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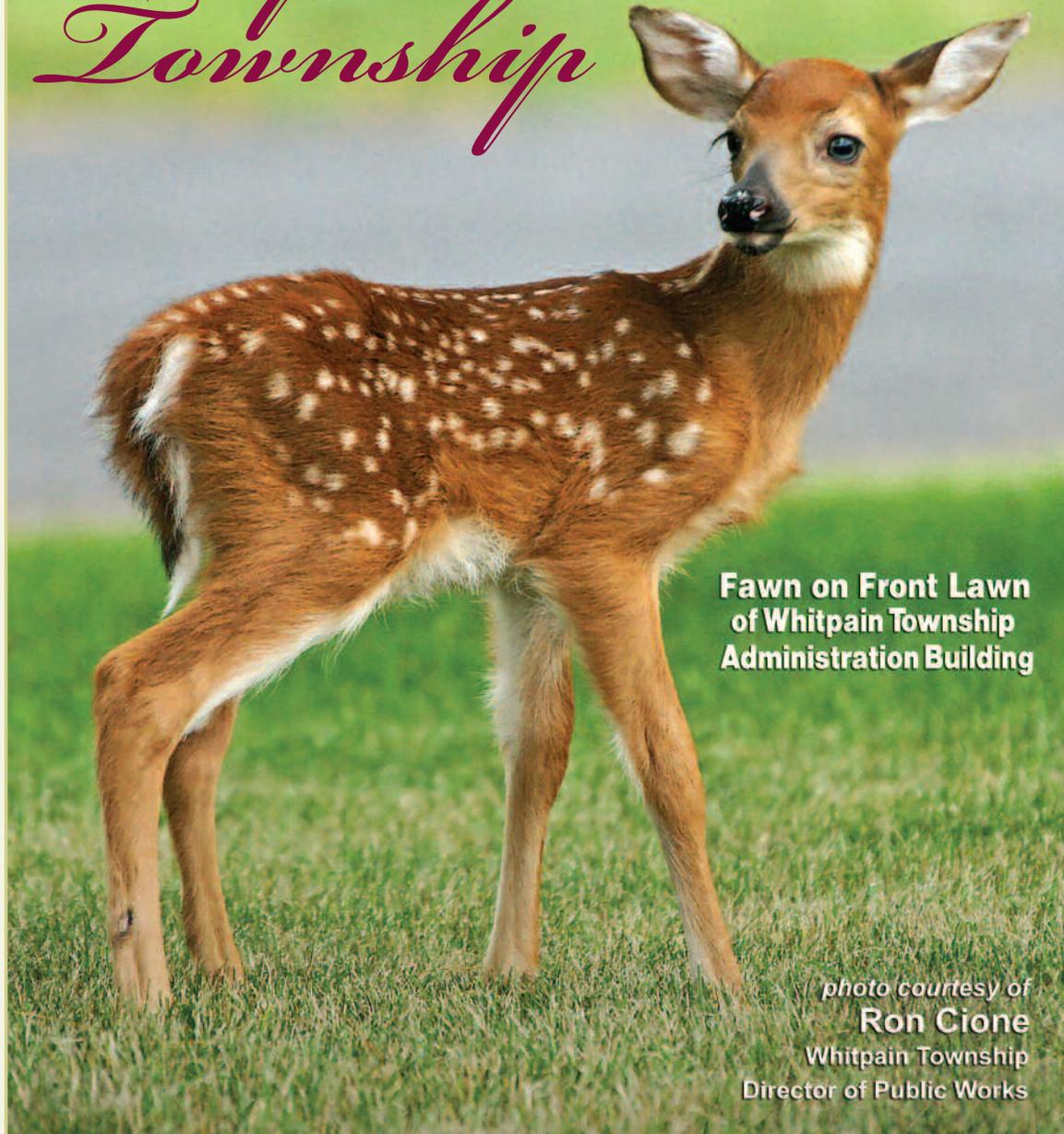
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Welcome to Whitpain Township



Fawn on Front Lawn
of Whitpain Township
Administration Building

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Whitpain Township
Director of Public Works



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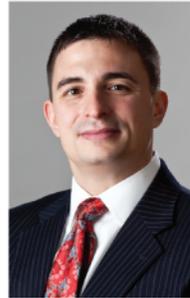
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Local government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is divided into a number of classifications i.e., cities, townships, and boroughs. There are two categories of townships in the Commonwealth – those identified as townships of the first class and those known as townships of the second class. Second class townships make up the greatest bulk of municipalities in Pennsylvania. Whitpain Township is a Township of the Second Class. It is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors elected at large by the electorate. Most, if not all, of the executive and legislative powers allocated to Whitpain Township in the State Second Class Township Code are vested in the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors is empowered to appoint professionals to assist them in the operation of the Township

and to furnish advice and counsel on technical matters. Additionally, the Board appoints all of the members of the various advisory boards and commissions as well as the Zoning Hearing Board and the Planning Commission.

The levying of Township taxes and the appropriations to the various departments and subsidiary boards and commissions are the responsibility of the Board of Supervisors. During the months of November and December, public hearings are held for the purpose of reviewing the budget for the following year. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings and to review the proposed Township budget during that time.

Administration

Township Manager - Roman M. Pronczak...610-277-2400, ext. 388

Executive Assistant/Administrative Supervisor - Virginia, ext. 380

Front Office Assistants

Jennifer Gallagher, Web Coordinator, ext. 229

Janet O'Brien, ext. 324

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day business of the Township. He coordinates and directs the work of the various departments, is responsible for the preparation of the preliminary budget which is presented to the Board of Supervisors each year, and the administration of that budget throughout the year. The Manager is appointed by and responsible to the Board of Supervisors.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer:

Michael McAndrew...610-277-2400, ext 383

Administrative Assistant: Michele Alifano, ext. 329

Administrative Assistant & IT Network Administrator:

Nicole Godson, ext. 331

Assistant Code Enforcement Officer / Deputy Fire

Marshal: Keith Fuller, ext. 348

Assistant Zoning Officer: William McManus, ext. 327

Secretary to Code and Zoning Hearing Board:

Michele Alifano, ext. 329

Registered architects, professional engineers, and developers check first with the governing body before spending time, effort, and money on their ideas and plans. As a Whitpain resident or business person, you too, can save time, effort and money by contacting the Code Enforcement

Office first, to discuss your ideas and find out if there are Township regulations or permits with which you must comply. Many times in the past we have warned of potential problems that property owners may encounter with their projects, and we have helped them achieve their goals by helping them through the tedious process of a zoning hearing. Remember, we in the Code Enforcement Office feel a greater sense of satisfaction and service to our residents by helping them achieve their goals while still complying with the regulations, rather than having to inform them of a violation after the fact.

The following accessory structures require either a Building Permit, Zoning Permit or both and must be located only in the rear yard: garden sheds, gazebos, above-ground pools (over two feet deep), in-ground pools.

Board of Appeals

In 2004, the State Legislature enacted Act 45, creating the Uniform Construction Code. As a result of that action, the Board of Supervisors was required to create a Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals consists of five members who must meet the qualifications specified in Act 45. The Board hears appeals from determinations of the Building Code and Fire Code Officials as well as requests to modify provisions of the building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, energy, existing building, fire, fuel gas, performance, wild land-urban interface,

and existing property maintenance codes. However, by law, they may not hear appeals to the accessibility chapter in the building code. Only the PA State Department of Labor and Industry may hear those appeals. The Board schedules meetings on an as needed basis.

Members: William Lutz, Chairman, Arthur Forbes, Vice Chairman, Paul Walsack, Secretary Jack Duddy, Member, Michael Keller, Member



RICHARD JOSEPH HARLEY

Richard Joseph Harley was born September 25, 1872 and raised in Center Square, Pa. in a house that the Whitpain Historical Society presently occupies. Baptized in St. Patrick's Church in Norristown, Dick also attended elementary school at St. Patrick's and then on to St. Joseph's College High School (St. Joe's Prep) in Philadelphia. In his youth Dick was a member of the Alert Club of Norristown.

In 1891 Dick received a full athletic scholarship to play both football and baseball for Georgetown University. Dick played only two years on the Georgetown gridiron but all four years for the baseball team. During the summer between his freshman and sophomore years at Georgetown, Dick played baseball with Phil King's Team of Collegians at Cape May, N.J. The following summer he was a member of Arthur Irwin's Team of All Collegians. In the summer of 1895 Dick again played baseball for Harry Mackey's Team of College Players at Cape May.

Dick was elected captain of the Georgetown nine in his senior year and had standing offers from two professional teams that wanted him to leave school and join the pro ranks right away. Rochester of the Eastern League, reportedly "claimed" Harley as reported by the Springfield Republican on March 25, 1895. Dick stayed in school and graduated vice-president of the Class of 1896, Georgetown University.

After graduation, Dick immediately signed his first professional baseball contract with the Springfield Ponies (Massachusetts) of the Eastern League in March of 1896. Later in the fall of 1896 he was acquired by the Philadelphia Phillies. In April Harley was "loaned" to the Phillies to the Philadelphia Athletics (minor league team-not affiliated with Connie Mack's A's) of the Atlantic League based in Camden, N.J. Harley played 23 games with the Athletics from April 30, 1897 to May 29, 1897. On June 1, 1897 Harley and Bill Hallman were traded by the Phillies to the St. Louis Browns (today's St. Louis Cardinals) for Tommy Dowd and Harley made his professional debut with the National League in 1897. He played for the National League Browns during the 1897 and 1898 seasons. The St. Louis team was owned by the flamboyant Chris von der Ahe who had purchased the Browns in 1882. After the 1898 season, von der Ahe lost the team to bankruptcy and the Browns were acquired by the Robinson Brothers' syndicate which sent Harley to the Cleveland Spiders for the 1899 season. During that era, there were no rules forbidding owners from acquiring more than one team.

After a frustrating 1899 season with the Spiders, Harley vowed never to play for Stanley and Frank Robinson again. In April of 1900 Harley's contract was sold by the Robinsons to the Detroit Tigers of the nascent American League (Ban Johnson's former Western League). The American League in 1900 was not recognized by the National League as major league caliber; however, in 1901 the American League officially declared itself a major league. Harley batted .325 for the 1900 Tigers, stealing 47 bases, good for third in the league.

In 1901 Harley signed the highest contract of his career to play for the Cincinnati Reds (\$5,400 total compensation; \$3,900 playing contract and \$1,500 signing bonus). Harley's contract was the highest for a National League player and second highest in the majors to Boston Braves' Jimmy Collins' \$6,000 salary. However, despite his lucrative contract, Dick became disillusioned with the Reds during the course of the '01 season and before the start of the 1902 season he jumped from the Reds and returned to the Detroit Tigers.

It was in 1902 that Harley had his denouement with the ruffian John McGraw. McGraw's reputation for rowdiness and dirty play was well known throughout the league and there was bad blood between Harley and McGraw for quite some time. Harley decided to exact his revenge on May 24, 1902 while his visiting Detroit team played the middle game of a three-game series against the Orioles in Baltimore. Harley spiked McGraw in an "attempted" steal of third base. McGraw's injury put him out of action for five weeks to recover from his wounds. Lest you think Dick Harley was a member of the Ty Cobb School of Baseball Etiquette, suffice it to say that McGraw received as good as he gave.

At the conclusion of the 1902 regular season (World Series didn't officially start until 1903) Harley was among a select group of American League players who "barnstormed" across the country, playing other professional teams and also against a select National League team. Harley played along/against greats such as Cy Young, Napoleon Lajoie, Honus Wagner, Wee Willie Keeler, Sam Crawford, Jack Chesbro, Addie Joss (all Hall of Famers) and other legends of the game.



The 1902 All Star Tour started in Louisville, Ky.; then on to Pittsburgh, Pa.; Cleveland, Oh.; Chicago, Il.; Cedar Rapids and Des Moines, Iowa; back to Sheldon, Il.; Lamar, Iowa, Sioux City, Iowa; Omaha, Ne.; St. Joseph, Mo., Kansas City, Mo., St. Louis, Mo.; Topeka, Ks.; Sabine, Ks.; Denver, Co., Colorado Springs, Co., Pueblo, Co., Trinidad, Co.; Las Vegas, NM, Santa Fe, NM, Albuquerque, NM; El Paso, Tx.; Benson, Az., Tucson, Az., Phoenix, Az.; San Bernardino, Ca., Los Angeles, Ca., San Francisco, Ca.

Although the All-American and All-National touring teams were supposed to go on to Hawaii, the tour ended after the San Francisco games were completed. Dick was on the road for three months.

Dick played mostly left or right field his final year in the majors with the 1903 Chicago Cubs which comprised one of baseball's greatest defensive infields of that era: Tinker to Evers to Chance (Joe Tinker, Johnny Evers and Frank Chance). On October 10, 1903 Harley was traded by Chicago, along with Tom Raub and Clarence Currie, to the Toronto Maple Leafs (Eastern League) for pitcher Buttons Briggs. The 1904 season saw Harley playing left field with the Toronto baseball club. On July 15th Dick became player/manager of the team after Mgr. Arthur Irwin resigned. After the '04 season Harley continued as player/manager during the '05 season, but on August 28, 1905 resigned as manager and was given his release from the Toronto club.

On August 30, 1905 Harley was acquired by the Providence "Clamdiggers" (Eastern League) where he stayed through the end of the 1906 season. The 1906 Providence "Grays" was the only championship team Harley ever played on.

In early 1907 Harley signed with Trenton of the Tri-State League. He played with Trenton through August 17th, 1907 and was granted his release at that time. In 1908 through early 1909 Harley played with the Louisville Colonels of the American Association. Harley was released May 19th, 1909 from the Louisville team (suffering from a badly cut hand) and came back to the Phila. area playing a short time for a Reading, Pa. team from May 25, 1909 to June 4 but left the Reading team due to an unspecified illness (possibly lingering effects from the injury suffered to his hand while playing for Louisville.) Throughout his career Harley not only maintained his connection to his family's business, but occasionally put his entrepreneurial desires to work.

As reported in the December 5, 1908 Trenton Evening Times, Dick Harley and Connie Mack had forged a "partnership" to purchase the Trenton Tigers team that Harley had played for in 1907. The deal never went through, but from this newspaper article I learned that my grandfather also thought he could create a championship team in Trenton while still being close to his native Philadelphia.

Over the years of my research I've acquired many stories about my grandfather's baseball days from digitized newspaper archives. After Dick's playing days were over, he managed the Penn State baseball club for the 1915, 1916 and 1917 seasons and the University of Pittsburgh baseball club from 1920 through 1924; he also managed his alma mater, Georgetown, for the 1913 season. Harley also coached the "Villa Nova College" baseball club before reporting for spring training during the years 1898, 1899 and 1904.

After Harley's managing days at Pitt were over, Dick continued his partnership with his brother Edward operating several businesses in Philadelphia. One of these businesses was located at 1842 Market Street in Philadelphia, a Wines & Liquors business. The 1842 Market Street location was occupied for several years by Dick Harley's grandfather, Edward, commencing in 1865 and from 1901 through 1929 under the management of Dick and brother Edward. From 1919 to 1929, Dick and Ed converted the wines/liquors business into an ice cream/soft drinks shop. This was the era of Prohibition.

Dick married Letitia Isabel Mahoney on May 26, 1918 and five children over the next nine years resulted from their union. After relinquishing the 1842 Market Street location after 1929, Dick bartended at the Bellevue Stratford Tavern which was in close proximity to the Bellevue Stratford Hotel. Legend has it that Dick was a very popular bartender who recounted many tales of his days in the major leagues. Dick finally retired in 1948 after the death of his wife and four years later on April 7th, 1952 Dick died at his home at 925 Corinthian Avenue in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia.

Dick's only surviving son, Edward, assisted me in my efforts to salute a man who loved all facets of the game of baseball.

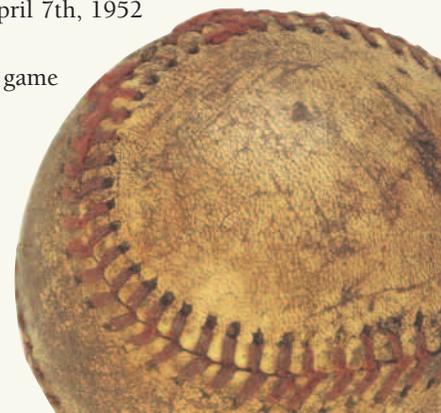
By: Robert W. Harley

- Bob Harley has studied his family's genealogy for over thirty years. Although Bob's grandfather passed away just two months after Bob was born, Dick Harley's baseball career intrigues Bob the most. Bob was granted permission from Whitpain Township back in 1996 to erect a plaque that is situated behind home plate on the recreational fields of Wentz Run Park. Wentz Run Park was Dick Harley's homestead in the latter 1800s.



TOP ROW (L-R): Mike Kahoe, Jack Chesbro, Bill Donovan, Sam Crawford, Jake Beackley, Pongo Joe Cantillon, Win Mercer, Harry Davis, Dick Harley, Bill Bernhard, Lave Cross.

BOTTOM ROW (L-R): Jesse Tannehill, Claude Ritchey, Charlie Irwin, Charlie Dexter, Willie Keeler, Lave Cross Jr., Topsy Hartsel, Billy Sullivan, Bill Coughlin, Fielder Jones.



Zoning Hearing Board

The purpose of the Zoning Hearing Board is to help assure fair and equitable application and administration of the Zoning Ordinance by interpreting the ordinance, by hearing appeals from the Zoning Officer's decisions, and by granting relief from the literal enforcement of the ordinance in certain hardship situations. Since the Board has no legislative power, it can neither make nor modify zoning policy, it cannot enact or amend the Zoning Ordinance, and it cannot create or change any zoning classifications. It is a quasi-judicial body; that is, its powers are judicial in nature and it is the first step in the judicial system. The Board schedules hearings on application of appeals that come before it, at which time it hears evidence and then issues written decisions which may contain findings of fact and conclusion of law. Its scope of activities is limited to those permitted by the Municipalities Planning Code and the local zoning ordinance. The Board encourages all residents to attend its hearings. Parents may find it an interesting educational process for their youngsters.

MEMBERS:

Ed Lane, Chairman
Norm Messinger, Vice Chair
Jack O'Hara, Secretary
Kathryn Schilling, member
Melissa M. Weber, member

Engineering

Engineer – James E. Blanch, P.E.....610-277-2400, ext. 368
Engineering Assistant – Gregory Klucharich, ext. 372
Engineering Inspector - William McManus, ext. 327
Administrative Assistant – Karen Dolga, ext. 385

The Engineering Department reviews all subdivision and land development plans to insure conformity with all rules and regulations, inspects all public improvements under construction to insure compliance with specifications, and works closely with federal, state county and local agencies in developing plans for the preservation and betterment of the Township.

Planning Commission

The Whitpain Township Planning Commission consists of seven residents who serve as volunteers appointed by the Board of Supervisors for staggered terms of four years. The Planning Commission works toward providing for the coordinated development of the Township and general welfare of its people.

The functions of the Planning Commission are to review subdivision land development plans, conditional use applications and lot line changes, and to make recommendations regarding these to the Board of Supervisors. As a guide in such a review, the following are used: Comprehensive Plan – a long-range general statement of the amount, intensity, and character of land use; Zoning Ordinance – precise, short-range, legal finding regulations on property use; Natural Resources Evaluation – thorough and recent analysis of soil types in flood prone areas, woodland areas, and steep slopes.

Because planning is a continuous process which shapes and guides the physical growth of Whitpain Township in harmony with its social and economic needs, the Planning Commission urges all members of the public to attend its meetings and make known their views.

MEMBERS:

Kenneth Corti, Chairperson
Mark C. Clemm, Vice Chairperson
Richard Shorin, Secretary
Daniel Kluger
Harry J. Phifer
Yongli Min
Andrew Moore



Finance

Director of Finance/Human Resources:
John Marcarelli, 610-277-2400, ext. 386

Assistant Finance Director//HR: Christine Bauman, ext. 325
Supervisor, Sewer Administration: Denise Janick, ext. 344
Sewer Billing Collections:
Accounts Payable Supervisor: Lena Cabot, ext. 330

The Finance Department is responsible for the accounting activities of the Township including, but not limited to accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, sewer billing and collection, budgeting and periodic financial statement preparation. In addition, the human resources functions for the Township are included in those of the Finance Department.

| 2011 BUDGET | APPROPRIATION | TAX RATE (MILLS) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| General | \$11,686,647 | 2.02 |
| Fire Protection | 1,120,377 | 0.40 |
| Fire Hydrant | 62,400 | 0.05 |
| Sewer | 3,875,396 | |
| Fee in Lieu of Stormwater Mgmt | 35,000 | |
| Traffic Improvement | 150,000 | |
| Debt Service | 1,458,894 | 0.73 |
| Capital Reserve | 379,900 | |
| Open Space | 476,100 | |
| Stormwater Management | 27,500 | |
| Highway Aid | 375,000 | |
| Sewer Capital | 556,241 | |
| TOTAL | \$20,203,455 | 3.20 |



Tax Collection - Berkheimer Tax Administrator collects the Earned Income Tax (EIT) and Local Services Tax (LST) for Whitpain Township. Berkheimer will have a representative on site at the Whitpain Township Administration Building to review and discuss any resident's EIT or LST questions on the following dates:

Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 12, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tax Collector / Earned Income Tax

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 237, Blue Bell, PA 19422
 PHONE: 610-275-7355 • FAX: 610-277-2209
 REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR (*Elected*): Patty Nelson

There are two real estate tax bills issued annually; one for the County and Township and one for the School District. The fiscal year for the County and Township is the calendar year – January 1st to December 31st. Bills are sent on or about March 1st. The fiscal year for the School District is July 1st. to June 30th. Bills are sent on or about July 1st. Real estate tax is based on an assessed value determined by the Montgomery County Board of Assessments.

Each entity of local government (County, Township and School) sets its own tax rate. A 2% discount is offered for payment made within 60 days and a 10% penalty is levied after 120 days. The office of the Tax Collector is located in the rear of the Township Building and is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and Wednesday from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. During the final payment weeks, hours are always extended. A schedule for these weeks will be available on the office telephone recording. Real estate tax bills may be paid in person at TD Bank on Swede Road.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment at a more convenient time, please call the tax collector's office.

Local Services Tax

Whitpain Township Local Services Tax Collector
 Berkheimer Tax Administrator: 610-279-7500 • 1-800-360-8989

The Local Services Tax is an Act 511 tax requiring all residents and non-residents working in the Township to pay \$52 per year. An exemption is available for: 1) any person who earns less than \$12,000 in the calendar year and completes a low income exemption certificate, 2) any person on active military duty during the tax year, and 3) any current or former member of the military declared by the U.S. Veterans Administration to be 100% disabled.

Earned Income Tax

Whitpain Township Earned Income Tax Collector
 Berkheimer Tax Administrator: 610-279-7500 • 1-800-360-8989

A 1% Earned Income / Net Profits Tax became effective January 1, 2001 by passage of Township Ordinance Number 203-1. The tax requires that all persons living and working in the Township pay 1% on all individual gross earnings and net profits from businesses.

Real Estate Tax Rate

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| General Purpose | 2.02 mills |
| Debt Service | .73 mills |
| Fire Tax | .40 mills |
| Fire Hydrant | .05 mills (<i>where applicable</i>) |

fire hydrant tax applies if a house is located within 780 feet of a fire hydrant.

Wissahickon School District

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School Board Members & Officers:

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 Janice Singer
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Office Of The Public Works Department

The Whitpain Township Public Works Department is comprised of four divisions: *Highway, Sewer, Parks, and Building Maintenance*. Each division has a varied number of duties and responsibilities. Regardless of weather conditions, every effort is made to accomplish our list of tasks. Our Department prides itself on the idea of preventive maintenance and is grateful for the support of your elected officials. Township staff along with the help of outside contracts undertakes many of the varied tasks. Residents' cooperation is essential to the effectiveness of the Department. Some of our work is part of a master plan for the year dealing with capital improvements. The remainder of our activities is dictated by conditions within the Township, and the concerns generated by you, the residents.

Highway Division: Duties include patching potholes and erecting street and regulatory signs. They maintain storm sewers, remove fallen trees and limbs from the roads, clear snow from the road, spread salt, liquid deicers and abrasives for ice control, clean litter from the

roadways, street sweep, clear rights-of-way and easements and maintain Township buildings, vehicles and equipment. The Highway Division is responsible for approximately 68 miles of Township roadways.

Sewer Division: Maintains roughly 100 miles of underground sanitary sewers and six pumping stations. This maintenance includes scheduled cleaning and televising of sewer mains, manhole rehabilitation, pump station maintenance, root control in sewer mains, clearing blockages in sewer mains, clearing sewer easements and grease trap inspections in commercial establishments.

It is important to note that sump pumps may not be connected to the sanitary sewer system. Problems with blockages should be directed to the sewer division at 610-277-2400. (After regular hours, call the Police Department at 610-279-9033). The Police Department will notify the on-call staff to respond.

Director Ronald J. Cione – 610-277-2400, Ext. 389
 Administrative Supervisor – Virginia Papale, Ext. 380
 Administrative Assistant – Pat Strus, Ext. 373
 Superintendent (Highway Division) – Leopold Cimini
 Superintendent (Sewer Division) – August Belmont
 Superintendent (Parks Division) – Lee Miller
 Superintendent (Building Maintenance Division) – Jeffrey Riley

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| Michael Bowe | Michael Frye | Robert Ryan |
| Michael Carfagno | Michael Gilbert | Douglas Taylor |
| Aldo Casalnuovo | Marc Ignatius | Edward White |
| Stanley Dull | Christopher Matozzo | |

Bagged Leaf Collection Program: The Township offers an annual leaf collection program to Township residents. Currently, bagged leaves are collected by a contracted hauler. There are **FOUR COLLECTION DAYS PER SEASON:** three in the Fall and one in the Spring. For collection dates, call the Township office. Fliers are mailed to residents in the Fall with collection dates for the season.

Leaves must be placed in approved paper bags which can be purchased at the Township Building at a cost of 3/\$1.00; minimum purchase of three bags. There is no other charge to you. Leaves will only be collected if placed in these bags at curbside. The bags should be placed at the curb the night before the scheduled collection day to ensure they are collected. **DO NOT MIX OTHER TRASH OR GARBAGE WITH LEAVES.** All leaves are recycled.

The hauler is in contact with our office regularly during the collection period. If your bags are not taken away as scheduled, please report this to our office the day of your scheduled pick up and no later than the next business day. Inclement weather will not change the schedule.

Branch and Chip Program: New DEP Regulations have prompted Township Officials to implement a Leaf Waste Program, currently under contract with Republic Services d/b/a BFI Waste Services of PA, in addition to the bagged leaf collection program. This program will not be available to private communities. Leaf Waste includes leaves, garden residue, shrubbery and minor tree trimmings in biodegradable paper bags or containers; bundled shrubs or plants, excluding dirt, under four (4') feet in length and bundled, and tied tree branches under three (3") inches in diameter and under four (4') feet in length. Grass clippings are excluded.



Parks Division: Maintains all Township-owned lands both active and passive. This includes mowing, aeration, fertilizing, tree and shrubbery maintenance and equipment maintenance. The Parks Division oversees the maintenance of 445 acres of Township-owned land.

Trash Collection Procedure: Please note, when placing your container for trash collection, it should be located in and at the end of your driveway or on the house side of the curb on your lawn. This guideline allows the street sweeper and plow operators to perform their duties properly, in addition to keeping the gutter free for proper stormwater drainage.

Recycling: All residents of Whitpain Township shall separate their recyclables from the municipal waste at the curb for collection. Recyclable materials shall be placed in separate, reusable metal or plastic containers, which clearly identify the contents as recyclable. Such containers shall initially be provided by the Township. Your privately contracted hauler is required to schedule at least one recyclable pickup per week.

Snow Removal Tips: Each year, along with the first snowfall, the Township receives many calls regarding rules and policies for snow removal. Please make note of the following practices:

As soon as snow or freezing rain begins, the Highway Division will start salting and cindering main Township roads. Plowing will begin as the snow depth reaches three inches. Many of our main roadways are owned and maintained by PennDOT or Montgomery County. Snow and ice removal services are provided by their forces and not by the Township crews.

Police Department



ANY EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Chief Mark A. Smith...
610-279-9033, ext. 393

IT Network Administrator:
Annette Pratt, ext. 391

Administrative Lieutenant Jeffrey Franck

Patrol Lieutenant Kenneth Lawson

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Patrol Officer Jon Bleuit

Patrol Officer Erik Frock

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Traffic Safety Officer Brian Sweisfurth

Traffic Safety Officer Brian Daly

Detective Sgt. Joseph Fenerty

Detective Brad Potter

Detective Thomas Wittig

Sergeant Cathy Penecale (*Public Relations*)

File Clerk Neal Kerr

Police Dispatcher Supervisor Kathy Stong

Police Dispatcher Steve Strus

Police Dispatcher Michael Maxwell

Police Dispatcher Mark Greger

Police Dispatcher James Kaniewski

Police Dispatcher John Van Eekelen

Crossing Guard Virginia Cravero

The Whitpain Township Police Department is committed to providing protection and services within Whitpain Township on a 24-hour-a-day basis, with a strong emphasis on a community awareness. The quality of police service is judged by the response of the police. Most importantly, service is dependent on the police working within the community in a method providing effective and efficient policing.

Office Of Fire Marshal

Fire Marshal: David M. Camarda, ext. 387

Deputy Fire Marshals: Keith Fuller, ext. 348, William Smale, ext. 378

Administrative Assistant: Patricia Strus, ext. 373

The Fire Marshal is charged with the inspection of all buildings and properties in the township with the exception of 1 & 2 family dwellings. The inspection services are conducted to find and correct violations of the International Fire Prevention Code as adopted by the Board of Supervisors. These conditions could cause fires, contribute to the spread of fire or endanger the safety of the occupants of these structures and properties. The Fire Marshal also reviews site plans for new developments or commercial businesses as

to appropriately locate fire hydrants, emergency lanes and other fire protection needs. The Fire Marshal also reviews and provides comments on Fire Safety Plans for township businesses and schools.

The Fire Marshal also investigates the origin and cause of fires and explosions occurring in the township to determine if the cause was accidental or suspicious in nature. The Fire Marshal also provides Fire & Life Safety training and education to residents and businesses in the township. The Fire Marshal also issues permits for temporary tent use, blasting and commercial fireworks displays.

Members of the Board of Appeals: William Lutz, Paul Walsack, Jack Duddy, Theresa Aldamlouiji and Arthur Forbes.



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Emergency Management

Emergency Management Coordinator: David M. Camarda, ext. 387
Deputy EMC's: Anthony Greco and Joseph Fenerty

The Emergency Management Coordinators are responsible for the design and upkeep of the township's Emergency Management Plan in accordance with Pennsylvania Emergency Management Act 35. The EMC's are also responsible for the operation of an Emergency Operations Center at the time of a Local Emergency Declaration as well as coordinating with the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness. The EMC's also review and comment on emergency plans of high risk facilities in the township. The EMC's also train key township employees as to their roles and responsibilities during local emergencies.

Centre Square Fire Company

Non-emergency Phone: 610-272-4686



The Centre Square Fire Company has been an integral part of the Township's community service since its founding in 1913. Fire, rescue and medical services are provided out of our station located at 1298 Skippack Pike.

The Fire Company remains mostly volunteers. Three full time employees provide assistance to the volunteers. We are continually looking for conscientious people willing to serve as fire fighters, medical responders, fire police, administrative or ladies auxiliary. If you have any interest in serving your community, feel free to stop by or visit us at www.csfc33.com.

The Fire Company serves as the primary fire and rescue services for Whitpain. Our Township is approximately 12.8 square miles, and is bounded by North Wales Road to the west, Township Line Road to the south, Butler Pike to the east, and an imaginary line extending Township Line Road to the north.

In addition, we provide fire and rescue services to the PA Turnpike and its patrons for the Northeast Extension (Rt. 476) from the junction with the main east-west Turnpike in Plymouth Meeting to the Lansdale Interchange as well as providing mutual aid to our neighboring municipalities..



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| Fire Chief: Lee Miller | Fire Police Captain: Lynne Cooley |
| Deputy Chief: Rick Smith | QRS Captain: Peg Smith |
| Asst Chief: Chris Walter | QRS Lieutenant: Mel Roberts |
| Captain: Rich Moser | President: William Krause |
| Captain: Rotating Career Position | Vice President: Ed O'Hanlon |
| Lieutenants: Steve Kindred, Matt O'Brien & Billy Messerschmidt | Treasurer: Ed Ross |
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – AMBULANCE



The Second Alarmers Rescue Squad (SARS) is proud to serve Whitpain Township as its primary paramedic ambulance provider. SARS has responded to over 7,000 emergencies in the township since starting service in 2007. In those four years their state-of-the-art ambulances have been parked outside in the township building parking lot and their crews have lived 24-hours a day in a rented construction trailer. This year SARS began a capital building campaign to fund the construction of a permanent Whitpain EMS facility next to the township building. The keystone to the project is a 9/11 memorial featuring a piece of the World Trade Center to honor emergency responders commitment to keep us safe. Mark September 11th on your calendar now to attend their memorial dedication ceremony which will also mark the 10th anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11. To date they have raised nearly \$600,000 of their \$1.5 million goal for the project and ask that you call 215-659-1885 to learn more or visit their website www.SARS.org to make a tax deductible donation.



The Second Alarmers Rescue Squad (SARS) is moving to a new home. SARS, which has served the Township very well the last four years, currently works from a temporary trailer in the parking lot of the Township Building. The squad is in the early stages of a capital campaign to support its move to a permanent station that will be built to the rear of the township building. The move will enhance the squad's emergency response.



The Second Alarmers Rescue Squad was presented with a piece of steel that was once the World Trade Center Buildings in New York City. This steel is 1 of only 1100 pieces presented to agencies for use a memorial to the tragic events of September 11, 2001. On Wednesday, July 27, 2011, Second Alarmers along with Whitpain Township Officials and other agencies, escorted the steel from NYC to the Whitpain township building campus. The steel will be used in a lasting memorial built on the township property that is slated to be completed prior to the 10th anniversary of those tragic events. Please watch for more details on the completion of the monument.

Federal, State And Local Governments

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

U.S. Senators:
 Robert Casey, Jr.215.405-9660 **Term Expires**
 December 2012
 Patrick J. Toomey.....202.224-4254 December 2014

Congress Representatives:
 James Gerlach – 6th District.....610.409-2780
 Allyson Y. Schwartz – 13th District.....215.517-6572

STATE GOVERNMENT:

Governor
 Tom CorbettAction Line: 1.717.787-2500
 225 Main Capitol Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120

Senator
 John C. Rafferty610.831-8830
 3770 Ridge Pike, Collegetown, PA 19426

Representatives:
 Kate M. Harper – 61st District610.277-3230
 1515 DeKalb Pike, Suite 106, Blue Bell, PA 19422
 Michael Gerber – 148th District610-832-1679
 527 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

Montgomery Co. Board of Commissioners:

The Board meets every Thursday at 10 a.m. at the County Courthouse in Norristown - 610-278-3020

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| Courthouse610-278-3000 | Communications610-278-3061 |
| Election Board610-278-3275 | Treasurer610-278-3066 |
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| Jury Commissioners610-278-3215 | Voter's Registration610-278-3280 |
| Older Adults610-278-3601 | |

For all other offices, please consult the telephone directory blue pages under Montgomery County.

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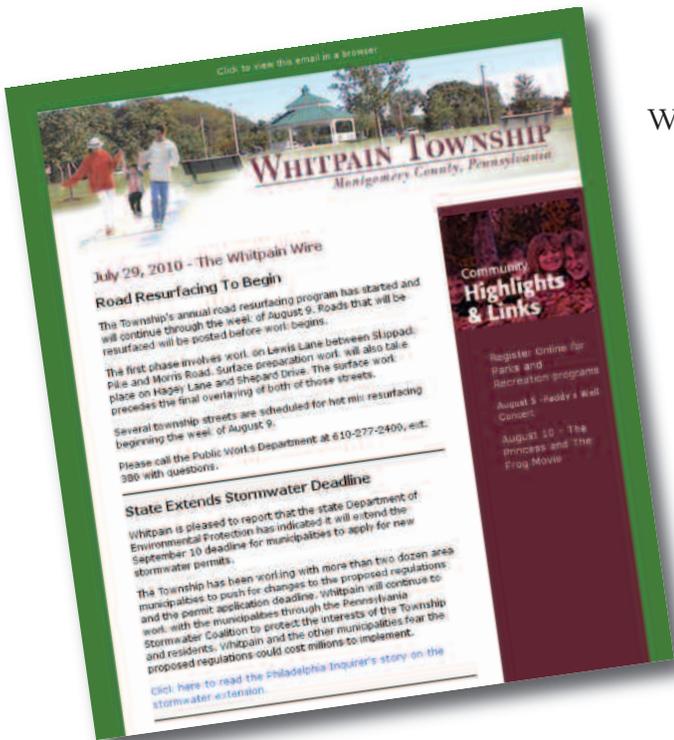
Whitpain Township publishes a weekly e-mail newsletter called *The Wire*

The Wire includes updates on township activities and services such as leaf collection and snow removal, recreation programs, meeting schedules and much, much more.

Subscribe at www.whitpaintownship.org

Other ways to stay connected with the township:

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Programs And Events

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Parks And Recreation Department

Director - Kurt W. Baker...Ext. 381
 Recreation Superintendent - Michael J. Richino...Ext. 375
park&rec@whitpaintownship.org

Park and Open Space Board

The Park and Open Space Board assists the Board of Supervisors in planning for the acquisition of future parks and open spaces within the township along with evaluating what uses are most appropriate for the parks and open spaces under the control of the township. In addition to the duties noted above, the Park and Open Space Board shall be charged with educating the residents of Whitpain Township about the various opportunities these parks and open spaces provide the residents of the township for both passive and active recreation.

Members: Susan Mudambi, Chairman; David Byrne, Vice Chair; Amy Fruncillo, Secretary; Bill Rapine; Kevin Finlay; Michael Brophy; Pat Clement; and Vince Marrocco



Special Needs

Any disabled resident who requires special provisions must make the Parks and Recreation staff aware of the required accommodations when registering for a program. Whitpain Township is committed to providing equal opportunity to all residents.

Park And Recreation

Facility Rental Program...For Whitpain Residents And Businesses Only

Wentz Run Park offers a covered pavilion which accommodates 50-125 people. Charcoal grills / Electricity / Water are available. You must request a Facility Rental Form for pavilion and field use. A fee and security deposit are required.

Prophecy Creek Park (located next to Shady Grove Elementary School) offers a beautiful scenic backdrop with gazebo setting to any wedding photographs you may want to take. Photo permits are now required. Please contact the Parks

and Recreation Department at 610.277-2400 ext 374 for information. It is also a passive park which allows for leashed pets to visit and provides doggie bags for your convenience.

Stony Creek Sports Park is located on North Wales Road and has 1 skating rink, 1 basketball court, football field and open grounds. A security deposit and fee are required.

Contact (610) 277-2400 extensions 374 for information



Community

on SATURDAY

A TASTE OF WHITPAIN!



New this year in the food area of the Community Harvest Festival. At least six (6) food vendors in our food court named "A Taste of Whitpain". Local restaurants and caterers will be invited to tantalize your taste buds! The food court will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Come have lunch and dinner with us!

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- Petting Zoo
- Hayrides
- Food Court
- Pony Rides

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(rain date Sunday, October 16th)

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Shuttle will run every 15 minutes.

ACTIVITIES

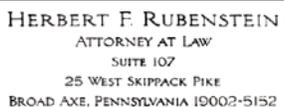
- Inflatable Rides
- Trackless Train
- Craft/Community Interest Vendors
- Musical Entertainment
- Needle in the Haystack
- Pumpkin Face Painting
- The Great Pumpkin Patch
- Children's Games Area

ADVANCE SALES*:

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Park And Recreation

Registration

Register at the Whitpain Township Administration Building between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. This newsletter containing Parks and Recreation information is sent to all Whitpain Township residents twice a year, which contains a registration form for your convenience. Another way to register is on-line at whitpaintownship.org, click on Parks and Recreation to register. For your convenience we have also made available credit card registration at the Recreation counter – Visa / MasterCard. As always you may pay by check or cash as well.

Registration Procedures

- Program participation is limited to Whitpain Township residents unless otherwise noted on the program description.
- Registration for all programs will be held at the Whitpain Township Administration Building, 960 Wentz Road in Blue Bell between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- No registration will be taken on the day of the program unless approved by the Director.
- All registrations are accepted in the order in which they are received.
- NO PHONE IN REGISTRATIONS.
- ALL FEES are payable upon enrollment.
- NO REFUNDS or ADJUSTMENTS; FOR (1) MISSED CLASSES, (2) DISCONTINUING AN ACTIVITY, (3) CANCELLATION, (4) FALSIFICATION OF INFORMATION. Fees will only be refunded if a program has insufficient enrollment.
- A LATE FEE OF 10% of the TOTAL COST OF THE PROGRAM will be charged when received AFTER START OF THE ACTIVITY/PROGRAM.
- If program/classes are held in the public school system or at Montgomery County Community College – and the schools are closed because of holidays – no classes will be held. If there is inclement weather, school closing numbers are: Wissahickon School District #314 – MCCC #320. Also listen to KYW News Radio.

On-Line Credit Card Procedure:

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Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

E-mail Address (*print legibly*) _____

Phone _____ (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell)

Note any disabilities _____

Age (*if required for enrollment*) _____ Birth Date (*if required for enrollment*) _____

Program / Trip _____

Program / Trip Date _____ Time _____ Fee _____

Program / Trip _____

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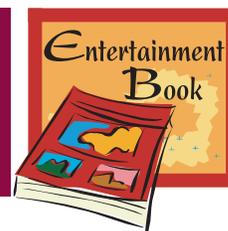
DISCOUNT SKI TICKETS

The Recreation Department offers reduced tickets to area ski parks from mid-December through the end of March. Some of the participating areas are: BEAR CREEK / JACK FROST & BIG BOULDER / BLUE MOUNTAIN / ELK / CAMELBACK and SHAWNEE.

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Park And Recreation Activities - Trips



Trips



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5 P.M. SHOW TIME

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

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Park And Recreation Activities - Special Events

Special Events



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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FEE: \$5 A CARLOAD

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Park And Recreation - Fall Sports Programs

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Ages: 3-5

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Ages 15+

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Monday or Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
- **Tennis for Fitness** (50 Min)
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.
- **Workshop for Beginners** (1 Hour)
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. or Sunday 10:15 a.m.

4 sessions \$50 Resident \$55 Non-Resident

For Information contact Liz Baldasano 267.210-7632

liz4tennis@gmail.com



MEN'S OVER 30 BASKETBALL

Monday nights at
Montgomery County Community College
February 13 – May 7

Time: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Cost: Resident \$40

Non-Resident \$45

**dates and times may change based upon MCCC availability*

COED ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday nights at Montgomery County Community College
November 16 – April 17

Times: 7:15 pm – 9:15 pm

Costs: Resident \$40

Non-Resident \$45

**dates and times may change based upon MCCC availability*



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AGES: 2-2 ½ YEARS 10:15 A.M.
AGES: 2 ½ - 3 YEARS 11:30 A.M.
AGES: 3-4 YEARS 12:45 A.M.

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Whitpain Recreational Association – (WRA)

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January Registrations:
Baseball/Softball (ages 6-18)
Field Hockey (grades 2-8)

October Registrations:
Basketball (ages 7-17)

PLEASE NOTE: New Web Address for **SPORTS REGISTRATION** with **WRA**
www.wrasports.countmein.com

Ambler/Whitpain Football



AWYFA is a non-profit youth focused organization serving Whitpain, Lower Gwynedd, and Ambler youth ages 4-14.

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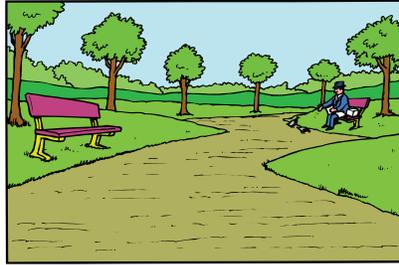
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Whitpain Recreational Areas

Wentz Run Park (49.8 acres) – 1000 Anvil Lane (directly behind Township Administration Building)

A multi-purpose family park opened to the public in April of 1995. This park has become the focal point of many special events and activities as well as the home for our Township youth athletic programs and adult softball league. A fully equipped concession stand and picnic pavilion are open from April through October. Other amenities at Wentz Run Park include a gazebo, four tennis courts, two basketball courts, sand volleyball court, two soccer fields, three baseball fields, tot lot playground, multipurpose athletic field, two horseshoe pits, a 1.75 mile exercise / nature trail loop. Residents and businesses interested in reserving facilities at the park can do so by obtaining a permit from the Parks and Recreation office. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis for times not occupied by Township and youth organization activities. Information on fees, rules, and rental procedures are available at the Parks and Recreation office. Dogs are not permitted in this park.



Wentz Run Park Nature Trail

Phase One – a loop at the southeast corner of Wentz Run Park was completed in 2006. This 1/4 mile natural surfaced trail was built in cooperation with the Rotary Club of not or Blue Bell and Aetna Healthcare Services. A recently completed Eagle Scout project added a war memorial and stone bench to the aesthetics of the trail. Several signs along the trail identify tree species and other points of environmental interest. The nature trail is a small segment of an overall trail system master plan study being conducted by a sub-committee of the Whitpain Township Open Space Committee.

West Side Park – Oak and Maple Streets – West Ambler

Opened in July 1995; this small tot lot play area was designed for small children up to age 10. Swings, see-saws, spring animals, and a multi-use play structure provide hours of enjoyment for area youngsters.

West Side Courts – Mt. Pleasant and Maple Avenues – West Ambler

Opened in the fall of 1997, this basketball court provides area youth with the opportunity to recreate out of this small area.

Erbs Mill Park (1.28 acres) – Erbs Mill Road & Thayer Drive

The Township renovated this tract of open space with several evergreen trees and several varieties of shade trees. Installation of park benches, trash receptacles, and appropriate signage rounded out this project.

Armentrout Preserve (37.41 acres) – Beale Road off Penllyn-Blue Bell Pike

This beautiful tract of natural open space land was acquired in 1997 with grant money from the Montgomery County Open Space Program. Combined with several adjoining acres acquired by the Wissahickon Valley Watershed, this impressive open space has both wooded and farm land features. The Township plans to maintain this reserve as a natural area for years to come.

Prophecy Creek Park (82 acres) – Skippack Pike adjacent to Shady Grove School

Acquired in 1999, this beautiful property accommodates the manor house (not open to the public), barn and caretakers' home. Residents are encouraged to walk and enjoy the ponds, grounds and wildlife. Many have already taken advantage of the esthetics for wedding photos. Dogs are permitted if leashed and policed. Doggie pick up bags are available. Construction has recently been completed improving the entrance to the park on Skippack Pike. Improvements include alignment of the driveway entrance with Narcissa Road, signaling the intersection, creating left hand turn lanes, tree replacement and storm water management upgrades. All improvements will enhance the safety of entering and exiting Prophecy Creek Park.

Stony Creek Sports Park (11.5 acres) – North Wales Road

This area houses a full size in-line hockey rink, basketball court and multi-purpose field for soccer, football and field hockey. The rink opened in the spring of 2002. A playground was installed at this site in the spring of 2003. The area was obtained to further accommodate the shortage of sports fields in the Township and provide our youth with a safe area in which to play organized sports. Ambler/Whitpain Football currently utilizes this field as their practice facility.

Briar Hill Preserve

33 Acre Tract of Open Space situated at Morris Road and Lewis Lane in the southeast corner of Whitpain Township, Briar Hill Preserve lies amidst the largest assemblage of undeveloped land in the Township. Bounded on two sides by roads designated as "scenic", in County and Township plans, the Briar Hill site connects the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association open space with Whitpain's Prophecy Creek Park. With conservation of this Preserve, over two hundred acres of contiguous natural open space has been preserved for wildlife and the enjoyment of the public. The purchase of this site was made possible through the cooperative efforts of Whitpain Township, and the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association. Funding was obtained through the Montgomery County Green Fields/Green Towns program.

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The Whitpain Township Shade Tree Commission is charged with custody and control of trees in Whitpain Township. The Commission's responsibilities include planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees located on Township public properties. The Commission conducts programs that increase awareness of the value of trees and provides information for their proper care and maintenance. The Shade Tree Commission also maintains a registry of Township trees of magnificent size, significant age, and unusual species.

Whitpain Township has been designated as a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation since 1994. This is a national recognition for communities that effectively manage their public tree resources. Every year since 1999 Whitpain has earned the Foundation's Growth Award. This program recognizes communities that encourage environmental improvement and display a higher level of tree care. In 2009, after earning the Growth Award for ten consecutive years, Whitpain was recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Sterling Community, this organization's highest level of recognition. Only five other Pennsylvania communities have ever earned this distinction.

The Shade Tree Commission consists of three members appointed by the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors, each serving a five-year term. Meetings are held in the Township Building at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The Commission invites all residents to attend. Additional information is available on line at: www.whitpaintownship.net/pages/gov_boardshade.php.



The Whitpain Township Shade Tree Commission Is Looking for Champion Trees for Its Heritage Tree Registry

The Shade Tree Commission is seeking to document and record trees of magnificent size, significant age or unusual species located in Whitpain Township. Since 1987, the Shade Tree Commission has maintained a registry of heritage trees, which records information about the largest, oldest and most unusual trees in our Township. It would like to add additional champion trees to this registry and is asking Whitpain residents for their assistance. *If you are aware of a local tree that appears to be magnificent in size, significant in age or is an unusual species, please contact the Shade Tree Commission at (610) 277-2400 - to provide information about this tree.*

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For additional information call
 Marie Goldkamp, President -
 215.542-8845
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Open houses are held at the Franklinville School, 1701 Morris Road (app. 3/10ths of a mile West of DeKalb Pike/Route 202) on the 3rd Sundays of the month from 1-4 pm. May-October. Built in 1858, it is the only remaining one-room schoolhouse in Whitpain open to the public and offers a rare opportunity for a first-hand glimpse of early American education as practiced in our local area. Bring the children!

Monthly meetings on historical topics held at Boxwood House are open to the public and listed on our website.

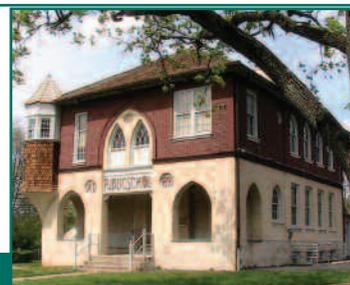
Wissahickon Valley Historical Society

1895 Schoolhouse is located at 799 Skippack Pike at School Road

Museum and Library are open the 3rd Sundays of each month; Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon by appointment. Meetings are September through May every 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

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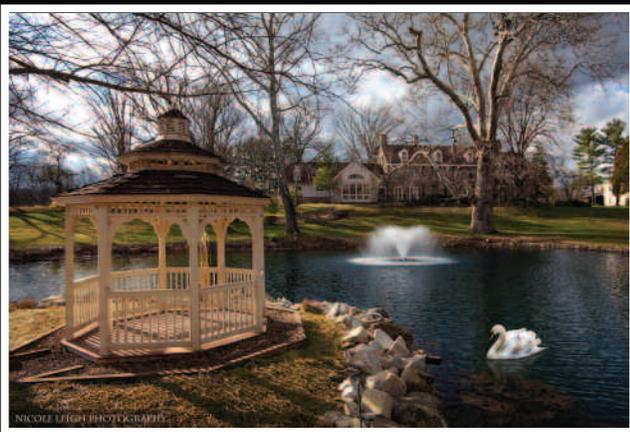


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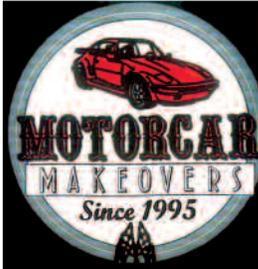


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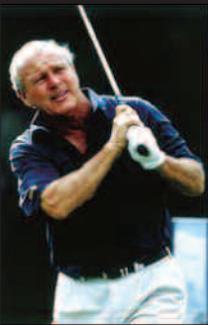
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