCISE CLASS PASS

Use between October 1- December 31

**\$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, barre and more! Pre-registration is required for all classes, can register up to 25 hours in advance.



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## WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP

# PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### FALL 2023

## KIDS DRAWING CLASSES WITH YOUNG REMBRANDTS

Questions can be directed to Jenn Baker, 215-675-8878 or [jenn.baker@youngrembrandts.com](mailto:jenn.baker@youngrembrandts.com)

### Preschool Drawing Class

with Young Rembrandts (ages 3 ½ – 6)

**SATURDAYS 9:00AM-9:45AM**

Session 1: 4 week session - 9/23 - 10/14

Session 2: 4 week session - 10/28 - 11/18

Session 3: 4 week session - 12/2 - 12/23  
(12/23 Holiday Themed)

**\$85 PER PERSON/PER SESSION**

Your pre-schooler's mind is hard at work building the knowledge and skills it will use for a lifetime. Now, more than ever, it's important to challenge their curious minds with activities that will keep them engaged and eager to learn! The Young Rembrandts pre-school program is specifically designed with the needs of our youngest learners in mind. We use subjects they're familiar with such as animals and toys, as well as their favorite learning tools - pictures, stories, touching, and doing - to enhance social and conflict resolution skills while improving listening, fine-motor skills, and time-on-task. Give your pre-schooler the information they're hungry for and be amazed by what they'll create! Classes are 45 minutes.

### Elementary Drawing Class

with Young Rembrandts (ages 7– 14)

**SATURDAYS 10:00AM-11:00 AM**

Session 1: 4 week session - 9/23 - 10/14

Session 2: 4 week session - 10/28 - 11/18

Session 3: 4 week session - 12/2 - 12/23  
(12/23 Holiday Themed)

**\$85 PER PERSON/PER SESSION**

Our elementary learners are at the crucial time of development when they decide whether they're good at something or not. This decision will affect not only the rest of their academic career, but their lifetime learning as well. The Young Rembrandts elementary program provides the tools this age-group needs to succeed at drawing - a teaching tool from which the majority of learners prefer and ALL learners benefit! Our program works because it's not only hands-on and visual...it's simply fun. Add to this our innovative guided instruction, topics that kids love and relate to, and instructors that know how to reach this group; we take kids from thinking they're not 'artists' to knowing they can achieve this, and everything else, they put their minds to. Classes last up to 55 minutes

### Cartooning Drawing Class

with Young Rembrandts  
(ages 7– 14)

**SATURDAYS**

**11:15AM-12:15 AM**

Session 1: 4 week session - 9/23 - 10/14

Session 2: 4 week session - 10/28 - 11/18

Session 3: 4 week session - 12/2 - 12/23  
(12/23 Holiday Themed)

**\$85 PER PERSON/PER SESSION**

For all kids who need to stay engaged and laughing, our cartooning classes are surely the most fun you can have while learning! This entertaining program combines Young Rembrandts' innovative, hands-on teaching method with light-hearted subject matter that engages children, their sense of humor and their vivid imaginations. Maintaining a quick pace and drawings that tell a story also help kids to stay on-task, learn from their mistakes, find new solutions to a problem and communicate ideas and concepts through pictures - skills with lifetime benefits! Classes last up to 55 minutes.



## CREATIVE memORIES™

### Introduction to Scrapbooking

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Creative Memories Advisor- Emily Gallo, 215-350-2708

[www.creativememories.com/CM/egallo](http://www.creativememories.com/CM/egallo)

**New crafty friends wanted!** Warrington Township and Emily Gallo are hosting a scrapbooking workshop on Saturday, October 7th 10am- 4pm. In this class, attendees will learn scrapbooking basics and be able to work on their own albums. The class will begin with an instructional 2-page project that can be added into their own scrapbook. After completing the group project, attendees can work on their own albums with help from the instructor. The paper supplies for the 2-page project will be provided. Attendees will need to bring their own adhesive. Please pack your lunch and snacks. The cost for the class is \$48. All levels of experience are welcome to attend. If you have questions or would like to purchase additional supplies, please contact Emily.

# WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT FALL 2023



## 2023 BCTA TENNIS IN WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP

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

Palomino Park: 2100 Palomino Drive, Warrington, PA 18976

Register at [www.buckscountytennis.usta.com](http://www.buckscountytennis.usta.com)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Season 4: September 1 and Fall Forehands Season: October 8**

*Additional \$3 Administrative Fee Per Participant For Mail-In Registration.*

*Receive A \$10 Discount Per Participant By Signing Up For Three Or More Five-Week Seasons At One Time!*

### **LEARN, PRACTICE and PLAY**

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**Pee Wees (recommended ages 4-6): \$67**

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

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

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

**Juniors (recommended ages 11-13): \$72**

**SEASON 4:** Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool, September 14 – October 12, 5:00–6:00 pm

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

**SEASON 4:** Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool, September 14 – October 12, 6:00–7:00 pm

### **MORE TENNIS OPPORTUNITIES FOR WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**

Warrington Township is part of BCTA's county-wide tennis network. Check out [www.buckscountytennis.usta.com](http://www.buckscountytennis.usta.com) for more information about tennis opportunities available to Warrington Township residents

## BOAT AMERICA

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Tying as well as Boating Law with a comparison to NJ boating regulations.

This course is provided by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Warminster Flotilla 053-17-2. ***Some insurance companies will also offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course.***

**COST \$50.00**

***The class will be on Saturday, October 21, 2023  
from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM***

**LUNCH IS PROVIDED**

## Know your Medicare Options 2023

During this Free Educational Seminar, you will learn:

- How Medicare works and what it covers
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***Presented by Steven Bobrin, a Medicare planning specialist with DelVal Senior Advisors.***

**Fee: FREE**

**Date: October 16, 2023**

**Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Location: Warrington Township Admin. Office,  
Large Mtg Rm, 852 Easton Rd., Warrington**

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