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# Board of Supervisors

**Board of Supervisors Wish to Introduce . . .**

## **WILLIAM M. CONNOLLY**

I moved to Warrington five years ago and found a wonderful welcoming community that I have been proud to serve as a member and Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a degree in Architecture, I served two years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers including one year as the construction operations officer of the 937th Combat Engineer Group in the Central Highland of Vietnam, earning a Bronze Star for that service. Following military service, I practiced architecture until joining the New Jersey State government where I worked for 34 years, 31 of them as Director of Housing and Development and later Director of Codes and Standards in the administrations of 8 consecutive governors. I hold licenses as an architect and as a professional planner.

During my time with the state government, I was responsible for state housing programs as well as all aspects of building and development regulation and led an organization of 250 people. I led the writing and implementation of the statewide Uniform Construction Code, the Uniform Fire Code, New Home Warranty and Builder Registration Act, Planned Real Estate (homeowner association) Act, Amusement Ride Safety Act and Liquefied Petroleum Gas Law. All of those laws were new to the state and involved major reform and restructuring of that area of government. We also implemented the state's affordable housing assistance program, statewide rental assistance program, housing construction programs and landlord tenant laws. These responsibilities involved working closely with local governments. I served as Chair or Vice Chair of the Planning Board in the three different municipalities that I lived in before coming to Warrington and also as Chair of the Zoning Board in one of them, some 41 years in all.

At the national level, I have served as President of the National Conference of the States on Building Codes and Standards and as Treasurer of the National Institute of Building Sciences. Acting on behalf of the US Department of State, I provided technical assistance on building and development regulation to the governments of the City of Moscow, the Russian Federation, and the State of Israel. I am a life member of the International Codes Council, having chaired that group's committee which incorporated the lessons of 9/11 into America's building codes. My avocation has been aviation and military history. I am an avid builder of scale model airplanes and have a few on display in museums.

In the past, Warrington Township suffered greatly from extensive and not very well-planned growth. It has been an honor to use my lifetime of experience in planning and regulation at all levels of government to assist the Board of Supervisors in gaining control over unplanned growth. I chaired the committee which developed an entirely new zoning ordinance to replace the old one that served us so poorly. It is now an honor to serve with the Board of Supervisors and the Township's outstanding staff.



*William M. Connolly*

## **2021 Calendar** *Refer to Link Articles for locations*



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
Monday, May 3, 2021  
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Township Building



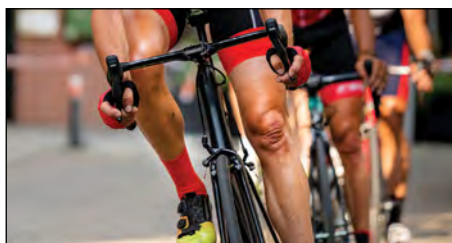
**DISTRICT SHREDDER EVENT**  
CBHS South, Saturday, May 15, 2021  
9:00 am - 11:00 am



**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**  
May 29, 2021 – 11:00 am @  
Igoe Porter Wellings Memorial Field



**WARRINGTON'S MARY BARNES  
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May 29 through September 6, 2021



**WARRINGTON CARES TRIATHLON**  
Sunday, September 12, 2021



**WARRINGTON COMMUNITY DAY**  
Saturday, September 25, 2021  
*(rain date: Sunday, September 26th)*



# The LINK

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## Warrington Township

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### Board of Supervisors

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William M. Connolly, *Member*  
Eileen Albillar, *Member*  
Mark E. Lomax, *Member*

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Lee Greenberg, *Director*

### Finance

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### Human Resources

Leslie Frescatore, *Director*

### Parks & Recreation

Andrew W. Oles, *Director*

### Planning/Special Projects

Roy W. Rieder, P.E., *Director, (Chief Zoning Officer)*

### Police Department

Daniel Friel, *Chief*

### Public Works

Joseph Knox, *Director*

### Township Administration

Barry P. Luber, *Township Manager*

Christian R. Jones,  
*Assistant Township Manager*

Barbara J. Livrone,  
*Executive Assistant to the  
Township Manager/Editor of the Link*

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

## 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.
Historic 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.
Barness Swim Club Advisory Committee	4th Thursday	5:30 p.m.
Veteran Affairs Committee	Last Monday	4:30 p.m.
Zoning Hearing Board	4th Monday	7:00 p.m.

## SIGN UP FOR E-LINK ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

The E-Link, Warrington Township's electronic newsletter is produced on a monthly basis. The Link will continue to be mailed quarterly.

Find out the latest information on upcoming events. Also find out about current or proposed developments or projects underway or being proposed. A schedule of special events 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](http://www.warringtontownship.org/HotTopics).**



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# FROM OUR SUPERVISOR

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

## The Light at the end of the Tunnel

Although 2021 started with chaos, it is hoped that we can see the faint glimmer of light at the end of the long-dark tunnel of 2020. Hopefully we are looking at the end of the Coronavirus Pandemic and the return to normalcy and trust in government. For many, the regrowth of the economy may be slow but positive. These issues are national in scope and there is very little that municipal government can do to influence them. Municipalities, however, are made up of people and the people are the ones who ultimately determine our destiny. While there has been a great deal of chaos and distrust at the National and even the State level, Warrington Township has been able to maintain a peaceful environment, with a controlled rate of growth and a feeling of security.

Here at home we are entering the off-year election season where Township, County and some State officials are competing for offices. Hopefully, the animosity that was prevalent during the recent national elections will be forgotten. Local candidates, regardless if they are Democrats, Republicans or Independents run for office with the idea that they can make a vital contribution to the good and welfare of the community. Some may enter the competition with a focus on a specific personal area of concern, but if, and when they get elected, they find themselves involved in all of the issues. As a voter, it is up to you to know the issues and how a candidate feels about them.

It won't be long now before the spring election season becomes active. Please treat these candidates and their representatives with the respect due to neighbors who are trying to contribute to the good of the Community. The "Other party" is a competitor, not "the enemy". This is not a war – this is democracy in action.



### VOTING INFORMATION

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY ..... TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

GENERAL ELECTION DAY ..... TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

If you have any further questions regarding which voting district you fall into or whether you are registered to vote, please call Voter Registration at (215) 348-6163. For more information on voting in Bucks County, apply for a mail-in ballot or inquiry about the new ClearBallot voting machines. Visit: [www.buckscounty.org/government/communityservices/boardofelections](http://www.buckscounty.org/government/communityservices/boardofelections). Please note the following District Locations are subject to approval by the Bucks County Commissioners.

DISTRICT	LOCATION
#1	Warrington Township Building, 852 Easton Road
#2,6 & 7	Central Bucks HS South, 1100 Folly Road.
#3	Warrington Fellowship Church, 1455 Coopers Lane
#4	Titus Elementary School, 2333 Lower Barness Road
#5	Warrington Fellowship Church, 1455 Coopers Lane
#8	Warrington Fire Company # 1, 2310 Freedoms Way

## CONTROLLING FUTURE GROWTH IN WARRINGTON

Like Comprehensive Plans before it, the 2018 Comprehensive Plan set optimistic goals for Warrington Township. Unlike many of the plans before it, the plan was accepted by the Board of Supervisors as goals for the future. Many of the predecessor plans were destined to gather dust on shelves rarely, if ever opened and read.



One of the major concerns that residents had was the seemingly uncontrolled growth in the Township. Unfortunately, the combination of a weak zoning code and aggressive developers took advantage of the Township. Those in charge were convinced that increased property values and income taxes would be highly beneficial. The problems created by increased traffic and loss of the "rural" landscapes were not anticipated.

**Growth cannot be stopped.** A property owner has the Constitutional right to develop his property and, if desired, to build homes on it as long as the Township's codes are complied with. State and Federal Laws prohibit a community from passing ordinances that are considered so restrictive that they infringe upon property rights.

In conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, a Committee of volunteers aided by the Bucks County Planning Commission has been working zealously to develop a new set of Township Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Codes. The Codes will control future development (and redevelopment). This document will be presented to the Public and the Planning Commission in early February for review and comment. After any changes are incorporated, the Board of Supervisors will make any final corrections before they become the long-awaited Chapters in the Township Code. These sections will ensure that all future development conforms to the Comprehensive Plan.

The public will have the opportunity to comment on the Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Codes.

# WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP

## 2020 ANNUAL REPORTS



Each department is submitting an abbreviated 2020 ANNUAL REPORT. To read each department's complete report, navigate to the following website link:  
[www.warringtontownship.org/departments/annual-reports/](http://www.warringtontownship.org/departments/annual-reports/).

### Board of Supervisors

**ANNUAL REPORT – 2020:** The Warrington Township Board of Supervisors submits the following annual report to the citizens and residents of Warrington Township in the spirit of transparency and keeping the public informed, Supplementary information can be found on the Warrington Township Website, ([www.warringtontownship.org](http://www.warringtontownship.org))

ELECTED OFFICIALS	TERM EXPIRES	TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONALS
Fred R. Gaines, Chair	12.31.23	Terry W. Clemons, Esquire
Ruth Schemm, Vice Chair	12.31.25	Thomas F. Zarko, P.E., Executive Vice President, CKS Engineers, Inc.
Eileen Albillar, Member	12.31.23	
Mark E. Lomax, Member	12.31.21	
Carol T. Baker Member	12.31.21	

#### MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Lion's Pride Park. The first multi-generational special needs park in the region.
- Township Police Station – Construction of a state-of-the art police facility.
- Construction of Major Trail – Trail extension from Stump Rd to Mill Creek Rd.
- Conservation Development – Increasing open space in the Township by > 200 Acres

**CITIZEN COMMITTEES:** The strength of the elected Board is dependent upon the great work performed by the citizen committees. Each committee operates independently and selects a Chairman. There is a Board Liaison assigned to ensure two-way communication and a staff member for support. Annual committee reports can be found on the Township website or are available for review.

COMMITTEE:	MEETINGS DURING YEAR	BOARD LIAISON	STAFF MEMBER
Bike & Hike Trails	3rd Wednesday of month		Andy Oles
Communications Advisory Board	6 times per year		Christian Jones
Environmental Advisory Council	1st Wednesday of month	Fred R. Gaines	Ivy Ross
Historic Commission	2nd Monday of month	Mark E. Lomax	
Mary Barness Community Pool Steering Committee	Monthly	Carol T. Baker	Andy Oles
Open Space & Land Preservation	2nd Wednesday of month	Ruth Schemm	Ivy Ross
Park & Recreation	4th Thursday of month	Ruth Schemm	Andy Oles
Pension Board	Quarterly	Fred R. Gaines & Eileen Albillar	Barry Luber & Amy Organek
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Thursday of month		Roy Rieder & Christian Jones
Veteran Affairs	Last Monday of month	Carol T. Baker	Jeanine Winslow
Zoning Hearing Board	4th Monday		Roy Rieder & Christian Jones

**GRANTS:** The Township has continued an aggressive policy of seeking funding from alternative sources to finance major projects. Successful applications this year included:

1. DVRPC - Segment B- Route 202 to Bradford Dam Trail
2. PECO Green Region Grant - Weisel Preserve
3. DCED - Trails and Greenways Grant - Lions Pride Boardwalk Trail
4. FEMA/PEMA Reimbursement for expenditures for supplies used to combat COVID-19. It was a 75/25% split with FEMA reimbursing for more. The reimbursement was in the amount of \$23,000.00
5. Pa State Fire Commissioner's Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 for equipment. Pa State Fire Commissioner's Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 for equipment expenses that were cut due to budget cuts for COVID-19.
6. RACP - Lions Pride Community Room- Round 2
7. Delaware Valley Property Liability Trust – Risk Control Grant Funding
8. Delaware Valley Workers Compensation Trust – Risk Control Grant Funding

**LAND DEVELOPMENT, SUBDIVISION AND REZONING APPLICATIONS:** The following activities were performed after a careful review by the Planning and other committees and in some cases by the quasi-judicial Zoning Hearing Board:

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT	DESCRIPTION
Parkview at Warrington (Illg)	Construction of 95 single family houses
Bhatka Land Development	Assisted living facility for memory care patients
Ball-Colibraro	Major subdivision.
2166 Street Road	Commercial office building
Valley Square, Phase I	Sketch plan for seven retail/banking/office buildings ranging from 3,000 sf to 7,700 sf.
High Grove Manor	107-unit townhouse development
High Grove Manor Amended Site Plan	Gas station and convenience store
Valley Gate	Muti-use shopping center and townhouse development
The Enclave @ Warrington (formerly known as Sandstone)	Construction of eight single family houses (one home is already existing).
Murphy Tract - 2934 Bristol Road	Sketch plan for cluster option and for TDR
Cardamone Major Subdivision and Re-zoning	Request for a major subdivision to create a total of 5 single family houses (including 2 existing houses)
RHH Holdings	Construction of 43-unit apartment building between Bristol Rd and Stagner Ave.
Grove Valley Farm (Pileggi Tract)	Major subdivision - 39 homes.
Eble	Eble major subdivision
WaWa - Easton Rd. and Maple Ave.	WaWa Conditional Use Plan Land Development Plan
Gorman Enterprises (Dunkin Donuts)	Construction of metal pole barn in the rear of the property.
Keene Tract Major Subdivision Sketch Plan Review - Webb Building Group	Create three new single family lots on Kelly Road and grant access to Kelly Road for one existing land-locked lot.
Shihadeh Minor Subdivision - Grady Avenue	Minor subdivision proposed on the paper street portion of Grady Avenue

## Board of Supervisors (continued)

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT	DESCRIPTION
Murphy Tract - 2934 Bristol Road	5-lot major subdivision using 2 TDRs
Wright Partners LLC	Land Development Plans (NTB/AutoZone)
Pathways at Warrington (Gloria Dei Communities)	Preliminary and final plans
Perry Farm at Warrington (Geerling's)	Major subdivision using TDRs to create a total of 49 lots (1 existing and 48 new lots) for single family detached dwellings.
Case Minor Subdivision	Minor subdivision on Street Road EB between Phillips Ave and Bradford Ave
Premier A-2 Self Storage Facility, 2071 County Line Rd	Land Development Plan for a self storage facility at the former Happy Tymes
PF Warrington LLC (Reichle property @ Easton Road and Crestwald Terrace)	Preliminary Subdivision/Land Development Plan to construct a medical office for walk-in patients.
Sloane Auto Group (Street Road and Easton Road)	Sketch plan to construct a Porsche-Audi car dealership
WaWa - Easton Road and Oxford Drive	
Farabee II Minor Subdivision - Evergreen Avenue	Minor subdivision on Evergreen Avenue, a paper street
Emersons Farms (Morrissey Tract)	Emerson Farms (Morrissey Tract)
Rita's Water Ice Sktech Plan	Rita's Water Ice Sketch Plan
Earthorne County Line and Titus	Preliminary and final land development
Flexible Circuits	Waiver of Land Development
WBG Properties, Philadelphia Ave	Concept plan for development of a non-conforming lot in Neshaminy Valley.
Grove Valley Farm (Pileggi Tract)	Conditional Use Application and Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan
Audax Properties, LLC	Minor subdivision plan
Barclay Elementary School	Land Development plan for a 4-classroom addition.
Park @ Westminster Apartments	Sketch plan to reconstruct community center and add 27 living units
Valley Square Re-development	
Montgomery Gardens	Conditional use application for a Conservation Residential Develop, and Preliminary Subdivision Plan
DeLuca	Age restricted development @ Street Road and Folly Road
Chipotle/Aspen Dental	Conditional use application for restaurant with drive thru
North Wales Water Authority	Operations center with 10,000 sf garage
Children's Learning Center	N/A
Villia Barolo	Sketch plan
New Age Industries	Waiver of Land Development
Camp America	Waiver of Land Development
Polysciences	Two Waivers of Land Development
Larkin-Steen Lot line change plan	Lot line change

### CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATIONS

CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION	DESCRIPTION
Children's Learning Corder	Proposed group child daycare for a maximum of 12 children
B-Nice LLC	Proposed drive-thru lane for Rita's Water Ice located at 29 Easton Road

### ZONING STATUS

ZONING APPLICATION	DESCRIPTION
Prime Development Group	Appeal of denial of a permit submitted without a Land Development Application
Chelak	Request for dimensional variance to allow a roofed deck to extend 7 feet into the minimum 30-foot rear yard setback.
Mancini	Request for a special exception to demolish a dilapidated house and construct a new one in its place. Request for a variance for front yard setback along a paper street and request for a variance for building coverage.
Chyko	Request for a special exception to construct a building on a non-conforming lot, dimensional variance for a side yard setback, dimensional variance for excess impervious area
Hedenus	Request for dimensional variance for buffer from a floodplain
Grau	Request for variance for excess impervious cover
Brasof	Special exception for an accessory apartment.
Walnut Creet Acquisitions, LP	Request for a variance to allow a conseration residential development on a tract containing 24.447 acres where the minimum tract size is otherwise 25 acres
North Wales Water Authority	Request for variance for required buffering, reduction in the number of required parking spaces, special exception to add 10,000 square foot accessory building
Rodgers	Special exception for an accessory apartment. Variance to allow an accessory apartment in a separate structure.
Patel	Variance for impervious cover
O.P Schuman (Earthborne)	Request for variance for signs and open space
McKeown	Variance for a roofed deck encroaching setback
Tevnan	Request for a variance to allow construction of an attached garage in the required side yard.
Chweiroth	Variance for a roofed deck encroaching setback
Neill	Request for a variance for excess impervious area
Premier A-2 Warrington, PA LLC	Sign variance
Shihadeh	Request to re-consider variance for impervious cover
Parsons	Variance for structure extending into a required setback
McNaney	Variance to establish an age-restricted community on a non-conforming lot
382 Easton Road LLC	Special exception to operate a school
Flores	Request for a variance for excess impervious area
Joseph	Request for a variance for excess impervious area
Sandow	Request for a variance for excess impervious area
Hotamov	Use variance to allow chickens in the R2 district
Kelly	Request for a variance for excess impervious area
Powell	Special exception for a solar array and accessory apartment; variance to allow an accessory apartment in a structure other than the principle residence.
Cardamone	Multiple variances to enable a 5-lot subdivision
Shimp	Request for a variance for excess impervious area.
Braccia	Variance for excess impervious area; special exception to construct a building on a non-conforming lot.
Ball	Variance to allow an accessory apartment in a structure other than the principal dwelling.



## Board of Supervisors (continued)

### REPRESENTATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Natural Lands Trust Presentation for Pickertown Road Feasibility Study  
Presentation of outgoing Boards/Commissions/Committees Volunteers  
Recognition of Eagle Scout Daniel Haschets  
Presentation of Warrington Cares Donations to Charities  
Presentation of 2019 Financial Audit  
Presentation of Eagle Scout Nathan Painter  
202 Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Concord Public Financing to Refinance 2013 Bond Issue  
Presentation of Boards/Commissions/Committees Annual Reports  
Presentation of Warrington Cares Scholarship Winners  
Presentation of Warrington Rotary Club  
Presentation of Dysautonomia Awareness Month  
Lions Pride Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
Police Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:** During 2020, eleven (11) Ordinances and sixty seven (67) Resolutions were passed. These can be found on the township's website listed under Codes and Ordinances.

## Administration Department

**OVERVIEW:** The Administration Department consists of the Township Manager, the Assistant Township Manager and the Executive Assistant to the Township Manager. The Administration Department is responsible for implementing the policies put in place by the Board of Supervisors and overseeing the daily operations of all departments.

### 2020 INITIATIVES/PROGRAMS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **NEW POLICE STATION:** Construction was completed on a new 18,000 square foot state-of-the-art Police Station. The station features a high-tech prisoner processing center, a "hoteling" office for collaboration with outside agencies, and an in-house training center. This was the largest construction project in Township history.
- **LIONS PRIDE PARK:** a new multi-generational park with features for people with special needs was completed in 2020. Through a fundraising campaign and grants received, the township was able to raise almost \$1.8 million of the \$2.5 million cost of the park. A phone App was developed for this park which allows patrons to navigate and learn more about the park through the App. This is especially beneficial for the visually impaired.
- **RT. 202 TO BRADFORD DAM WALKING TRAIL:** a new segment was constructed and opened in 2020. This portion of the trail begins on Stump Rd and ends at Mill Creek Rd and includes a pedestrian bridge over the Mill Creek.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** a new initiative began in 2020 with the production of Facebook videos highlighting Township Projects. Videos were broadcast on Facebook for the construction of Lions Pride Park and the construction of the Police Station.
- **GFOA DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD:** Warrington received this award for the second year in a row.
- **TOWNSHIP BOND RATING:** The Township was upgraded from Aa2 to Aa1 which will allow the township to borrow money for capital projects at a lower interest rate. Moody's recognized that the Township's fiscal policies, management, and conservative budgeting have, in part, led to the strong financial position we are in. Other factors that caused our rating to climb were a growing tax base, a higher than medium wealth, low pension liability and healthy Fund Balance.
- **DCED FIRE SERVICES STUDY:** A study was completed by the PA Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCED) to assist the Township in improving Fire Services to the residents and businesses of Warrington Township. A committee was formed to review the recommendations in the study and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for implementation.

## Finance Department

**OVERVIEW:** The Finance Department is comprised of the Director of Finance, Assistant Director of Finance, and Accounts Payable/Receivable Coordinator. The Department is responsible for all accounting activities, audit coordination, budget, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, purchasing, cash management & investments, financial statements, purchasing, insurance, pension administration, and assistance with employee benefits.

- **NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Former Finance Director Karen Palmer left the township in March, 2020 and new Finance Director John Marcarelli started with the township in June, 2020.
- **PAYROLL CONVERSION:** A new payroll processing firm was selected and the conversion to the new vendor, Accupay, was carried out over December to facilitate a full calendar year (2021) being with the new payroll service provider. New payroll procedures are being put into place to streamline the process and minimize processing errors.
- **GFOA BUDGET AWARD:** The Finance Department submitted the 2020 budget document for consideration of the Government Finance Officers Association's "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award." The Township once again received the award for the annual budget document!
- **NEW BOND ISSUE:** In coordination with the Township Manager's office, a new bond issue (*to refinance a previous bond issue*). The Township saved approximately \$402,772.
- **WORKING REMOTELY:** Finance staff developed the ability to work remotely to be able to stay on top of day to day work while working from home. As the COVID 19 pandemic stretches into 2021, that ability to work virtually will be of continuing value.
- **ESCROW ADMINISTRATION:** Began reconciling escrow accounts and formalizing procedures for escrow management.

## Human Resources Department

**HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR:** The Human Resources Department has accomplished the following in 2020:

- **A Health/Wellness Safety Program:** 2020 involved Health and Wellness in person and virtual lunch and learns for employees as well as virtual presentations on financial wellness. In addition, employees may have been eligible to receive reimbursements for qualifying events.
- **Created job descriptions** for new positions and updated job descriptions as needed.
- **Created an Employee Evaluation Program** in 2019, which was implemented in 2020.
- **Vice President of the Safety Committee** to ensure employees are working in a safe and healthy environment by implementing safety measures.
- **Co-Secretary for the Human Resources** Montgomery County Consortium.
- **Worked with the police** regarding issues, questions and concerns with Benefits.
- **Created Policies and provided assistance with policies** that were implemented such as the COVID-19 Policy and the Telecommuting/Working from Home Policy.
- **Researched and switched benefit providers** for HSA/HRA/FSA/DCA for 2021.
- **Coordinated an onsite Flu Vaccination event** for employees and their dependents.
- **Implemented a new training platform** for employees and supervisors which involves access to training courses for employees to take as well as department heads can schedule training and track the training for their departments.
- **Recruiting/Interviews/Onboarding:** Due to COVID-19, Human Resources had to change the way we operate in many ways but especially with Recruiting/Onboarding. Human Resources was able to recruit, interview, and hire employees virtually. This resulted in a smooth transition allowing department openings to be filled as well as for the Mary Barness Community Pool to be staffed in the summer.

## Planning and Zoning Department

Throughout the year of 2020, an Ad-Hoc Committee has been working on a total revision of the township zoning ordinance. Goals of the revisions include making the township a more livable community, managing the types of growth along the arterial roads in the township, promoting mixed uses to make the township more pedestrian friendly, and to reduce the need for appeals to the Zoning Hearing Board by restoring as nearly as possible the original zoning standards for subdivisions that have subsequently been re-zoned into more restrictive zoning districts.



## Public Works Department

**OVERVIEW:** Public Works consists of a Director who oversees the daily operations of the department, 10 full-time employees, 9 part-time and seasonal employees and 1 part-time administrative assistant. The Warrington Township Department of Public Works is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Warrington Township by providing the highest quality of services possible. Our commitment to the community during this difficult year was unwavering. Public Works services to the community go beyond normal daily maintenance, we are responsible for the maintenance of over 83 miles of Township Roads, Traffic Signs, Township Parks and Tot Lots, Storm Water Systems, Storm Water Catch Basins, Buildings and Facility Maintenance and Construction, Mary Barness Pool facilities, as well as Fleet Maintenance. Warrington Township's mechanical shop is as busy as ever. Our Chief mechanic John Gross services, inspects and repairs fleet vehicles for the Warrington Police Department, Township Administration, Licenses and Inspections, Fire Marshal's office, as well as our enormous fleet of trucks and equipment.

**AWARDS – EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR RUNNER-UP:** Warrington Township selects dedicated, outstanding employees from all of the departments throughout Warrington Township. Every winner, whether the employee of the year or each departments runner up, demonstrates a professional work ethic that goes well beyond the expected. Warrington Township's runner-up Employee of the Year at Public Works for 2020 was Charles Winslow. Mr. Winslow's quality of work reflects a high professional standard and a commitment to quality assurance.

### OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT - PUBLIC WORKS HAS PROVIDED EAC ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT 2020

- **Our personnel assisted** with the planting of several hundred trees throughout the 2020 calendar year.
- **140 trees planted** at the stormwater retention basin at Folly and Pickertown.
- **Signs were installed on the Rt. 202 parkway trail system**, known as the Bradford Dam connector trail, segment A trail.
- **1,650 Pachysandra plants** were planted along the northern side of the 202 parkway trail system.
- **Placed EAC informational signs** at various locations and looking ahead to 2021, our shop has a plethora of signage for John Paul Park, as well as signage for the Township's walking trails.
- **New bushes were planted** all along the walking trail adjacent to Red Coat Farm Drive. This trail is slated to be repaved in 2021.
- **Applied an anti-slip surface** to the walking trail boardwalk area adjacent to the Township's Police Headquarters. This path runs from Lower Barness Road to Chatfield Road and is mostly used by Titus Elementary school children.
- **Barclay basin spill box** was cleaned out. An accumulation of miscellaneous trash, twigs and log debris was removed to increase the efficiency of the unit.

### PARKS AND RECREATION ASSISTANCE

- **TOT LOT AND TOWNSHIP PARKS INSPECTED:** Our Certified Park and Tot Lot personnel inspected all of the townships parks and playgrounds throughout the Township. Improvements, as well as overall maintenance was performed during these inspections.
- **TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS:** Tropical storm Isaias created severe weather throughout the region. Flash floods, tree damage and power outages were constant and kept us engaged. Various township roads were closed as a result of down trees and high water. John Paul Park, at Lower Nike was littered with downed trees. Significant work was required to clean up the trail system and remove all of the mud and trees.
- **MARY BARNESS COMMUNITY POOL:** Public Works replaced approximately 500 feet of schedule 80 plastic piping at the swim club. This deteriorating pipe supply line supplied water to the baby pool and back to the pump house filtration system. Mary Barness Community Pool experienced a major filtration pump failure. The malfunctioning pump closed the pool for two days while personnel removed and replaced the pump. New swim club signs were installed at three different locations. One was placed at the intersection of Freedoms Way and Liberty, Easton Road and Freedoms Way and one was placed on the face of the club house.
- **LIONS PRIDE PARK:** Lions Pride Park took center stage towards the end of 2020. Public Works provided an overabundance of support for a successful grand opening of this beautiful park. The parking lot was re-graded and repaired. Contracts were awarded and work monitored on the construction of a new roof for the concrete bathroom and activities pavilion. Trees were extensively trimmed, grills and hammocks installed, sewer pipe repairs made and two dog supply stations placed along the walking trail. Picnic tables and grills were assembled and concrete pillars poured for installations. New electrical wiring for the pavilion and security cameras. The installation of a park library and signs throughout the park is only a partial list of the efforts involved. Installed a concrete pad outside the bathrooms for ADA easy access. This will make the entranceway wheelchair accessible. Damaged tennis net poles were replaced at Lions Pride Park. This in addition to a few other minor improvements will enhance the recreational experience at Lions Pride Park.
- **JOHN PAUL PARK AT LOWE NIKE:** A 50' section of concrete stormwater piping was replaced at the entrance to John Paul Park. This will eventually be connected to the stormwater system currently being installed by Toll Brothers all along that section of Folly Road.
- **WILLOW KNOLL TOT LOT:** Willow Knoll tot lot safety improvements were completed. A cushion was added to both sides of the elevated bridge play structure to reduce the potential of injury. Tot lot warning signs were added cautioning parents the age recommendations and the need for adult supervision.

### BARNESS PARK:

- **Extensive fencing restorations** were addressed throughout the facility.
- **Infield mix deliveries (40 tons)** were made to Baseball and Softball infield pits.
- **Renovated and painted** the restrooms at the park.
- **Restroom heaters** installed.

### STORMWATER JOBS:

- **Repaired a major sinkhole** that appeared adjacent to Bond Beverage. The hole was excavated and repaired.
- **At the request of CKS Engineering, a Stream bed obstruction (large dead trees) were removed** from a creek adjacent to the housing development. This obstruction reportedly caused flooding during inclement weather.
- **Defective stormwater c-top and m-top stormwater collection tops** were replaced on the following roads: Spring Meadow, Woodspring, Sunny Brook Cir, Morning Walk, Park View Cir, Evening Walk.

### SPECIAL PROJECTS:

- **Public Works personnel are currently involved in an extensive renovations project of the former Police Department headquarters.** The renovations will almost double the current size of the Township Administration's office space. The Licenses and Inspections and Codes Department currently housed in the basement will benefit from the new offices. Those departments will move into the newly renovated side once completed in early 2021.
- **Our personnel installed four pedestrian crosswalks** on Oxford Drive in Willow Knoll, along with appropriate signage. These crosswalks will provide an added measure of safety for the children as they walk to and from the playground.
- **Public Works declared a special earth day at Willow Knoll** this past year, where extensive piles of discarded furniture, television sets, mattresses and misc. household goods were removed and disposed of.
- **Removal of trash and debris** including a 100 gallon oil tank from the 66 acres of newly acquired open space property adjacent to the Public Works facility. This trash dump along with two tree mounted deer stands were identified by the open space committee.
- **Plexiglas dividers** were installed throughout the township administration offices for social distancing and personnel safety due to COVID-19.

Thank you for investing your time to read about the efforts put forth by our Public Works Staff. Going forward, Public Works will continue to focus on our goals and manage projects in a cost efficient manner. We look forward to providing an exceptional service to you in 2021.

## Department of Emergency Services (DES)

**OVERVIEW:** The Department of Emergency Services is comprised of a Director, 3 full-time firefighters (1 Battalion Chief, two firefighters), Fire Marshal, 16 part-time firefighters, and an administrative assistant. There are four firefighters assigned to a Rescue Engine and a supervisor assigned to the Special Service Vehicle Monday through Friday from 6:30 am until 4:30 pm.

- **THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC:** As Emergency Management is part of the Department of Emergency Services, the Pandemic became part of our everyday routine. The DES became the liaison between our public safety partners in Warrington Township (Warrington Fire Company, Warrington Police, Warrington Community Ambulance) and the Bucks County Department of Public Safety. We coordinated the logistics of receiving PPE and supplies from the county, as well as purchasing from vendors, then providing it to our administration and our Public Safety Partners. In addition, we handled the grant and reimbursement opportunities that were made available by FEMA and PEMA. It is important to note that during the height of it, we lost many members of our part-time staff who eventually returned. This was due to their full-time employers not allowing them to work for other services. This became a burden on the DES, as it caused staff shortages.
- **AERIAL APPARATUS PURCHASE:** The Board of Supervisors approved the formation of a joint apparatus committee (comprised of volunteer members and career staff) to investigate the replacement of the existing Ladder 29, a 2004 rear mount E-one aerial. It is experiencing rusting and mechanical issues that would be extremely costly to repair. The committee worked through the year, invited every manufacturer in for a demonstration that builds the type of apparatus that was selected by the committee, and wrote a build spec to send to selected vendors. In January 2021 the recommendation was given to the Board of Supervisors in the form of a presentation. The recommended apparatus was approved for purchase and the process has started.
- **STATISTICS:** In 2020, the Department of Emergency Services responded to 265 fire or rescue calls and 141 EMS Calls. In addition, there were 1130 fire or life safety inspections conducted. Our fire inspection totals, as well as our emergency call totals are lower than what was anticipated due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. From mid-March to July 15 we did not conduct any fire inspections. Fire and emergency calls were also low due to people being home and not at work. There was less traffic, and people were scared to call for EMS, unless they absolutely felt they needed to.
- **FIRE PREVENTION AND OUTREACH:** Due to the pandemic, outreach was at an all-time low. We were able to visit one school to conduct a distanced fire prevention program. In addition to fire and life safety, the Department of Emergency Services also offers free of charge, car seat installation and evaluation. In 2020, they consulted on 21 car seat installations. This amount of car seat inspections is fewer than half of 2019. We attribute this to the pandemic, as well.
- **EMS RESPONSES:** Even though overall EMS responses were low for the year, we responded and cared for a lot of people either having symptoms, or that were diagnosed with COVID-19. We responded, and assisted Warrington Ambulance with clean-up and disinfection after potential COVID contact. This was necessary, to keep the risk of our EMS partners safer, as their contact with these patients was prolonged due to transport necessity. Often, medic units from station 129 would come to Station 78, the fire crews would don their PPE and spray the ambulance and assist in the disinfection process. This helped to limit the down time of the ambulances thus getting them back in service quicker.
- **TRAINING:** Training was conducted as often as possible when time permitted. Special consideration was given to work on areas of Fire/Rescue/EMS that we respond to, or have the potential to respond to regularly. Training is the backbone of emergency services. In 2020, most of the outside training was cancelled. This provided the local fire academy an opportunity to start an "online school." The members of the Department of Emergency Services took total advantage of this. The full-time employees also attended a seminar on "Tower Ladder" operations. We felt this would be extremely advantageous, since at the time the apparatus committee was leaning towards recommending a mid-mount aerial platform for purchase.
- **FIRE SERVICE STUDY:** In the spring of 2019 Warrington Township contracted with the DCED to conduct a study of the services provided in the area of fire protection to the residents and business owners of Warrington Township. During the summer of 2020 the study was completed and presented to the Township. There were 11 "considerations" offered as a result of the study. As a result, a committee was formed by the Board of Supervisors to look at these considerations. That effort is still ongoing with progress being made.

## Code Enforcement

**OVERVIEW:** The Code Enforcement Department is comprised of the Director, Chief Permit Administrator, the Emergency Services Administrative Assistant, Fire Marshal, 2 part-time code enforcement inspectors, the Residential Building Inspector, and the Commercial Building Inspector.

- **STATISTICS:** 2020 was a busy year for Code Enforcement even in the middle of a pandemic. 1,092 permits were issued which is up from 2019 when 1,056 permits were issued. The staff conducted 2,295 inspections on the issued permits. These inspections included: construction permits, fire permits for alarm and fire sprinkler construction, use and occupancy (both residential and commercial), and rental inspections. In addition, there were an abundance of code enforcement inspections addressing complaints through the township complaint system.
- **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMPLAINTS:** Each year the township receives an abundance of complaints regarding property maintenance. It is important to understand that although each complaint is investigated, sometimes there is nothing that the Township can do as the issue is not a violation of any law or ordinance.
- **TRAINING:** Due to the pandemic all in-person training was cancelled. Online training took place when applicable.

## Police Department



New Police Facility

- **State of the Art new police facility:** Police moved into their new state of the art 18,500 square foot facility located at 2330 Lower Barness Road in the newly named Warrington Township Municipal complex.
- **50 Years of Service:** Police are celebrating our 50th Anniversary of distinguished service to the Warrington Community.
- **COVID Pandemic:** Police remained healthy during the entire 2020 year. No COVID cases, loss of work or any claims related to COVID 19. Police established health and safety protocols early on and had a detailed contingency operations plan and reorganization of patrol operations.
- **County Wide Police COVID-19 Taskforce:** All police chiefs worked together and signed a mutual aid agreement for legal purposes based on the recommendation of the District Attorney for the duration of this pandemic. If Warrington Police were hit with the Coronavirus, then officers from anywhere in the county can come in Warrington and take over. This also allows Warrington officers to enforce the law anywhere in the county should the request for assistance be made.
- **Police Contacts and Incidents Reports:** Just under 15,000 reports. Police have documented contacts via citation or warning with around 4000 citizens.
- **Criminal Incidents and Arrests:** 553 criminal incidents and 471 arrests.
- **Major Crimes:** In 2020, Detectives investigated 9 reported ChildLine incidents (child abuse or neglect cases), 14 Sex crimes, 9 major felony crimes (Robbery, Drug Delivery, Firearms, Elder Abuse, Animal Abuse, Arson, Reckless Endangerment, Bank Wire Fraud,) not categorized as (Sexual Assaults). Detectives executed 28 search warrants as a result of their investigations and sent in 68 DNA submissions, assisted 8 outside agencies with major crimes investigations.
- **Detective Division continued:** Assisted the patrol division on 60 part II crime investigations, conducted 9 background investigations, solved 3 missing person cases where persons were located safely, 2 Megan's Law community nominations, 4 cybercrime investigations, and destroyed approx. 90 firearms through the legal process.
- **Accident Investigations:** Police investigated 595 accidents in 2020. The total number of accidents dropped significantly from 2019.
- **Overdose incidents:** Police administered opioid reversal medication called Narcan on 5 people in 2020. 5 lives were saved.

## Police Department (continued)

- **Mental health / Well Being / Crisis Responses:** police handled a record 312 incidents for 2020 which had been a challenging year for everyone. Just under a one a day average.
  - **K9 Activity:** participated in 4 community service details. They have been called out on 22 outside assists and 10 Warrington assists. Completed 28 searches. There were no accidental contacts or Use of Force incidents.
  - **Police K9 updates:** K9 Jolie obtained her National Odor Recognition Testing (NORT) in explosive detection. K9 Murphy obtained his North American Police Work Dog Assoc. (NAPWDA) certification in Narcotics Detection. Both K9s have dual certifications in their trained scents.
  - **K9 Facebook:** now has about 3500 likes and 3700 followers. Many Recommendations for this page!
- New Programs**
- The Autism Event - is a series of autism events. There are some useful resources provided, for both those with Autism and for Law Enforcement responding to someone with autism.
  - Online Police reporting – One of the first municipalities to launch this program in Bucks County early on during the pandemic.
  - Social Media outreach - Police have been expanding their social media outreach. Now requests can be made for assistance for the Community Advisory Team through CRIMEWATCH. We also have a Camera registry, Commend an Officer, Premise Notifications and Right to know requests all through our webpage. Check us out on CRIMEWATCH!
  - K9 Community Service – Officer Plum and K9 Murphy did several storybook reading time recordings that were posted on our social media during the pandemic. Officer Blanchard and K9 Jolie worked on several mazes and puzzles for the children.
  - Rotary Club Partnership – Free swim club passes handed out to residents and people in need by police. Paid for by the Rotary Club to help improved Police Community Relationships.
  - Community Advisory Team (CAT) - Chief Friel has established a select group of officers to respond to community events, public speaking engagements, tours, and other activities. To request a team member, go to our CRIMEWATCH page, navigate to "FORMS", and go to "C.A.T. Request Form".
- **Safest Cities to Live in PA:** Multiple sources have Warrington Township ranked in the top 100 safest cities to live in PA once again for the second straight year. This year, according to one source we ranked 45th out of 2929 Cities and Townships scored with a population over 10,000 linking Warrington Township significantly below national averages for recorded crime rates..
  - **Community Support:** Chief Friel received a request through the Warrington Community FACEBOOK for community support police signs. Almost 600 have been distributed. Signs were paid for through donations. Police continued throughout the year to receive thank you cards, snacks, and lunches.
  - **BPAIR Series Expansion Initiative:** Chief Friel representing Warrington Police helped promote a countywide expansion of Bucks County Police Assisting in Recovery (BPAIR) program. Police Chief's along with the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, and several treatment and rehab facilities collaborated on this. The goal is to expand the police departments in Bucks County participating from five to twenty. Warrington Police were 2nd in Bucks County and have been running this program for 3 years now. We have helped three other agencies so far get up and running. The Warrington Township Police are taking an active role in helping people deal with opioid and other drug addictions.
  - **Warrington Most Wanted Fugitive Captured:** The police departments most wanted fugitive from justice has been located in Delaware. Special thanks to the US Marshal's service for locating him. The fugitive has been on the run since 2018. His crimes are related to a sexual assault.
  - **Intergovernmental cooperation Act – County Line Road:** Warrington and Montgomery Townships executed an agreement to allow each department to enforce the traffic laws on either side of County Line Road. County Line Road between Lower State and Upper State has been area where police in both jurisdictions are receiving numerous traffic complaints.
  - **Racial Intelligence Leadership Training:** Chief Friel, Lieutenant Meditz, Lieutenant Gottenberg, and Sgt. Stebner completed this training. Warrington Township is one of the first departments in Bucks County to complete this training. Chief Friel reports that this Leadership Training is important and will help reinforce our values of having a professional bias-free workplace while continuing to build our community trust.
  - **Racial Intelligence Training and Engagement (RITE) Instructor Development:** Chief Friel selected School Resource Officer Robert Bell, a senior level officer, to obtain certification to become a RITE Instructor. This training will expand upon our already existing implicit bias and de-escalation training. This training included professional workplace behavior standards and cultural awareness.



## DEDICATION OF NEW POLICE STATION

Warrington Township Board of Supervisors dedicated a new police station located at 2330 Lower Barness Road on November 13, 2020.

The police department outgrew their building at 852 Easton Road and a ground breaking ceremony was held on June 13, 2019 for the construction of the new 18,000 square foot police station.

Warrington Township's new police station is a state-of-the-art facility specifically designed to enhance police operations; featuring a high-tech prisoner processing center, a "hoteling" office for collaboration with outside agencies, and an in-house training center.

The \$8.5 million building was paid for in part by a grant totaling \$1 million from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project.

The police department also celebrated its 50th year anniversary during the ribbon cutting ceremony with a time capsule that include decades of police memorabilia to be installed in one of the walls at the new station.



Left to Right: Lt. Rob Meditz; Lt. Glen Gottenberg; State Senator Maria Collett; Supervisor Carol T. Baker; cutting the ribbon is Chief Dan Friel; Supervisor Chair Fred R. Gaines and State Representative Todd Polinchock. Behind Senator Collett are Supervisor Eileen Albillar and Supervisor Vice Chair Ruth Schemm.



## Parks and Recreation

- **PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS:** Replaced the old Bradford Dam trail head sign with a new updated sign. The roof of the bird blind in John Paul Park was replaced by a Girl Scout completing her Gold Award. The new folly road crossing was completed making a safer means to cross Folly road between Upper and Lower Nike Parks. Replaced tennis net and posts at Lions Pride Park as well as painted the restrooms and new roofs on both the pavilion and restroom building.
- **WARRINGTON'S MARY BARNES COMMUNITY POOL:** The 2020 swim season was different than any other summer. Due to the pandemic we had to adjust our operations to open in a safe manner. This meant no special events, rentals, swim lessons, furniture, or parties and of course our painted 10 foot boxes. The management and staff adjusted to the situation and we were able to open for the season when other facilities did not. We were so very glad on our decision to open and provide a venue for our residents and members to enjoy a bit of "normal" in a crazy, stressful time. We fixed a leak from the baby pool and replaced a motor as if the virus wasn't enough and a new facility sign was added on the corner of Freedoms Way and Liberty. All that said, we are looking to rebound and are planning for a 2021 season with all of the fun, events, and excitement that we deserve.
- **LIONS PRIDE PARK:** 2020 saw the completion of Phase One of Lions Pride Park with a Ribbon cutting ceremony held in October. The park has been packed almost every day and all of the amenities are seeing good use. People of all ages have been enjoying our newest park. The next phase of Lions Pride Park is the conversion of the pond to a wetland habitat and is in the design phase. This will add more walking trails and boardwalks through a wetland environment where users will be able to observe wildlife in its natural environment.
- **202 BYPASS TRAIL SEGMENT "A":** We completed segment "A" and officially opened it in October. This segment connects us to the 202 "circuit" and is the start of us having a trail from 202 to Bradford dam. This section is .83 miles and is perfect for running, biking and walking from mill creek road to 202.



## WARRINGTON'S MARY BARNES COMMUNITY POOL WILL BE OPENING FOR THE SUMMER OF 2021 AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SEASON!

Early Bird discounted rates run through April 15, 2021.

REGISTER: [WWW.WARRINGTONREC.COM](http://WWW.WARRINGTONREC.COM)

- Our goal for this summer is to bring back all of the fun, amenities, and programs that have been a regular part of your summer experience.
- We will be putting out all of our new furniture, but you still can bring your own.
- The game room will be back open to enjoy a little fun out of the sun.
- Concession stand operations will be back to normal with seating available.
- Swim lessons will return.
- Entry should be back to normal with both member and non-member windows to speed up check-in.
- We will continue to have seasonal picnic table rentals (first come, first serve \$85 for the season).
- Playground, volleyball, and gaga pit will all be back open for use.
- We will still have hand sanitization stations for your use and we do ask that all patrons do follow all of the pool rules and regulations.
- Please understand that we will still be required to follow state and county guidelines and will make any changes and adjustments needed to remain open in the safest manner possible.

### I.D.'S WILL REACTIVATE FOR RETURNING MEMBERS.

New member's I.D.'s can be picked up at the township administration building, 852 Easton Rd., Warrington (215) 343-9350 prior to the start of the season. I.D.'s will be at the swim club to pick up starting May 29 – 31, June 5 – 6 and June 12th forward.

## 2020 VOLUNTEERS

### WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP VALUES ITS VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Supervisors recognizes the new volunteers for 2020 listed below and expresses thanks to the outgoing volunteers listed below:

#### Welcome to Incoming Volunteers

Veronica Ferrante, *Bike & Hike Trails Committee*  
Bernadette Potts-Semel, *Communications Advisory Board*  
Amy Crasto, *Environmental Advisory Council*  
Vinobha Pannerselvam, *Environmental Advisory Council*  
Michael DeMaria, *Historic Commission*  
Kathy Newcomb, *Historic Commission*  
Joanne Mancini, *Parks and Recreation Board*  
Michael Simone, *Pension Advisory Board*  
Barbara Brown, *Open Space & Land Preservation Committee*

#### Thank You to Outgoing Volunteers

Vinobha Pannerselvam, *Bike & Hike Trails Committee*  
Tom Lorditch, *Historic Commission*  
Joan Klein, *Veteran Affairs Committee*



*If you are interested in volunteering, please check out the township's website and complete an application.*

## Some Dirty Plastic Facts...

- Americans use 100 billion plastic bags a year, which require 12 million barrels of oil to manufacture.
- The average American family takes home almost 1,500 plastic shopping bags a year.
- According to Waste Management, only 1 percent of plastic bags are returned for recycling. That means that the average family only recycles 15 bags a year; the rest end up in landfills or as litter.
- Up to 80 percent of ocean plastic pollution enters the ocean from land.
- At least 267 different species have been affected by plastic pollution in the ocean.
- 100,000 marine animals are killed by plastic bags annually.
- One in three leatherback sea turtles have been found with plastic in their stomachs.
- It takes 500 (or more) years for a plastic bag to degrade in a landfill. Unfortunately, the bags don't break down completely but instead photo-degrade, becoming microplastics that absorb toxins and continues to pollute the environment.



## Get Ready For Spring!

Join with the Warrington Environmental Advisory Council (WEAC) and get ready for spring! Clean and sharpen your gardening tools. Set up your rain barrels. If you want to make your own rain barrel visit the WEAC Facebook page to download plans on how to make your own rain barrel.

Start planning your garden and other plantings. The WEAC has developed a recommended list of plants, shrubs and trees. To utilize this tool, go to [warringtontownship.org](http://warringtontownship.org) – Advisory boards – Environmental Advisory Council and look for the recommended plant list. A lot of hard work and research went into creating this up-to-date list of native plants, shrubs and trees that will survive and thrive in our climate. This winter has been a mix of snow and sun; no one knows what summer will bring. Native plants offer a history of survival in our variable climate area which will save the property owner money in the long run.

While cleaning up your gardens and property, check for invasive plant species like Multiflora Rose, Bamboo and Purple Loosestrife. Some invasive plants look nice, but will over run your property and choke out other plants. Yard waste can be taken to the Tradesville site off of Pickertown Road on the first seven days of every month. The yard waste will be composted. *The hours for yard waste drop off are dawn to dusk. Please note that plastic and/or paper bags will not be accepted and all yard waste must be dumped into the bin. Black walnut wood is still not being accepted due to a quarantine order signed August 10, 2011.*

## Soil Test for Lush Green Gardens and Lawns

When gardeners apply only as much fertilizer as is necessary, nutrient runoff into surface or ground water is minimized and natural resources are conserved.

- A **soil test** is a process by which elements (phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, sodium, sulfur, manganese, copper and zinc) are chemically removed from the soil and measured for their “plant available” content within the sample. The quantity of available nutrients in the sample determines the amount of fertilizer that is recommended. A soil test also measures soil pH, humic matter and exchangeable acidity. These analyses indicate whether lime is needed and, if so, how much to apply.
- **Take a soil sample a few months before starting any new landscaping** - whether you're laying sod, starting a vegetable garden, putting in a flower bed, or planting perennials. If the soil test report recommends lime, you will have enough time to apply it and the *soil pH will adjust before you plant*.
- **Sample established areas** - lawns, trees, shrubbery, and other perennials—once every three or four years. You can sample at any time of year; however, mid-August through mid-September is an ideal time to take samples for cool-season grasses, such as fescue, bluegrass, and ryegrass. By sampling at this time, you can be ready to apply lime in the fall.

*Soil test kits may be purchased from the Penn State Extension @ 267-483-2020 or from commercial firms or garden centers that stock kits for the convenience of their customers.*



# RAIN GARDENS

Rain gardens are shallow, depressed gardens design to capture runoff and allow the water to infiltrate into the soil or be used by plants rather than allowing the water to runoff into the streets, storm drains and nearby streams. Rain gardens are a simple, inexpensive way to help reduce runoff and keep pollutants from flowing into the streams and rivers. Rain gardens have many benefits including:

- Filtering pollutants from runoff
- Conserving water from reduced irrigation
- Reduce mosquito breeding areas
- Create habitat for birds and butterflies
- Recharging groundwater
- Removing areas with standing water
- Increase beneficial insects that eliminate pests
- Reduce garden maintenance

## Where is a good location for a Rain Garden?

Find a low area in your yard that is at least 10 feet away from the house foundation and 25 feet away from septic system drain field or well head. The best locations are in partial to full sun.

## Rain Garden Plants

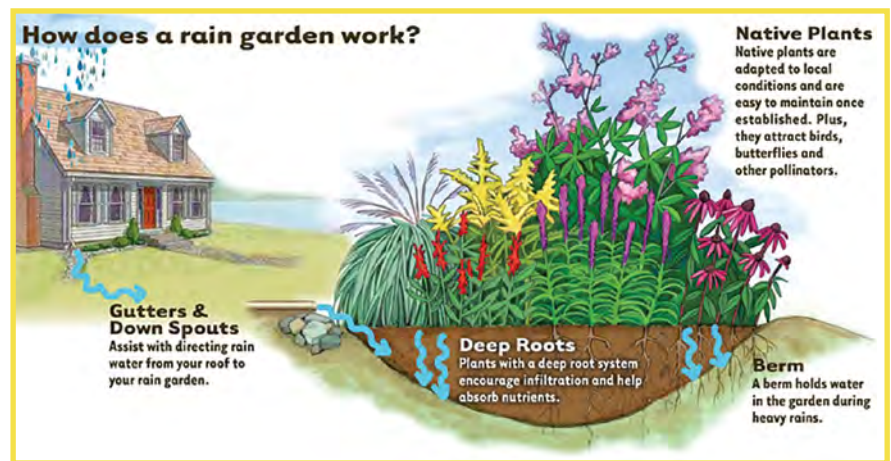
Rain gardens should be planted with easy-to-maintain native plants. Native plants will require less watering to become established. Since the plants will be in a low area, make sure the plants can withstand wet soil for up to 24 hours. After planting, weeding may be needed until the plants become established. Your rain garden may need a bit more maintenance than a lawn in the beginning, but in the long run it will be easier to care for and provide many added benefits.

## More Information on Rain Gardens

There are many resources for rain garden design and plant selection. Below are a few websites that can help:

- Penn State Extension: <https://extension.psu.edu/an-introduction-to-rain-gardens>
- PA Environmental Council: <https://pecpa.org/wp-content/uploads/Water-Resources-Create-Your-Rain-Garden.pdf>
- Stormwater PA: <http://www.stormwaterpa.org/raingarden.html>

For any questions regarding stormwater or to report any pollutants entering the storm sewer system or a stream, please call the Township at 215-343-9350.



## HAVE FUN! ENJOY ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES AT LIONS PRIDE PARK!

Lions Pride Park opened in October of 2020 at 3129 Bradley Road (former site of The Twin Oaks Camp). This all-inclusive park and playground has something for everyone. The main activity areas are the Toll Brothers grove, Lindy Communities Kids Mountain, and the music alcove. The grove is the perfect spot for a quiet relaxing game of chess or checkers and there are plenty of chairs and benches to sit and read a good book. Also, in the grove there will be several hammocks to enjoy in the warmer months. Kids Mountain has five slides of different lengths for children of all ages. The Mountain also features a walking path to the top that is accessible by individuals of any ability. Other ways to the top are a rope ladder and a couple of stairways. You can always just run up the side of the hill for the more adventurous at heart. There is a small mountain connected to the Kids Mountain by a rope bridge and it has climbing and sliding activities for the smaller participants. Our music alcove is a great area to get creative with sound as the instruments are all in-tune and together give individuals an opportunity to play their favorite songs or melodies. For the younger children there is a sand area with some classic diggers where kids can move sand around to build the perfect sand castle. There is plenty of comfortable seating all around the park to watch the fun being had by all as well as a walking trail that connects to the main trail at IPW Park. The Park is open year-round from dawn to dusk.





# From The Building and Code Enforcement Department



After much planning during the winter months, Spring time is the time for building for many. The Code Enforcement office would like to remind the need to get permits. Permits are required for any zoning work such as fences, sheds, paving, etc. and Building permits are required for any alterations, additions, finished basements, decks, swimming pools, etc. The Township website is equipped with permit forms and information packets to answer any specific questions you may immediately have. To find out permit requirements, obtain application forms and or view our fee schedule, visit our website [www.warringtontownship.org](http://www.warringtontownship.org).

Permits can be submitted to the permits office via email at [permits@warringtontownship.org](mailto:permits@warringtontownship.org) or dropped off at the Township Building along with building plans and a site plan if the project is outdoors. Approved permit procedures have changed. At this time, no permits will be available for pickup. Payment can be taken over the phone by credit card or via check. Once permits are paid for they'll be released through email or mail.

For any specific questions or assistance, feel free to call our office at (215) 997-7501. We're here to work with you not against you and put your safety first.

## Safety tips from the Building Department

Warrington Township Building Inspectors recommend that residents inspect their property and structures for seasonal damage. Items to look for during a visual inspection for damage are but not limited to:

- Roof rafters and sheathing
- Shed, garage and porch roof and support systems
- Green houses
- Gutters and down leaders
- Fences and retaining walls
- Roof shingles and flashings
- Deck joist, post, beams, decking and rails
- Steps and rails
- Children's play sets and swing sets
- Swimming pools, spas and equipment

If you need assistance, please feel free to call our office at (215)997-7501 to speak with a building inspector.

## Homeowner Tips: Five things to improve your quality of life

1. **Water/Drainage issues:** Extend your down spouts away from the foundation to reduce water issues in your basement. Additionally, adding soil next to the foundation helps to drain water away.
2. **High heating bills:** Add additional insulation to your attic to help lower your heating and cooling costs.
3. **Cracked and uneven concrete:** As cracked and uneven concrete can cause tripping hazards. Replacing them may save you an insurance claim. If you plan to sell your home, it may be required to correct the issue as part of the Use and Occupancy inspection.
4. **Is it hard to find your home?** Properly display your house number with 4" contrasting numbers to help distinguish your property number. Displaying your number to code will also aid emergency services. Help people find you when it counts!
5. **Swimming Pool Safety:** Ensure the safety of your pool at home. Gates should self-close and latch. A small adjustment on the hinge side can correct the self-close swing.

## Emergency Services

**Car Seat Checks:** Expecting a new family member? Or is it time for your child to face the other way in the seat? The Emergency Services Department is certified to conduct a car seat safety check. Please contact the Emergency Services Department at 215-997-7501 to schedule.

**Smoke Detectors:** Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. If you or someone you know is in need of smoke detectors or need assistance in checking them contact the office to schedule an installation or home safety check.

**MOVE OVER LAW**

**Pennsylvania's Move Over Law**

**Drivers approaching an emergency response area must safely merge into a lane further away from the response area.**

**Can't merge safely?**  
Slow to at least **20 mph** less than the posted speed limit.

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# From The Building and Code Enforcement Department *continued*

## Fire Marshal's Office

**Safe Cooking Tips:** Kitchen fires are one of the most common causes of residential fires. Here are some safety tips to help prevent kitchen related fires:

- Never leave boiling, frying, or broiling food unattended. Stay in the kitchen! If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Check food that is cooking regularly; use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains – away from your stovetop.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.
- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Always use cooking equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions and code requirements when installing, cleaning, and operating cooking equipment.
- Plug microwave ovens or other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for cooking appliances as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

### If You Have a Cooking Fire:

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 911 after you leave.
- Always keep a lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Do not move the pan. To keep the fire from restarting, leave the lid on until the pan is completely cool.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. After a fire, the oven should be checked and/or serviced before being used again.

<b>ALERT: NEW FIREWORKS LAW IN WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>Fines of up to \$600 for each violation of the Warrington fireworks law.</b>	<b>Fireworks may not be discharged within 150 fee of an occupied structure</b>
<b>You can use fireworks ONLY on the following holidays:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ <b>New Year's Eve</b></li><li>→ <b>New Year's Day</b></li><li>→ <b>Chinese New Year</b></li><li>→ <b>Memorial Day</b></li><li>→ <b>July 4</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On New Year's Eve, fireworks may be used between the hours of 4 p.m. and 1 a.m. On the other 4 permitted holidays, fireworks may be used between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.</li><li>• Fireworks may not be used by anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs.</li><li>• Fireworks may not be discharged toward a motor vehicle, building, or another person or animal.</li><li>• Fireworks may not be used (or land) on private or public property without the permission of the property owner.</li></ul>	
 <b>war veterans and abuse survivors with PTSD are often triggered by fireworks</b>	 <b>companion animals and wildlife have overwhelming anxiety due to fireworks</b>	 <b>fireworks cause extensive air, water, and ground pollution, propelling metal particles and dangerous toxins into our environment</b>

## SPOTLIGHT ON WARRINGTON BUSINESSES

The Township has begun producing a series of 3-4 minute videos to showcase local businesses in Warrington Township. During the Pandemic, it is more important now, more than ever to support local businesses. The videos will be streamed to the Township Facebook page, YouTube channel and posted on the Township's website.

AFC Urgent Care was the first business aired followed by Angel Rose Florists and Stutz Candy.

If you would like to showcase your business, please contact Jackie Wilson at [jwilson@warringtontownship.org](mailto:jwilson@warringtontownship.org)



## The Early Roads of Warrington

Even longtime residents will have a hard time recognizing these main Warrington intersections. Do you know any without reading the captions at the bottom?

INTERSECTION 1



(Above) 1909 view of the Easton and Bristol Roads Intersection looking North on Easton Road. From left to right are the General Store, Trolley tracks, and a tall white pine in front of the Barclay house. Barely visible on the right is the Warrington Inn.

INTERSECTION 2



(Above) 1909 view of the Easton and Street Roads Intersection looking North on Easton Road. Seen are the Trolley tracks and the old tollhouse where John Williams collected 5 cents from the horse-drawn wagons and buggies, cars and trucks.

INTERSECTION 3



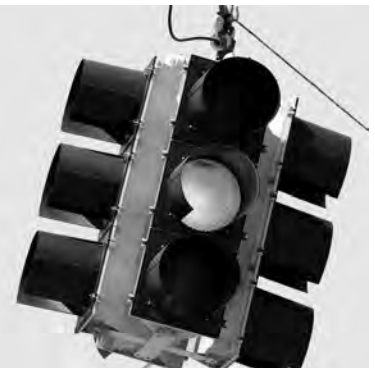
(Above) 1910 view of the County Line Road, Lower State Road and Limekiln Pike Intersection looking South East. The "Eureka Triangle". Limekiln is on the right, Lower State on the left and County Line in the middle looking east towards Easton Road. Up the hill is the McKinstry / Kohler house that is still there.

## Oldest Roads in Warrington

- **Street Rd – Rt 132**, formation can be traced to the year 1696.
- **Bristol Rd** was laid between 1722 and 1752.
- **Easton Rd - RT 611** (Governors Rd /Dyer's Mill Rd / Doylestown-Willow Grove Turnpike) began its formation in 1723.
- **County Line Rd** was opened by piecemeal between 1722 and 1752. From the Easton road to four miles above, it was opened in 1722, apparently to accommodate Governor Keith (Graeme Park). The opening was objected to because it was not needed, as there was a road on either side about a mile distant.
- **Limekiln Pike - RT 152** (Whitehall Pike, Old Turnpike Rd, Butler Pike) was created in 1785, and redirected to its current route in 1855.
- **Pickertown Rd** was opened from Bristol Rd before 1722. The road ran from the Warrington School House, on Bristol Rd, to the Mill Creek School House. It then ran via the Mill Creek toward Limekiln Pike.
- **Mill Creek Rd (Weisel Rd)** was part of the original Pickertown Rd. Pickertown Rd turned left at the Mill Creek School, as opposed to the current route of going past the right side of the Mill Creek School.
- **Bradford Ave (Barefoot Alley)** was opened in 1737.
- **Stump Rd** from Bristol Rd to Pickertown Rd was opened in 1755. The section from County Line Rd to Pickertown Rd was opened in 1852.
- **Lower State Rd** was created in 1756.
- **Valley Rd (Muddy Ln)** was created in 1785, opened by the Long family so their mill would have a means to transport goods.
- **Upper State Rd** was created in 1830.
- **Folly Rd** was created in 1833.
- **Bradley Rd** was created in 1853.
- **Stuckert Rd** was created in 1858.

## The First Traffic Light in Warrington

At the Oct 21,1950 meeting of the Warrington Junior Womens club, the following was documented in the meeting minutes: Mrs. Ernest Cornell Chairman of the safety committee announced that she and her committee are cooperating with the Lions Club to get permission from the State Highway Department to place a traffic light at the intersection of Bristol Rd and 611. This would be the first traffic light in the township.





# BIKE & HIKE TRAILS COMMITTEE

**Take nothing but memories and pictures and leave nothing but footprints!  
Disposing of fishing line and trash along the Bradford Dam and trails of 202 Segment**

A Warrington resident was taking a walk with his children near the Bradford Dam. He suddenly saw that his children were about to walk into an area filled with trash, including a fish line with hooks thrown among the discarded snack bags and plastic bottles. Bradford reservoir and its trails, including the new 202 segments, have been a blessing to the residents during this pandemic. The reservoir area supports so many activities like hiking, fishing, bicycling, and birding. With the uptick in usage, there's also an influx of trash in the area. Abandoned fishing lines have also increased in fishing hotspots.

When left in the aquatic environment, fishing line and tackle create potential traps for unsuspecting wildlife that can become entangled and snared, leading to injury and death. Some animals also ingest the fishing lines. Unwary birds get entangled in these fishing lines and starve to death. One of the widely used fishing lines is the monofilament, Nylon line. Most monofilament lines used for fishing are not biodegradable. They end up in the water. Using the recycling devices allows the fishing line to be recycled and reducing the chance of it ending up in the environment.

Trash, like chip bags and plastic containers, has also increased. They contain traces of aluminum and are also not biodegradable. If not properly disposed of, these items end up by the stream bank either because of the wind or water carrying it out. Both fishing lines and trash near the shore are hard to remove. The moving water line makes it harder to get to the litter because it becomes embedded in the mud. The water edge is also not easily accessible for township personnel to remove the trash.

There are many things we can do to help with this issue. Recover the lines and properly dispose of them. The Bike and Hike Trails Committee has recommended the installation of monofilament recycle receptacles in strategic locations. These can take only monofilament lines, which would later get recycled. There are already bins for regular and recyclable trash along the trails.

Let us do our part to keep the parks clean and safe for the wildlife that lives there. Bradford reservoir and the surrounding habitat supports many types of flora and fauna. The community enjoys proximity and access to the trails and fishing. With a little effort on our part, we can all enjoy these treasures.

## DID YOU KNOW

**DID YOU KNOW...**Lions Pride Park was collaboration between public and private sectors within the township? The Warrington Lions Club (Lions Club) approached the Board of Supervisors in early 2016 and proposed a multi-generational park as a legacy to the Lions Club celebrating seventy-five years in Warrington Township. The township was working with Ann Toole, an Open Space/Recreation consultant contracted to update the Township's Open Space/Recreation Plan. As part of her work in updating the Plan, Ms. Toole scheduled focus groups including senior citizens, children, and physically disabled persons so that the uses and design could be incorporated in the township's finished Plan. Our neighbors, who are volunteers of the Warrington Environmental Advisory Council, Park and Recreation Board, Bike & Hike Trails Committee and Open Space and Land Preservation Committee, had been studying the need for community recreation. During a public Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board agreed to accept the offer and a Public/Private Partnership was created. The Lions Club seeded the project with a donation of \$175,000. Ivy Ross, Warrington Township Grant Writer, prepared and submitted applications for funding. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) was excited by the prospect of a multi-generational park and not only approved our earlier applications, but also gave Ms. Ross recommendations to other funding agencies. To date the township has received \$425,000 in grants for this park from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A fundraising Committee was created and began to fundraise. The first stage of this three-stage development is completed and includes two climbing mountains with attached slides amongst other unique playground equipment, tables to play checkers or chess, Adirondack chairs and a GPS app to guide the sight impaired. Stage two, including a boardwalk through the wooded area is underway. Make sure you visit and enjoy Lions Pride Park located at 3129 Bradley Rd., Chalfont (adjacent to Upper Nike Park).



### DID YOU KNOW FOR KIDS...?

Come and visit Lions Pride Park located at 3129 Bradley Road and enjoy all the fun things there is to do:

#### Toll Brothers Grove

Play chess or checkers. Relax in hammocks

#### Sand Area

Use the diggers to create your perfect sand castle

#### Lindy Communities Kids Mountain

- 5 slides – all different lengths
- Walking path to the top of the mountain
- Rope ladder and stairways
- A small mountain to Kids Mountain is connected by a rope bridge

#### Music Alcove

Create sound by using a variety of instruments and play your favorite songs or melodies



**Lions Pride Park is open all year-round from dawn to dusk.**

# WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Veteran Affairs Committee held their annual Veterans Day ceremony outdoors this year, due to COVID concerns. It was held adjacent to the new modern Police building. Larry Bullock led off the program with another of his moving poems honoring Veterans, which we look forward to each year. Pete Scott spoke about what it means to serve in the military and about how veterans were received upon their return from Viet Nam. He talked about the often incivility of that and compared it to how police are unfairly treated today. He also talked about the black POW/MIA flag and described what each feature of the flag is meant to symbolize.

Our annual Memorial Day Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 29th at 11 am, so keep the day open; we look forward to seeing you there. It will be held as always at the Igoe Porter Wellings Memorial Field located at 3095 Bradley Rd., Chalfont.

A note to Veterans regarding the COVID vaccine: The VA medical center in Philadelphia is currently providing vaccinations to veterans. Last Saturday they vaccinated 1,800 veterans. Veterans with 100 % service-related disabilities and veterans on oxygen etc. are currently the priority at this point. The VA contact number is 215-823-5800 X 204014.



## WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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## In The News . . .

### PROCLAMATION RESOLUTION 2021-R-01

**Proclamation Resolution 2021-R-01** was read during the January 4, 2021 Reorganization meeting recognizing **Carol T. Baker** as a former supervisor. Ms. Baker was also recognized by the Board of Supervisors during the February 9, 2021 meeting. In addition to a Resolution, a plaque will be given to Ms. Baker and also an engraved paver will be placed at Lions Pride Park.

Carol T. Baker has served as a member of the Board of Supervisors for Warrington Township, from 2016 through 2020 and, the Board of Supervisors recognize Ms. Baker's outstanding service, dedication and commitment to the residents of Warrington Township.

Ms. Baker served as *Liaison* for the following Township Committee Positions: Environmental Advisory Council (2019); Historic Commission (2018); Open Space & Land Preservation Committee (2016 & 2017); Park and Recreation Board (2018); Planning Commission (2017); and Veteran Affairs Committee (2020).

Ms. Baker served as *Liaison* for the following Township Departments: Emergency Services (2016); Public Works (2019 & 2020); Police (2017) and Water & Sewer (2018), Also, Ms. Baker served as *Liaison* for the following Township Special Committees: Barnes Swim Club Advisory (2019 & 2020); SALDO/Zoning Ad Hoc (2018 to 2020); Special Equestrian (2019); and Warrington Community Day (2016 & 2017).

During her tenure, Warrington experienced significant growth, which carried a multitude of supervisory challenges; and Ms. Baker helped the Township successfully meet these challenges, and through good team work kept Warrington the great community that it is;

*Board of Supervisors of Warrington Township hereby extends its gratitude to Ms. Baker for her professionalism, patience and integrity in providing quality service to the residents of Warrington Township.*

### JANUARY 4, 2021 REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors held a **Reorganization Meeting** on Monday, January 4, 2021. The meeting was held virtually. The video can be found on the township's website, [www.warringtontownship.org/Board Meeting Video](http://www.warringtontownship.org/Board Meeting Video). This annual meeting held the first Monday of the New Year is in accordance with the Second Class Township Code.

The Board of Supervisors elected Fred R. Gaines as Chair and Ruth L. Schemm as Vice Chair. Supervisor Carol T. Baker resigned as Supervisor on December 31, 2020. She served five of her six year term. During the meeting, the Board elected William M. Connolly to fulfill Ms. Baker's term which expires December 31, 2021. Mr. Connolly is also serving on the township's Planning Commission.

Eileen Albillar and Mark Lomax remain as members of the Board of Supervisors. Their respective terms expire December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2021.

### EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

**Renee Scally**, Accounts Payable Coordinator for the Finance Department was named **Employee of the Year**. Ms. Scally was presented a plaque for her outstanding contributions above and beyond the job duties for 2020.

Charles Winslow, Public Works Department and Kevin Craig, Firefighter were selected as runner-ups for the 2020 Employee of the Year Award.



Rene Scally

### GFOA DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

For the second year in a row, the Township was awarded the **GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**. The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as: *a policy document; a financial plan; an operations guide and a communications device.*

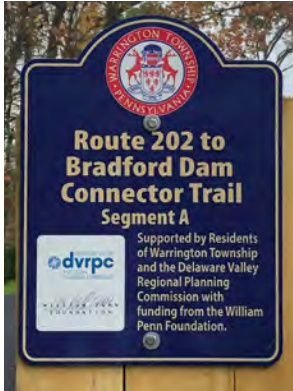
Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

Left to Right: Finance Director, John Marcarelli and Township Manager, Barry P. Luber



## In The News . . .

### RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



On October 28, 2020 a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held for the **Rt. 202 to Bradford Dam, Segment A of the Circuit Trail**.

The ceremony took place at the new bridge near 3400 Pickertown Road. The completed Segment A of the trail (.83 mile) runs from Stump Road, through the Weisel Preserve behind the Township garage on Pickertown Road and ends at the intersection of Mill Creek and Pickertown Roads. The next segments will extend the trail to Lower State Road and the Mill Creek Preserve and eventually to upper Lions Pride Park and IPW Park.

Upon completion, the trailhead will begin at the Route 202 Parkway and end at the Bradford Dam.

**RIBBON CUTTING PHOTO ABOVE:** Left to Right: Bike & Hike Trails Committee member, Scott Vogin; Supervisor Eileen Albillar; Chair Fred R. Gaines (cutting the ribbon); Bike & Hike Trails Committee member, Lynette Schiavoni; State Representative Todd Polinchock, Vice Chair Ruth Schemm (holding the ribbon); and Chair, Open Space & Land Preservation Committee and Vice Chair Environmental Advisory Council, Ivy Ross. Back: Supervisor Mark Lomax

### THANK YOU WARRINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB & WARRINGTON RESIDENTS

**FOOD DRIVE:** During the holiday season Warrington Township sponsors a food drive for needy families. The Township donates food to the Warrington Fellowship Church which has a food bank at their church located at 2233 Bristol Road. Anyone can partake of these services. Call Monday, Wednesday or Friday at the following number: 215-343-1916.

**HATS, MITTENS AND COAT DRIVE:** The Warrington Women's Club decorates the Township's holiday tree by donating hats and mittens. Residents also donated hats and mittens for the Women's Club to hang on the tree. The coats, colorful hats and mittens were donated this year to The Vine at Doylestown United Methodist Church and the donations were sent to the Methodist Services of Philadelphia which they use in their homeless shelter for families that are transitioning into a more permanent facility.

### *The Envelope Please:* 2020 MILESTONES AWARD WINNERS FROM TOOKANY/TACONY-FRANKFORD WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

#### ***Congratulations to Warrington Township's Park and Recreation Director, Andy Oles***

During Andy Oles' 16-year-tenure with Abington Township, he supported Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF) projects and participated in planning and implementation. Andy attended meetings, engaged with students and volunteers, and contributed his insight towards the development of projects. He even attended a Delaware River Watershed Initiative Winter Gathering, serving as a panelist and speaking to the benefits of how partnership with TTF addressed mutual goals for public spaces.

In 2019, a Temple University senior design course utilized Abington's Alverthorpe Park for course research. Students conducted infiltration testing, delineated drainage areas, and studied site conditions within the park. Andy met with students and helped lead the group in stormwater planning for the park. Andy facilitated efforts for the students including providing equipment and labor for the infiltration testing. He has always been invested and quick to respond to the needs of projects. TTF values Andy Oles for his work and commitment to improving the health of local watersheds, in whatever community he works!





# From the Parks & Recreation Department



## SPRING 2021 WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP'S RECREATION PROGRAMS

Online Registration: [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!

### WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP: WINTER/SPRING 2021

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



#### LUNCHTIME OUTDOOR BOOT CAMP

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April 5- May 26 (8 weeks)

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\$212 per person

Age: 18+



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### FITNESS CLASSES

For On Demand or Live Stream class options, please contact Cornerstone at 215-794-3700.



#### SPRING MUSICAL THEATER CLASSES @ Absolute Music School



This isn't your traditional acting course. During this six (6) week intensive, students are given the opportunity to select their favorite scene and song from a musical and be coached by our professional staff, all of which have appeared on a New York stage. In addition to acting games and exercises, students will be coached through their selected scene and song which culminates in a video recording session that can be shared with friends and loved ones. Due to COVID-19 precautions, we're limiting the number of students that we accept, so be sure to call soon! Our rooms are large, well ventilated, and sanitized frequently.

<b>SESSION 1</b>	<b>Ages 10-17</b>	<b>6:00 pm - 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Tuesdays: March 9 - April 13</b>
<b>SESSION 2</b>	<b>Ages 10-17</b>	<b>6:00 pm - 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Wednesdays: March 10- April 14</b>
<b>SESSION 3</b>	<b>Ages 10-17</b>	<b>6:00 pm - 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Thursdays: March 11 – April 15</b>

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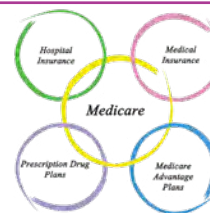
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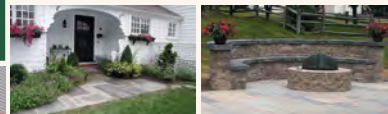


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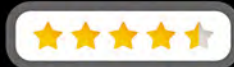




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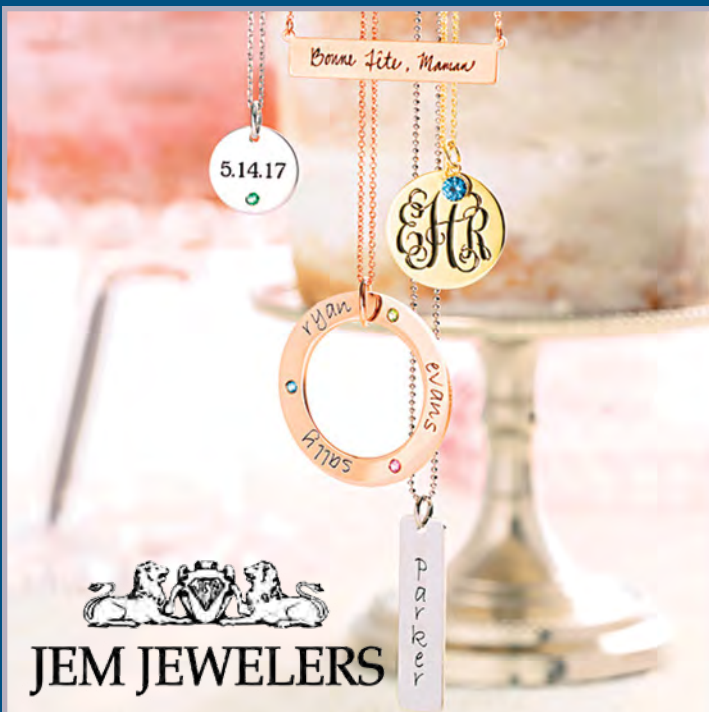
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