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Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

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SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Fellow Citizens,

I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to be the Mayor of this wonderful Township. I am sincerely humbled and honored and pledge to the citizens to do my very best. We have a wonderful community, with a lot going for it and I plan on improving whatever and wherever we can.

The large flag at Mickley and MacArthur Roads was put back up next to the old FedEx, which has moved to Schadt Ave. The property is getting a new tenant and the owner asked what he could do to improve it. I requested that the large 20x30 foot flag be reinstalled with new lighting ... The colors are flying again ... "Whitehall Proud".

The Recreation Dept is making progress. The Cementon Pool repairs are currently taking place with our Public Works and Recreation departments doing the work. We are hoping that the weather cooperates and we can hire enough staff so we can run both Parkview and Cementon Pools safely. If we cannot, we will run Parkview and use Cementon as a backup. The new Parkway Pavilion on S. Church Street is near completion and will be ready for use this summer. Also, the West Catasauqua Park building is being refreshed for our seniors and guests.

Our Fire Chief, David Nelson, recently resigned and I wish him the best. I feel new leadership will help solve some of the issues within the Fire Department. I am confident that our Volunteers will make our Fire Department better than ever. Please consider joining, we need volunteers and there are great incentives available.

Our Police Department continues to do a phenomenal job and has been aggressively issuing traffic citations to keep our roads safe.

We are blessed to have the most professional staff I have ever worked with in my 30 plus years in the private sector and military service.

This is just a small sample of some of the things going on. If you ever have any questions, please reach out to me or our staff, or stop by just to say hello.

Sincerely,
Joseph J. Marx Jr., Mayor



Joseph J. Marx Jr., Mayor

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Storytime with Andy
June 20, 2024



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Tournament
September 23, 2024



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Listed below is the 2024 schedule for the Board of Commissioners meetings that are held at the Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

WORKSHOP MEETINGS

May 6, 2024
June 3, 2024
July 1, 2024
August 5, 2024
September 3, 2024
October 7, 2024
November 4, 2024
December 2, 2024

PUBLIC MEETINGS

May 13, 2024
June 10, 2024
July 8, 2024
August 12, 2024
September 9, 2024
October 14, 2024
November 11, 2024
December 9, 2024

The Board of Commissioners reminds residents who possess a willingness to serve their Community to apply for any of the Township's various Board or Commissions. Vacancies can occur at any time during the year on various Boards/Commissions. Anyone interested can pick up an application at the Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road or at the Township website – www.whitehalltownship.org. Applications are kept on file for one year. Unsuccessful applications for current vacancies will be given future consideration in the event of a vacancy.

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WHITEHALL-COPLAY COMMUNITIES THAT CARE (CTC)

With the retirement of Denise Continenza, the coordinator since the prevention coalition began, the CTC will soon be seeing new leadership at the helm. Thanks to funding from Lehigh County Drug and Alcohol Services, The Center for Humanistic Change, Inc. will be hiring a CTC Mobilizer to guide the work of this organization.



The CTC in Whitehall-Coplay has been in operation since 2011 when then-superintendent, Dr. Lorrie Hackett reached out to Continenza regarding her work with youth and families through Penn State Extension and was introduced to the CTC model. CTC uses a data-driven process to assess youth wellness and strategically plan to reduce risk and increase protection around positive youth development. Using sound research and proven effective programs and practices, the CTC has been able to increase youth resilience in a coordinated fashion, engaging numerous community partners to deliver programs, services, and practical solutions.

Also, this spring, the report from the 2023 PA Youth Survey, or PAYS, will be sent to all participating school districts. Administrators and the CTC members will analyze that data to measure levels of change as well as look for new trends or

emerging concerns. The team will look at their current goals and assess the progress made. The priorities identified and addressed since the 2021 PAYS include:

Reducing by 10% on the 2023 PAYS the number of 12th graders who said that they seriously considered suicide in the past year compared to the rate they expressed on the 2021 PAYS as 10th graders (29%);

Seeing no more than a 2% increase in vaping use and related acts as per the 2023 PA Youth Survey. (Vaping has been increasing at the state and national levels at rates much higher, so a modest increase is a reasonable expectation);

Reducing the number of students in grades 6-12 who say they do not participate in pro-social activities by 5% according to the 2023 PAYS. (2017- 15% overall, 2019- 19.7%, 2021- 22%)

As the CTC moves into its 13th year of collaboration, the biggest measure of success can be seen in the students and young people of our community. While every community has its challenges, Whitehall-Coplay works to prevent problem behaviors by getting to root causes. By providing education and services to address issues early, the focus remains on keeping young people on the right path to graduation and adult life.

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP ETHICS BOARD

From the Code of Ethics 1-303

A Code of Ethics is hereby established for all Township, paid and unpaid, elected and appointed officials, employees and appointed members of Township boards, commissions and authorities.

The Whitehall Township Board of Ethics is comprised of five members who are Township citizens and hold no other Township elected or appointed positions.

Members of the Whitehall Township Board of Ethics subject to the Code above and are volunteers. They were appointed by the Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners.

In addition to taking action on any Ethics complaints, the Whitehall Township Board of Ethics will be analyzing and recommending updates to the Code where needed to bring it up to date.

Whitehall Township Board of Ethics meetings are posted on the Whitehall Township website along with its minutes from those meetings.

To facilitate transparency and accessibility, the Whitehall Township Board of Ethics has established the following process to receive complaints:

1. In the event there is a need for a submission of an alleged Ethics violation, the complaint must be in written, signed and mailed to: Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Rd Whitehall, PA 18052, RE: *Whitehall Township Board of Ethics - Personal & Confidential*
2. The letter will be placed in a mail slot reserved for the Whitehall Township Board of Ethics and the Ethics Board Chairman and / or Vice Chairman shall be notified when a letter arrives.
3. The letter will be picked up as soon as possible after notification and the complaint will be discussed in Executive Session at the next Board meeting to decide if an Ethics investigation needs to be conducted. If it is not an Ethics matter, it will be referred to the appropriate area/department. If it is deemed to have no merit, the submitter will be notified.

Please see the township website for more information and for the current copy of the Whitehall Township Ethics Code.



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So you are planning a project this summer.... A new pool, a new shed, a new driveway or deck.....and you wonder, 'Do I need a permit?'

The answer is a resounding 'YES'. You will most likely need a permit for any job that you are planning for your property. Both Whitehall Township ordinances and the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code require that permits be secured, and proper inspections of the work be performed to be in compliance with law.

Typically, summer is the month for swimming pools and decks. The bureau wants to remind you that we have several excellent code guides available to assist you with planning your outdoor projects, which may be accessed either on the township's website, www.whitehalltownship.org under the 'forms and

documents' tab, or by visiting our offices. Please know that the state construction code very specifically regulates construction, and you are required to get the necessary permits and inspections for all work.

Swimming pools are a particular challenge for the bureau during the summer months. Did you know that all pools which are capable of holding more than 24 inches of water are regulated (this doesn't mean if you don't fill it all the way it isn't regulated.... it still is!)— and this means that you will be required to address such items as fencing, electrical systems and clearances, alarms, etc.? Please don't disappoint the family and make an investment before you contact us and check the codes. There is nothing more disappointing than us having to tell a homeowner that they cannot put the pool in that the kids were so looking forward to! Head to the township's website and download the Swimming Pool guide BEFORE you go shopping for that pool!!!!



HOW HOT CAN IT GET?

Well....pretty hot! During the summer months, sometimes the township receives complaints from primarily residents in rental properties regarding the lack of air conditioning. Although this feels like a MUST for most of us, did you know that no code REQUIRES air conditioning to be provided? Heat, yes, but A/C no. So you may need to investigate other options if your air conditioning malfunctions or is non-existent. The township cannot require any property owner to provide cooling.

IS IT ZONING OR NOT ZONING?

We find that many people misunderstand what 'zoning' really is, and frequently many things are called out to be 'zoning violations' when in fact they have nothing to do with zoning. Frequently we get complaints or inquiries as to whether or not an activity or condition is a violation of 'zoning' and inquiries about why 'zoning' isn't doing anything about it....

Zoning, quite simply, is the regulation of use of property with respect to type, size, and location of structures and the occupancy therein.

How a property is maintained, both on the exterior as well as the interior is NOT a zoning issue, nor a zoning violation. Zoning is specific to uses conducted on the property and the size and location of structures. Animals are only a zoning issue when they are the wrong type of animal in the wrong zoning district. No other animal issues are zoning (i.e., dog debris, number of animals, odor from animals). How a property is used IS a zoning

issue, how a property is maintained is NOT. Sidewalks – including their condition and snow and ice accumulation on them are NOT a zoning issue. They are a streets issue. Trees are NOT a zoning issue, neither on the street or interior on a property. Where you build on your property or what you build IS a zoning issue. HOW you build it is NOT.

Most complaints that the township receives are not zoning issues at all but property maintenance, building, or other codes. Zoning is challenging to enforce and has a very protected appeal process so that is the reason why most health and safety issues are NOT regulated by zoning. In addition, the State of Pennsylvania establishes strict enabling guidelines for how zoning ordinances can be drafted by any municipality.

Of course if you have a question, we are always here to help you through the process and identify if your concern is regulated and how.



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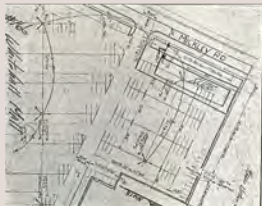
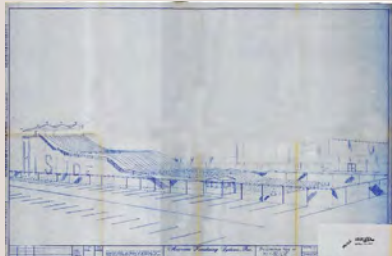


Exhibit for the zoning appeal for the HI-Slide that once existed at the Whitehall Mall, just south of where the Goodwill Store is now located, along Mickley Road. The HI-Slide opened in September of 1968 after it was granted a special use permit by the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board. The slide was more than four stories high and 40 feet wide and had a 193 foot long sliding surface. At the time it opened it was claimed to be the 'highest slide in the world'.



ON GAZEBOS/PERGOLAS . . .

Does part of your summer improvement project include a gazebo or pergola? Many projects do. You can get kits for them now on Lowes, Home Depot, Amazon, Wayfair and even Bed Bath and Beyond! These structures are fun, provide shade, and in recent years have become increasingly affordable.

However, when proposing one of these structures, you will need to remember to contact the township regarding the building code requirements for same. Permits ARE required in Whitehall for all such structures, for various reasons – such as snow loads, anchoring, etc.

Increasingly these structures are proposed on existing surfaces, which usually is not an issue, however, we have had several instances over the past few years where they were proposed on elevated deck structures – which may or may not be capable of handling the additional weight of same. Furthermore, the structures were placed BEFORE permits were secured, and so getting approvals had to occur 'after the fact'. This becomes increasingly problematic and typically will involve the homeowner being required to seek the services of a registered design professional to perform evaluation of their existing deck or patio to make sure that it can support the new structure, and this can be costly!

Even though many of these structures are sold as kits for 'do it yourself-ers' they are NOT simple and must still meet building codes, so we encourage you to review the information for the structure you are proposing to build and contact the township to see what additional materials may be needed prior to your being permitted to place it on an existing deck or patio – which may or may NOT be capable of supporting it.

It is always unfortunate for us to have to inform property owners that they must spend several hundred or even thousands more to allow them to be able to construct a structure that they have already purchased.



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Choose Native Plants this year for your garden

What is a Native Plant? Native plants are plants that have naturally occurred in a specific region, ecosystem, or habitat without human introduction. These plants have coexisted with local wildlife for thousands of years, forming symbiotic relationships.

Here are some key points about native plants:

1. **Local Adaptation:** Native plants are **adapted** to the **climate, light, and soil conditions** of their ecosystem. Native plants will thrive without excessive care and are less prone to pests reducing the need for toxic chemicals.
2. **Biodiversity Support:** By using native plants, we contribute to **biodiversity preservation**. They provide essential **habitat** and **food** for wildlife, including birds, butterflies, and pollinators.
3. **Non-Invasiveness:** Unlike invasive exotic plants, native plants do not aggressively spread into natural areas, threatening local ecosystems. Planting native species helps prevent the introduction of harmful invasives.
4. **Water Conservation:** Native plants are adapted to local rainfall patterns, reducing the need for excessive irrigation and can help with excessive runoff.
5. **Habitat Creation:** Native plants create a **natural habitat** that supports local wildlife. Birds, insects, and small mammals find shelter, food, and breeding grounds in these ecosystems.
6. **Certified Wildlife Habitats:** A balanced **Certified Wildlife Habitat** aims for 50-70% native plants that provide **multi-season bloom** and are free of neonicotinoids (i.e., Roundup).
7. **They are perennials** which means they come back every year and will self-seed if you care for them properly.



Easy Care

Do Not cut back your native plants in the fall. Native plants will provide a food source for birds throughout the winter. Plants with hollow stems also provide a habitat for native bees. Plan to trim native plant stems to a height of 10 to 12" in the spring. In addition, the Asters also need a single trimming around the 4th of July to control overgrowth. Trim Aster stems to a height of 12 inches.

Sources: National Wildlife Federation provides an easy-to-use Plant Finder: Native Plant Finder

WHITEHALL AREA ROTARY CLUB

The Whitehall Area Rotary Club continues to connect with the community, as our members SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES by creating local and global partnerships and participating in a variety of programs and projects. Our monthly business meeting provides an opportunity to welcome community leaders. Over the last few months, we learned about the mission and programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lehigh Valley and The Miracle League, as well as initiatives of the Rotary International Foundation.

We were busy throughout the spring with our annual 4-Way Speech Contest for local high school students, the celebration of our 7th Club Anniversary and participation in Rotary International's Day of Service. We were pleased to be able to sponsor students for the Camp Neidig leadership experience as well as the STEM Youth Explorer Academy at Kutztown University, a 4-day, 3-night residential camp for Middle School students provides a hands-on learning experience focused on science and technology.

Christmas in July? Well, our members are busy planning our 8th Annual Jingle Bell 8K Run/5K Walk. The Club welcomes runners and walkers of all ages and abilities to participate in this fun event, to be held this year on Saturday, December 7th. Everyone in the community is invited to join us, with highlights including food (hot dogs, soup bar, hot chocolate bar), kids' activities, pet and child photos with Santa, and a basket raffle.

One of our ongoing activities is the monthly distribution of the SUNShine Boxes, provided by Second Harvest Food Bank. SUNShine (Serving Under-Nourished Seniors) Boxes are distributed by volunteers on the 3rd Monday each month at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Whitehall. If you know of a senior

citizen in need of food support or wish to volunteer, please

contact Sharon Geroulo at sharon.geroulo@truist.com to learn about eligibility guidelines and opportunities for service.

We also help with the regular Monday evening food distribution at the Food Pantry at St Stephen's Episcopal Church, Whitehall. Volunteers are always needed. If you can help, please contact Dianne Frana at wilsonedianne@gmail.com.

Club members are anxious to resume our initiative to clean up along our beloved Ironton Rail Trail and the Jordan Greenway. On the 3rd Saturday of each month, weather permitting, we focus on a few areas to clean up these community resources.

If you are a frequent guest along the Ironton Rail Trail, be sure to look for a new bike repair station at the Whitehall Trailhead, 3853 Chestnut St. The station was donated by the Whitehall Area Rotary Club through a matching grant from Rotary District 7430.

We have many amazing opportunities to be PEOPLE OF ACTION and show our SERVICE ABOVE SELF. If you would like more information about joining our Club or our programs and activities, please check our Facebook page, Whitehall Area Rotary (@whitehallcoplayrotary), or reach out to Membership Chairpersons, Laura Long, llong@FellowshipCommunity.com or Cheryl Huckabee-Washington, huckwashintl@scale@gmail.com. Our monthly business meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday, while our monthly mixer meeting is held on the 4th Tuesday. To contact current President Ed Hozza, please email him at edwardhozza@gmail.com.





PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES CAN BE HARDER FOR WHITEHALL RESIDENTS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE

Help older Whitehall residents and those with special needs plan now for future emergencies.

In an emergency, knowing what to do is a person's best defense. Help those who may require assistance during emergencies, such as older Whitehall residents and people with special needs, by teaching them about the risks they could potentially face, as well as how to build a support network, make an emergency plan and create an emergency supply kit.

Be informed – As Whitehall is prone to a variety of unexpected disasters and emergencies [including floods, fires, winter storms, tornadoes and flu pandemics] having a personal plan is essential – especially for those who may face unique challenges in an emergency such as those with disabilities or older residents. Learn about the different disasters and emergencies that can affect them and urge them to be better prepared.

Make a plan – Encourage those with special needs or older residents to make a list of family, friends and others (like trusted neighbors), who can assist them during an emergency. They can then plan how they will contact each other during an emergency. Those in their support network should be sure to:

- Have an extra key to their home.
- Have a copy of their plan.
- Learn how to use any lifesaving equipment.
- Learn how to administer any required special medications.
- Be shown where emergency supplies are kept.
- Learn how to use additional medical equipment *such as wheelchairs, oxygen, etc.*

Make a Kit – Although Whitehall's emergency responders work hard, they may not be able to get to everyone immediately after a natural or manmade disaster. To ensure older residents and those with special needs are prepared until assistance arrives, they can take action by creating a kit with essential items they will need to survive on their own for at least three days.

When creating a kit, there are several basic supplies everyone needs, including at least one gallon of bottled water per person per day and foods that won't spoil and are easy to store (especially canned foods that contain a lot of liquid.) Those who take medicine or use a medical treatment every day should also be sure to have enough on hand to last for at least one week, as well as keep a list of prescriptions, including the medication name, dosage and any other directions. Those who require additional medical supplies should always keep extras on hand, including:

- Wheelchair and hearing aid batteries
- Eyeglasses or contacts
- Oxygen

Emergencies can happen without warning. By helping those with special needs and older residents prepare, they will be more secure when a disaster hits.



Examples messages may include emergent information as well as other relevant safety and community information.

Whitehall Township Emergency Management Agency utilizes a service to access important, valuable community information when you need it, using the latest technology.

The service is secure, reliable and easy for our group to use. You decide what information you want and whether you want it sent to your cell phone, email or simply over the web.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Whitehall Township Emergency Management is currently looking for volunteers to help during a disaster. Whether it is a natural disaster, man-made disaster or large fire, Whitehall Township EMA is there. No prior training is needed, we provide the training. If you are looking for an organization that helps others in a time of need, we are the place.

We are also looking for people with special skills.

If you speak a foreign language fluently and would like to assist us as an interpreter let us know. We are looking for all languages.

We are also looking for people that have their HAM Operator license to be part of our RACES team. This is a group of individuals that man our HAM radio during a disaster.

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Reminder On Street Trees

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Cameron Tract

The Cameron Tract at 2600 Eberhart Road (yard waste drop-off facility) will be open Saturdays from 7:00 am to 11:00 am and Noon to 3:00 pm on the following 2024 dates:

May 4th, 11th & 18th | June 1st, 15th & 29th | July 13th & 20th | August 3rd, 17th & 24th | September 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Appointments are required for weekday use at either 10:00 am or 1:00 pm by calling 610-437-5524, ext. 1139. Rules and Regulation pamphlets are available at the Cameron Tract or Township offices during business hours. Proof of residency is required!

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Recycling Drop-Off Center

The center, located at the corner of Eberhart and Range Roads (2650 Range Road) for all **Lehigh County residents however NO BUSINESSES**. They take any recycling items that can be put out at curbside as well as: scrap metal, 4 auto tires without rims (township residents only), clothes, books, cardboard (no wet cardboard), household flashlight type batteries (no mercury), lead acid batteries, cell phone batteries and all plastics #1 thru #7.

Also the workers down there are retirees. Please be patient with them and understand they DO NOT make the rules they are only doing their jobs and enforcing them, Thank You!

2024 Regular Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays – 11:00 am till 5:00 pm
Saturdays – 9:00 am till 5:00 pm

2024 Holiday Closures:

Saturday, May 25th
Thursday, July 4th
Saturday, August 31st

REFUSE and RECYCLING

Waste Management will continue to be the hauler of garbage, recycling, yard waste, grass and leaves for Whitehall Township in 2024. If any of your collections are missed, please call the Township at 610-437-5524, ext. 1139 or 1100 .

Waste Management has a website with information for Whitehall Township residents. Residents can reach the site through WM.com or a Google search.

Township Refuse Toter: The designated Whitehall Township refuse automated toter is the **ONLY** container that will be picked up at the curb. NO loose garbage or garbage in any other container will be picked up. Please make sure the toter is facing the correct way (wheels away from street side)

Bulk Item Collection – residents are allowed two (2) bulk items, e.g. mattress, sofa, etc., can be placed at the curb each week on your regular collection day.

Glass Items – windows, mirrors, shower doors etc should be wrapped in newspaper or duct taped in a star pattern to prevent shattering or injury.

Pick-up of any appliance containing Freon, CFC or HCFS, can be placed for a monthly curbside collection on the 4th Wednesday

of each month after paying a \$25.00 at the Township Tax Office and being put on the monthly list for pick-up.

Pick-up for any Non-Freon appliance or “White Goods”, e.g. washer, dryer, hot water heater, etc., can be placed for a monthly curbside collection on the 4th Wednesday of each month after calling 610-437-5529 to get put on the monthly list for pick-up.

Township Recycling Toter: The designated Whitehall Township automated recycling toter is the only container that will be picked up at the curb. NO LOOSE recycling or any other container will be picked up. Excessive recycling can be taken to the Township’s Recycling Center on Range Road. Make sure toter is facing the correct way.

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

Pennsylvania Act 101 and Whitehall Township require that businesses, professionals, non-profit organizations, institutions, and industrial and residential landlords must recycle plastics containers, #1-7, glass bottles and jars, newspapers, office paper, magazines, junk mail, phone books, cardboard, and yard waste. It further requires that you report your recycling information to the Township each year by February 1st.

RECYCLING OR TRASH CARTS

If you are new to the Township and have bought an existing home, the trash and recycle carts should have been left with that home. If not, call the Municipal Building at (610) 437-5524 and report it. If you have moved into a newly built home, use the same telephone number to contact the Township and carts will be delivered after a moving permit is purchased.

HOLIDAY CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT

When a holiday falls anytime during a work week, there will be no pick-up on the holiday and it will push ALL collections to the next day(s) for the week. This applies to:

- **Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024**
- **Independence Day, Thursday, July 4, 2024**
- **Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2024**

ALL YARD WASTE, GRASS & LEAVES GO OUT THE DAY AFTER YOUR SCHEDULED TRASH COLLECTION DAY

- Yard waste (shrubs, hedge clippings, weeds, tree branches (no longer than 4 ft. in length) cannot be mixed with regular garbage and are collected on the day after your garbage day beginning on March 4th 2024 and ending last full week of November. Please keep lids off of those containers so they can be distinguished from the regular garbage. Allowed up to 4 containers.
- Grass collection starts April 1st 2024 and ends October 25th 2024. Allowed up to 4 containers.
- Leaf collection starts September 30th 2024 and ends last full week of November. Unlimited containers or bags. (NO Brown Paper Bags) if bags being used, have container out to put bags in after they are done emptying them.
- YW and leaves will end November 30th, however the last day for residents whose trash day is a Friday their last day would be Monday, November 25th. Grass will end October 25th, however the last day for residents whose trash day is a Friday their last day would be Monday, October 21st.

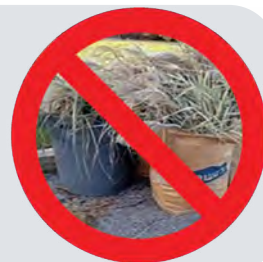


ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

NO ORNAMENTAL GRASSES WILL BE TAKEN CURBSIDE, WE REPEAT, NO ORNAMENTAL GRASSES WILL BE TAKEN CURBSIDE!!!!

You will either put them in a garbage bag and throw them in your garbage totter OR you can bring them to the Cameron Tract on Eberhart Road and put them on their own pile.

This is because the Compost Center will no longer take this. We are sorry for any inconvenience however we can only go by what the compost will take.



Pennsylvania law prohibits the collection of electronics at curbside. You may take your electronics to any of the following locations.

- 1. GER Solutions, LLC, 635 S. Tenth St., Unit 600, Allentown, PA 18103**
 - Accepts most electronics that require a plug or battery.
 - Materials not currently being accepted are: smoke detectors, VHS tapes, cassette tapes and full size refrigerators.
 - **Call 610-443-1776 to inquire for pricing.**
 - Visit their website www.gersolutions.net
 - **PAYMENTS: DEBIT/CREDIT ONLY!**
 - Drop off schedule is: Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- 2. AERC Recycling Solutions, 2330 SW 26th Street, Allentown, PA**
 - Drop-off is the 2nd Friday of the month from 9 AM till 3 PM
 - **Call 610-797-7608 or AERC.com, Use the residential recycling tab for acceptable materials list & fees.**
- 3. DRC Technologies, 2005 Main Street, Northampton, PA 18067**
 - **Call 610-502-0854 for acceptable materials & fees**
 - Appointment ONLY!

Businesses are Required to Recycle in Whitehall

Why Recycle? Recycling is the law in Pennsylvania and in Whitehall. Other reasons include saving natural resources, energy, and the environment. Recycling contributes to Pennsylvania's economy, brings thousands of dollars in grant funding into our Township, helps to curb rising waste disposal costs, and it's good for business!

What are the requirements? The Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988 (Act 101) requires commercial, institutional, and municipal establishments located in Pennsylvania's mandated municipalities to recycle office paper, corrugated paper and cardboard, newsprint, plastics, steel, aluminum, and bimetallic cans, glass bottles and jars, and leaf waste.

The State also requires that all commercial, institutional, and municipal entities must provide written documentation as to the type and weight of materials recycled annually. Reports are due to the Township office by January 30th of each year.



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Saturday, June 29, 2024

9:00am - 1:00pm

*****Whitehall Township Residents Only - Proof of Residency*****

NON-CONTACT! YOU MUST STAY IN YOUR CAR!

Please have Exact Change or Check Prepared.

Items that can be Recycled FREE of Charge are listed below:

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| • Desktop Computers (Fee for Monitors) | • DVD Players & VCR's |
| • Keyboards & Mice | • Gaming Systems |
| • Printers/Fax Machines | • String Christmas Lights |
| • Cables & Cords | • Microwaves & Small Appliances |
| • Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries | • Metal Items & Water Heaters |
| • Laptops | • Exercise Equipment |
| • UPS Battery Backups | • Car Batteries (Sealed Lead Acid) |
| • Toner & Ink Cartridges | • Bed Frames & Rain spouting |
| • Audio Visual Equipment | • Filing Cabinets |
| • Telephones & Cell Phones* | *Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries |

Free Document Shredding – Limit of 10 Boxes

*****Cash or Checks ONLY*****

Please have exact change or check prepared.

*****Please Make Checks Payable to Responsible Recycling Services or RRS*****

Additional Items that can be Recycled for a Fee:

- Washers & Dryers - \$20.00
- Stoves - \$20.00
- Dishwashers - \$20.00
- Computer Monitors - \$20.00
- Televisions under 42" - \$40.00 ALL Types
- TVs (in Wooden Cabinet, Projection, Over 42", TV Tubes (Broken TVs) - \$58.00
- Air Conditioners - \$25.00
- Dehumidifiers - \$25.00
- Refrigerators - \$35.00
- Floor Freezers - \$35.00
- Floor Copiers - \$20.00
- Console Stereos (in Cabinet) - \$35.00
- Water Coolers & Dorm Fridge - \$25.00

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WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

The Whitehall Food Pantry (founded in 1974) is located at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 3900 Mechanicsville Rd, Whitehall. As the pantry grew, four additional churches were added to provide the support and volunteer base needed. The four churches who provide weekly volunteers are Faith Evangelical Lutheran, Mickley's UCC, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran and St. John's UCC, Fullerton. First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua supports the pantry as needed as well. We also appreciate all of our individual residents of Whitehall who volunteer often.

The mission of this coalition of churches is "To model the love and compassion of God for His people by providing food to the less fortunate residents of Whitehall/Coplay and its surrounding areas." At this time we are not accepting clothing or household items.

The Food Pantry receives food from Second Harvest, Chick Fil A, Weis Market, Big Lots and the Coplay Giant. We also receive food from residents of the community, churches and civic organizations, along with monetary donations. Clients enter the Pantry to register, then are escorted through to choose the foods their family will eat. We provide meats, breads/desserts

(when available), along with grocery items, milk and eggs (when available) and produce boxes from Second Harvest.

Senior Boxes are available on the 3rd Monday for those who meet the federal requirements. The boxes provide extra food including protein, vegetables, fruit, and juice. We thank the Whitehall Rotary for taking care of these Senior Boxes.

Please note that the Whitehall/Coplay area is privileged to have two Food Pantries and patrons may visit each one once per month.

The Whitehall Food Pantry is open Monday evenings, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. by appointment only. Patrons should be residents of Whitehall and surrounding areas and may visit the pantry one time per month. Proof of residency (such as a utility bill) and photo ID are needed for the first time visit. To schedule an appointment, call: 484.246.5715. Emergency food distribution is available on a case by case basis by appointment only.

On behalf of the board of the Whitehall Food Pantry, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the many patrons whom we serve, Thank you to our many volunteers. Without you, this outreach could not happen. You are a blessing to us all.

WHITEHALL-COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE (WCHI)

OUR MISSION: TO ALLEVIATE FOOD INSECURITY IN WHITEHALL AND COPLAY

We are pleased to be report that WCHI is helping many Whitehall & Coplay residents. Our Pantry attendance has been steadily growing. This article was submitted in February, and these are the February 2024 statistics. WCHI served 299 households - consisting of 413 children (ages 0-17); 516 Adults (ages 18-59); and 240 Seniors (Ages 60+) for a total of 1,169 people.

We are located at St John the Baptist Church, 3024 S Ruch St, Whitehall. Our Pantry is open on both the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 9am-1pm and from 4:30-7pm. Whitehall and Coplay residents can only visit once a month. This is by appointment only and we close promptly at 1pm and 7pm.

Please call 484-225-0358 to schedule your initial appointment. First time attendees, come to the parking lot behind the Church and a volunteer will give you directions. For our guests, who have mobility issues, a WCHI volunteer will shop for you and bring the food to your car in the Church parking lot. No smoking is permitted anywhere on Church property.

Requirements: WCHI is required by PA Dept of Agriculture to register all our guests. Thank you, in advance, for your patience. This registration process does not take long. Please present two forms of ID to verify residency (a valid photo ID, if available, and/or utility bills). Each month when you attend our Pantry distribution, you will be given a new appointment for your next month's visit. We need to register all guests again every July since PA starts their new fiscal year in July.

There are income limits based on the people living in the household. For example: a household of one person can have monthly income of \$2,248 or less to qualify; a household of four people can have monthly income of \$4,625 or less to qualify, a household of seven people can have a monthly income of \$7,002 or less to qualify. We have income limits for all household sizes. No income paperwork is required.



WHITEHALL-COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE

SENIOR FOOD BOX PROGRAM (SFBP)

offered through WCHI works to improve the health of low-income seniors (60 years old or older) by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA foods. WCHI started this State Program in November 2022,

serving 17 Seniors. We now serve 80 Seniors and will continue to help more. The income qualifying guidelines to receive a box have been recently raised! Questions, call Gail, SFBP Chair at 610-351-6412. WCHI is committed to helping as many low-income Whitehall and Coplay residents as possible who qualify for both the Pantry and Senior Box Food Program. We also include homebound and mobility-impaired residents. Please spread the word through your faith-based bulletins and tell your friends, family, and neighbors. We want to help!

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS - Partnering with the Faith-Based Community and others, WCHI is proud to provide these FREE meals to low-income Whitehall-Coplay households twice a month. All are welcome to attend both meals on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Tuesday each month from 4:00-6:00pm. The host location will determine the number of meals prepared and will be served on a first come, first served basis until gone. These meals are well attended. Questions about hosting a meal for 2025 or guests wanting more info, please call Karen Haberern, Program Chair, at 610-730-3184.

MONETARY DONATIONS are appreciated and can be made payable to Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative, C/O Shari Noctor, 1080 Schadt Ave, Whitehall, PA 18052. The Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative is a 501 (c) (3) IRS approved nonprofit organization and your donation may be tax deductible. Please discuss with your financial advisor.

FOOD DONATIONS are always needed. Please Call Shari at 610-730-8067 with any questions.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER

Tina Jo Koren

We are happy to announce that we will be going with online credit card payments in 2024. Stay tuned as this option will be available on the Whitehall Township website. We are hoping to go with point of service payments later in the year. These options will have a fee applied.

Our office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (610-437-5529) or email our resource account at whitehalltaxoffice@whitehalltownship.com

For your convenience, there is an outside lockbox for payments, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. No cash is allowed to be deposited into the lockbox.

We would like to give all taxpayers a receipt for payment. If you come to the window, you will be handed a receipt. When making a payment by lockbox or mail, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so we can forward you a receipt. You may also supply your email address for us to email a receipt.

Moving Permits are mandatory for moving IN, OUT, or WITHIN Whitehall Township for tax roll purposes. Failure to submit a moving permit will trigger a Per Capita bill. The moving permits are available on the Whitehall website at www.whitehalltownship.org/forms/movingpermit.pdf. One moving permit is required per family, including children. A \$5.00 processing fee must be submitted with the form. We forward the moving permits to the Whitehall-Coply School District for enrollment and busing.

Township Real Estate taxes will be mailed to homeowners on March 1, 2024. If you do not receive the tax bill, please email the tax office as soon as possible.

- A four (4) installment payment plan will be available. The first payment must be made by April 30th,



2024 to be able to take advantage of this option.

- Please be sure to use the correct coupon when making payments.
- When submitting a payment through your bank, the bank forwards a bank check to the tax office. Please ensure

you note your 2024 bill number along with the property address and owner's name.

- Please Note: We do not send bills to mortgage companies. Failure to receive bills does not entitle the owner to discounts or remissions of penalties on taxes.

Garbage Bills for 2024 – Whitehall Township Ordinance No. 1088, enacted July 8, 1998, allows for a reduction or exoneration of garbage fees for the property owner(s) of an owner-occupied residential dwelling only.

PLEASE NOTE: Mortgage companies DO NOT pay garbage bills; it is the resident's responsibility.

Garbage Fee Reductions – All Garbage Tax Reduction forms MUST be submitted to the Tax Office. A 25% reduction can be applied for the property owner over 72 years of age (must be 72 before January 1st 2024). This form is also available on the www.whitehalltownship.org website. You must attach your proof of age.

Total Garbage Bill Exonerations – A Garbage Tax Exoneration form with PA 1000 (available on the website) must be submitted to the Tax Office for approval. To claim total exoneration, income from all sources must be under \$15,000 for the prior year.

All claimants must submit proof of annual income for the exoneration. A PA 1000 form is required (Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate).

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Hello Whitehall Township,

This will be my last newsletter to you. I am moving on to another fire department and I appreciated everyone's hospitality. We have done some great things here, we have increased our training skills in order to make our firefighters more educated on how to fight fire, as well as what to be aware of to protect themselves. I am very proud of the department and the steps they have taken to meet the standards. It has not been easy, but most have tackled the issues and now say they are better off for education. I have been told that we should not enforce training like this because they are volunteers. However, in my 37 years, I have never pulled up to the fire and had it asked what skill level that we are and then the fire adjusts to that skill level. We don't expect our police to be placed out on the street without training and we can't expect our firefighters, whether volunteer, or career, to not have similar training for their field.

Times have changed and everyone is open to lawsuits and the fire department is no different. We need to ensure that our members are doing the right thing on scenes. This ensures their safety as well as yours.

We have improved the apparatus within the department. We have also improved some of our equipment so that we are able to do the work we are expected to with tools that can work on today's vehicles and homes. We have added two fire inspectors to the department so that we can ensure the safety of the businesses, hopefully preventing fires before they can start and in return making employees and businesses safer. This was done by billing the businesses for their annual inspection, which pays for the fire inspector without any tax raises to fund their positions. We started a billing for structure fires and motor vehicle accidents to insurance companies. These funds have gone back to the fire department to help with our training grounds. Our officers stepped up to the plate and as an officer, they lead from the front. They have promised to make a forward progression in their training till they meet officer 1 or officer 2 certification levels depending on their rank. Our fire police will be getting a new vehicle at the end of the year to direct traffic. They have instilled training standards for themselves as well.

We have worked to make firefighting safer for our members, as a member that deals with carcinogens from a fire, they are prone to a 30% higher chance of being diagnosed with cancer. We have placed gear washer extractors at the stations. We have purchased a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus washer as well. To clean the system that allows our firefighter to breathe in a fire. We have moved from Mobile data terminals in the vehicle to iPad's that work much faster and can get information for our department.

I have sat on many boards and organizations to help bring changes to our fire department, as well as the other departments within Pennsylvania to ensure that our county, local and state representatives are aware of the need to change the fire service. In the 1970's we had 300,000 volunteers. Unfortunately, as with most volunteer organizations, we have less than 30,000 volunteers currently in the state and Whitehall has been affected by this as well. We operate out of four stations as most fire departments operate out of one. With having one, that gives more volunteers the chance to concentrate their staffing to the one station instead of four.

In my tenure we have implemented several things:

- We held several smoke detector blitzes by installing smoke detector for free to the community. We still give detectors to the citizens as needed. If you are in need, call the department.
- We improved our public protection class from a 4 to a 3 with a 1 being the best. This has ranked the department in the top 3% of the nation.
- We also upgraded our International Fire Codes from the 2009 to the 2015 standards and implemented an ordinance to adopt what the state recognizes to prevent standard not being updated as quickly as possible.

The department needs your support. If you wish it to remain a volunteer service, then you will need more members to volunteer. I am proud of the volunteers that donated their time and energy to making the department the best it can be. I wish everyone the best and good luck in your future endeavors.

Here are some of the benefits given to our volunteers:

- Annual stipends to members meeting the requirement of 80 hrs. of training and 25% of the calls for their stations.
- Resident of Whitehall receive a tax break on their property.
- Lehigh County Residents receive property tax breaks as well.
- Length of service award (retirement)
- Private insurance to assist with loss of pay in the event of an injury and loss of time away from your main job
- Workers comp for injuries sustained on a call or training.
- Training to national standards.
- Equipment supplied at no cost
- Camaraderie

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Marks, Chief of Police

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Patrol Division

The Whitehall Township Police Patrol Division consists of approximately 76% of the sworn staffing of the Department and covers four patrol zones. Each zone serves a separate and distinct part of Whitehall Township. A district is the “Southern End” of the Township, B District is traditionally referred to as “the Mall district,” C District consists of the neighborhoods South of Lehigh Street and the neighborhoods around the school campus,” D District is the “North End” of the township and includes the villages of Hokendauqua, Stiles, Egypt and Cementon.

From October of 2022 to October of 2023, according to Lehigh County Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) data, patrol officers responded to 21,328 dispatched calls for service and created 6,168 self-initiated calls for service across the four patrol districts. That averages 76 “runs” per day across the four districts.

The primary function of a patrol officer is to deter, detect, and stop crime. However, responding on calls for service and patrolling the streets is not all patrol officers accomplish. Patrol officers also fill temporary assignments in other bureaus to cross train and augment special projects. Patrol officers comprise the majority of the resources used during events such as events on the Rails to Trails; traffic control for funerals and other gatherings, as needed. Patrol Officers also participate in specialized units such as the Lehigh County Municipal Emergency Response Team (MERT), crime scene processing, Lehigh County Accident Reconstruction, Project Lifesaver, Blue Guardian and many others.

In 2023, despite being short staffed, Officers from the Patrol Division issued 2,502 traffic citations, 2,660 written warnings, and issued 997 parking tickets: for a total of 6,139 traffic related incidents. Officers made 717 arrests for various offenses during the year.

Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division assigned 393 cases amongst the three detectives and one supervisor. The CID made 36 arrests and cleared an additional 183 cases by exception. The Criminal Investigations Division maintained their overall clearance rate for investigations to 58% for 2023. This was once again, the highest clearance rate in Lehigh County for investigations. In addition to the cases that they were assigned, the detectives were also tasked with background investigations for entry-level police candidates. In 2023, CID conducted forty-four (44) background investigations, in addition to their assigned cases.

Administration Division

The Administrative Division continues to be the support function of the police department. The division is comprised of the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief, Administrative Lieutenant, Administrative Sergeant, the Administrative Secretary, Crimes Record Clerk, Criminal Investigations Secretary, and two Police Service Aides. The support function of the division comes in many different forms such as records retention and dissemination, court scheduling, accreditation program, technology development, training, internal investigations, and the budgetary process.

The training for police personnel is a very important part of the administrative functions for the department. Training our police officers to provide the best service for the community is one of the top priorities for the township. In addition to the mandatory sixteen hours of training that is required by the state, the Whitehall Police Department strives to go above and beyond that minimum requirement. Even during a pandemic, Whitehall Police Officers and staff were able to attend 44 different trainings on various topics to continue their education.

To report an emergency use 9-1-1

9-1-1 should only be used for an emergency. An emergency is any life-threatening situation including crimes, fires, traffic accidents, or any crime in progress or a serious crime which has recently occurred.

What to expect when you call 9-1-1

When you call 9-1-1 for an emergency, it is important that you remain calm, and you are prepared to answer questions from the 9-1-1 emergency dispatcher. The “who, how, what, when and where” of the emergency situation are extremely important. It may seem these questions are unnecessary; or may not make sense to you at the time, but the details of the incident may be crucial to successfully resolving the emergency. You can help by providing brief accurate answers. Your patience will help process the emergency call and get help to you as quickly as possible.

Whitehall Township Police 2023 Annual Report Summation

Year organized.....	1905
Proposed General Fund Budget (FY23)	\$8,501,070
Personnel	\$6,083,537
Supplies	\$848,928
Services	\$590,000
Capital Reserve Fund Purchases.....	\$714,199

Sworn Personnel (As of 12/31/2023)

Chief	1
Deputy Chief	1
Lieutenant	4
Sergeant	10
CID Sergeant	3
Officer	28
TOTAL SWORN.....	47

Civilian Personnel.....	5
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TOTAL EMPLOYEES.....	52
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Estimated Population (per Census Bureau)	29,173
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Percentage of sworn assigned to:

Patrol	76%
Investigative	11%
Administrative	13%

Bicycles	5
Marked vehicles.....	17
Unmarked vehicles.....	8

Specialized Teams

MERT Operators	8
Bicycle-certified Officers	6
Crisis Intervention Team Officers.....	1
School Resource Officers	2
Field Training Officers.....	14
Hostage Negotiators	1
Honor Guard Members	4
Accident Reconstruction Officers.....	2
Emergency 911 Calls Received	21,328
Officer Self Initiated Responses	6,168
Total Reports Taken	14,778

For non-emergency contact you call the dispatch center at (610) 437-5252

All non-emergency calls for service are routed through the Lehigh County Communications Center and dispatched to the members of the Whitehall Township Bureau of Police. All citizen phone calls are viewed as important, and residents should never be reluctant to place the call. Telephone callers may remain anonymous if they so choose.

Always call the Police when you observe suspicious activity, wherever you are. See Something, Say Something!

Continue to monitor the Whitehall Police Department's social media for more information.

Website http://www.whitehalltownship.org/police_about.html,

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WhitehallTownshipPD/>

Twitter account https://twitter.com/Whitehall_PD

We are looking forward to warmer weather and a much better 2024! Have a great spring and summer from the men and women at the Whitehall Police Department!

WHITEHALL ACTIVE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Whitehall Active Community Center, 2301 Pine St, Whitehall is open daily for lunches and activities. The hours are Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm. Our Senior Center Manager is Andrea (Bear) Shumack.

Hot and cold lunches are served daily at 11:30 AM and are provided by the Lehigh County Agency and Adult Services catered by Metz Corp. We accept a donation of \$2.50 for seniors over 60 years old to help defray the cost of the meal. Please phone at least two days in advance to reserve your meal: 610-443-0675.

One of the major advantages for seniors in having an active community center is to focus on fitness. Even though the population of the United States is becoming older, this does not mean we are slowing down. To prevent issues with our health, we need to remain active and involved with others. Exercise classes are a way for us to keep active and to develop friendships with others. Socialization is very important. Too many senior citizens suffer from isolation (spending every day in their homes with little contact to other people.) This all helps us to stay healthy longer and to decrease risk of isolation and depression.



Please check out our exercise class schedule below. We have two certified instructors—Sara Mercer and Bob Donnelly. The cost of classes may be covered by your supplemental insurance or are \$3 per class.

Tai Chi.....Wednesday & Friday 12:30-1:30 pm
Advanced Tia Chi.....Monday 12:30-1:30 pm
Chair Yoga.....Tuesday & Thursday 9:15-10:15 am
Chair Strength & Stretch.....Wednesday & Friday 9:15-10:15 am

We also offer a free ½ hour exercise class provided by Transform Rehab in Whitehall called Bodies, Bands and Bells every Monday at 10 am

We show a movie once a month on the 4th Tuesday afternoon at 12:30 pm following lunch. The movie is free with a donation for refreshments of popcorn and soda. You are invited to bring your own comfortable chair to enjoy the movie. The 1st Tuesday afternoon each month is our craft day. There is a small fee for materials and sign up is required to know how many supplies to purchase. On the 3rd Tuesday afternoon each month we have a computer/iPhone class to help seniors navigate their way through using computers and cell phones.

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WHITEHALL ACTIVE COMMUNITY CENTER *continued*

Like Us on our Facebook page (Whitehall Active Community Center) and watch the Whitehall Coplay Press for more activities. Facebook is a great way to keep up with upcoming events.

Upcoming future events: We are planning two outings to the Pines Dinner Theater. In July we plan to see "Foot Loose" and in December we will be seeing "White Christmas". Tickets cost \$60 and include the show and dinner. Another event we are planning is a Kentucky Derby to be held on April 30. Watch for more details to come.

Everyone loves a party!! And we love to provide free luncheon parties for our members. We attempted to celebrate Fastnacht Day on February 13 and have the Whitehall Police in attendance to speak to us. However, Mother Nature took care of that event, but we will be rescheduling it at a later time, including donuts and Whitehall police.

We continue our weekly cash bingo games at 12:30 pm on Thursdays following lunch. We play 15 games each week. Also

our Sunday monthly cash bingo games are held the fourth Sunday of each month. Doors open at 12:00 pm and bingo begins at 1:00 pm. During the Sunday bingo games we have a 50/25/25 raffle, tricky trays and a piggy number. We have added special games such as "U Pick", "Lightning" and "Either/Or". Our coverall jackpot is \$200. Refreshments are also available for purchase. Come out and join us on a Sunday afternoon. Sunday cash bingo is open to the public.

We do our best to offer a wide variety of activities, events and speakers to add to the quality of our Center and keep our seniors informed and busy. If you have any suggestions for our Center, please inform Bear or a Board member.

We are always welcoming new folks to the Center. Memberships are \$20/year for one person and \$35/year for two in a household. We still claim that our Senior Center is the best kept secret in the Lehigh Valley. All seniors from Lehigh County are welcome (and we even have some coming from Northampton County). *Please come join us!!*

Whitehall Historical Preservation Society

FYI: All program meetings are held at the Helfrich Springs Grist Mill, 501 Mickley Rd. Whitehall and are open to the public and free of charge unless otherwise stated. All events are subject to change without notice.

May 18, 2024—Spring Flea Market—8 AM to 1 PM

Come on out to our annual Spring Flea Market event. We average over 30 vendors for you to find your treasures for a great bargain. If you prefer to sell, rather than shop, spaces are available. To reserve your 12' x 20' space for only \$15 call 610 776-7280. If you become a member of the Whitehall Historical Preservation Society your reserved space is only \$10. If you choose not to reserve your space in advance and pay on the day of the flea market event, the fee is \$20. Location of the flea market is at 506 Mickley and Lehnert Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, behind the Peter Grim House. If "flea markets" aren't your thing, stop in for lunch, refreshments will be available, including an array of homemade baked goods. Tell a friend. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, May 19. We hope to see you there.

May 29, 2024—Speaker Program--Tis well...the Life and Death of George Washington—Jeffery Finegan—7:00 PM



Mr. Finegan, who is a collector of Washington's manuscripts and has written several books on our esteemed founding father, provides a fresh view into the life and legacy of Cornel George Washington. From his early development to the final 2 days of his life and funeral arrangements. Jeffery will also share stories of Washington's family history.

Join us to gain new insights on this astute man.

June 26, 2024—Speaker Program--Allentown State Hospital—Steven Royer—7:00 PM

To relieve the overcrowding of the state mental healthcare system, the Allentown State Hospital (ASH) was established. It opened its doors to receive patients in October of 1912 under the guidance of superintendent, Dr. Henry L. Klopp. Learn of the methods used to care for the patients and how they improved over time. Discover the many "firsts" introduced at ASH, one among those being the PERT process, created by a

dedicated group of employees, which provided a safer method used when helping a patient in crisis. Hear of the reasons for the closure of ASH in 2010 and why Mr. Royer had chosen to write this book.

July is Passport to History Month—Explore-Discover-Share

The Whitehall Historical Preservation Society is pleased to announce its participation in the 2024 Passport to History. Historical societies throughout Lehigh and Northampton counties and beyond, will be open during the month on various weekends and at various times. Log onto <https://LVHistory.org> for a schedule and map to get you started and get ready to explore, discover and share. Best of all—it is FREE of charge.



WHPS will be open: July 13th and 20th--10 AM to 2 PM and July 27th--10 AM to 4 PM.

Discover the history of Whitehall Township with a self-guided tour of our museum in the 1807 Helfrich Springs Grist Mill, and a guided tour of the miller's home, the Peter Grim House, built in 1834, displaying the lifestyle of that era. On July 27th, the 153rd Volunteer Infantry Regiment, who are a group of reenactors, will be on site performing drills, displaying camp life, telling stories and answering your questions about the Civil War. A variety of activities await you.

September 7, 2024—Fall Flea Market—8 AM to 1 PM

If you can't make our Spring Flea Market, join us in the fall. More information will be provided in the next newsletter. Or check out our website www.whitehallhistoricalsociety.org for any updates.

Open House/Mill/Museum/Garden

1 PM to 3 PM.....May 19, June 23, August 18, September 15,
October 20, November 17, December 15

10 AM to 2 PM.....July 13, 20

10 AM to 4 PM.....July 27



More events to come! Please stay tuned to www.whitehallpl.org and our social media for more programs.
Please call 610-432-4339 for more information on any of our programs or services.

MAY - AUGUST 2024

- The library has many clubs that meet monthly. **Adult Book Club** meets the first Thursday of every month at 1:00. Come discuss what you're currently reading! **Adult Coloring Club** meets the first and third Thursday at 11:00 and the first Tuesday from 5:30 - 7:30. **A Good Yarn** (knitting, crochet, etc.) meets the first Thursday at 2:00 and the third Tuesday at 6:00. Teens interested in volunteering can join us at the **Teen Advisory Board** held one Saturday a month at 1:30, please check our calendar for dates.
- On the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 the library hosts **Creation Stations** for kids in 3rd -6th grade. Kids can participate in a wide range of themed STEAM activities.
- Join **WTPL's Adult Book Club: On the Same Page!** This club meets every other month on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Books will be loaned as availability allows. Registration is required. The following is the schedule for 2023; May – The Measure, July – Yellowface, September – All Boys Aren't Blue, November – Hello Beautiful.
- It's **Smokey the Bears 80th Birthday!** This May kids can participate in the Smokey the Bear Reading Challenge. Complete



the Reading Activity Page in May and win Smokey prizes!

- Corrine Kanetski, registered dietician**, will present a healthy living program about nutrition for adults on May 23 at 6:00 pm. Registration requested.
- Historian Mike Jesberger is back on May 28 at 6:30 pm to present **The Body of Abraham Lincoln**. Learn about the failed attempt to steal Lincoln's body from his tomb for ransom. He'll discuss the debate and decision on where the president was to be buried. Registration requested.
- Kathy Baker, licensed Medicare insurance agent, will present basic **Medicare information and Medicare Advantage plans** on June 4 at 6:00 pm, registration requested. She will also have an information table at the library on the second Tuesday from 5:00 - 7:00 in May through August.
- The library will have an **Indoor Yard Sale** on Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8. Both days will be open from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. On Saturday only from Noon - 3:00 pm, we'll have a sale where you can fill up a bag for \$5.

SUMMER LEARNING

- Spend your summer at the library! **Summer Reading Program** runs from June 15 to August 3 for all ages. Read all summer long to earn great prizes. Join us for weekly programs!
- Summer Reading Kickoff with **Eyes of the Wild** June 15 at 1:00 pm. Eyes of The Wild is an exotic animal rescue that provides forever homes to many animals. They will bring a few animals to the library for us to learn about!
- Binglow** is back on July 3 at 6:00 pm! The bingo you know and love with a glow in the dark ambience. All kids welcome, no registration required.



- Super Science and Amazing Art** is on July 10 at 6:00 pm. Miss Cathy of Super Science & Amazing Art returns to provide STEM education through fun entertainment!
- Teen Night** is July 12 at 4:30. Join us for food, games, and movies. Registration required.
- Community Heroes Night** is August 7 from 5:00 - 7:00. The library parking lot will host ambulances, fire trucks and more!
- Kids can celebrate all their summer reading accomplishments at the Finale on August 10 at 12:00. Balloons, face painting, prizes, and activities.

ADULT SUMMER PROGRAMS

- Mandala Art Workshop: Mindful Mandalas** is June 20 at 6:00 pm. Tinker'N will walk participants through activity-based meditation and how to value the journey of creating rather than the outcome. Registration required.
- Whitehall Snapshot Stories** is on June 27 at 6:30 pm. At this event Martha Capwell Fox will present photographs and stories from her Whitehall and Coplay Images of America book. Registration requested.
- Explore **Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park** in a virtual adventure at the library! On July 25 at 6:30 pm we will host a virtual look at the park from Wilderness Inquiry.
- Our first **Adult Game Night** is July 30 at 6:00 pm. Find the creature among you in a spooky roleplaying game.

Don't have a library card? Now's the best time. Your library card gives you access to eleven library collections! If there is a book, DVD, or item you are seeking that is not in our collection, odds are that one of our partner libraries has it. Place a hold, and pick-it-up at the library of your choosing!



KID'S FISHING DERBY

2024 ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

Saturday, May 25th, 2024 at Hokendauqua Park & Playground

The Contest is **ONLY** open to Children 15 years of age and under!

Registration: 8:00 am to 8:45 am, Contest runs from: 9:00 am to 12 Noon

Bring your own Bait and Tackle! 150 + TROUT to be Stocked!!!!

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Awards in four age groups: 6 and under, 7-9, 10-12 and 13-15.

Plus, a Prize for overall BIGGEST Fish!

This is a **FREE YOUTH** fishing contest hosted by the Whitehall Township Bureau of Recreation and the Hokendauqua Park & Playground Association, 3417 Lehigh Street. **Any questions, please contact the Recreation Office at (610) 437-5524, ext. 1165 or Website: www.whitehalltownship.org.**

2024 SUMMER POOL SEASON

PARKVIEW (HOKEY) POOL – 3051 SOUTH FIFTH STREET

Scheduled to Open June 10-14, 2024 (Limited Hours – Noon to 5:00 PM)

Season Pass Holders ONLY from 11:00 AM to Noon • Regular Hours of Operation - 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
(Cementon & Jefferson Street Pools will be Closed Until Further Notice)

GENERAL ADMISSION (daily) PRICES are as follows:

RESIDENTS: \$10.00 per person per day with Photo ID, from 6 to 61 years of age
NON-RESIDENTS: \$10.00 per person. Monday thru Friday 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM
FREE OF CHARGE: Children under 6 years old or Persons 62 years old and older



2024 SEASON POOL PASS PRICES are as follows:

Pass Type	WHITEHALL RESIDENTS (Photo ID, proof of residency required)	
Family	\$155.00	2 Adults, 2 Children,
	\$25.00	Additional Child
Adult	\$65.00	
Student	\$55.00	Up to and including a 2024 High School Graduate
Special Events	\$3.00	(Night Swims, DJ Events, etc.)
Veterans/Military Personnel	\$3.00 Discount	(With Proper Proof)

*** Stay Tuned for Further Information on the Outdoor Aquatic Schedule ***

CONTACTS FOR WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP PARK AND PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION RENTALS

Park	Contacts for Rentals	Capacity
Cementon Park & Playground 5185 Dewey Street	610-437-5524, x1165 cementonparkprez@yahoo.com	Indoor Building, Capacity 250
Egypt Memorial Park 4548 Main Street	610-217-5820 or www.egyptpark.org	Outdoor Pavilion, Capacity 400 Indoor Pavilion, Capacity 200
Fullerton Memorial Playground 901 Jefferson Street	610-704-0311 or Email: rentals@fullertonramblers.org	Indoor Building, Capacity 150 Outdoor Pavilion, Capacity 30
Hokendauqua Park & Playground 3417 Lehigh Street	www.hokeypark.com Email: president@hokeypark.com	Outdoor Pavilion, Capacity 50
Schadt Avenue (Zephyr) Park 1975 Schadt Avenue	610-554-3931 or Email: rentals@schadtave.org	Indoor Building, Capacity 140 Outdoor Pavilion, Capacity 25
Stiles Playground 3017 South Fourth Avenue	610-437-5524, x1135	Outdoor Pavilion, Capacity 40
West Catasauqua Park & Playground 2302 Pine Street	610-443-0675 or Email: bearshu22@gmail.com	Indoor Building, Capacity 100 Outdoor Pavilion, Capacity 50

We also have smaller Open-Air Pavilions throughout the park system for small group gatherings.

Contact Whitehall Recreation for details on this option:

Whitehall Township Recreation, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052

610-437-5524, ext. 1135 or bhibbler@whitehalltownship.com • Website: www.whitehalltownship.org

CEMENT-BELT FAIR

JUNE 25TH THRU JUNE 29TH

6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

FIREWORKS – SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH

CEMENTON PARK

5185 DEWEY STREET - (RTE. 329 & FORNACIARI DRIVE)

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

JASON REINHARD, CELL: 610-653-7262 or

cementonprez@yahoo.com

11TH ANNUAL EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK FESTIVAL & CURT SIMMONS DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024 – 11:00 AM TO 10:00 PM

EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK - HILLCREST LANE & CURT SIMMONS DRIVE

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- June 22 Large Flowerheads**
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- July 6 Tool Shed Jack**
Hoffs Kettle Corn, PFG Pizza, S & D SOULicious Cousine & Up in Smoke BBQ
- July 13 Girl Crue**
The Flying Deutchman, Hoffs Kettle Corn & S & D SOULicious Cousine
- July 27 Aardvarks**
Hoffs Kettle Corn, S & D SOULicious Cousine, Up in Smoke BBQ & Vince's Cheesesteaks
- August 10 Steel Creek**
S & D SOULicious Cousine



Band & Food Truck Schedule
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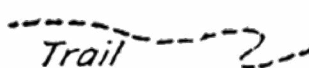
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All Attendees are Required to Provide Their Own
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Stay Tuned for Further Information on Sign-Ups

For more information, contact: Whitehall Township Recreation
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Website: www.whitehalltownship.org



Month	Date	Event	Time	Location
May	04	15th Annual "J's Run" for Pancreatic Cancer	8 am	Saylor Park, 245 N. 2nd Street, Coplay, PA https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Coplay/JsRun
	12	Mother's Day Run for the Roses Half Marathon 5K & 10K	7am	Saylor Park, 245 N. 2nd Street, Coplay, PA https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Coplay/runfortheroseshalf
	20	Public Meeting - Whitehall Township	7pm	IRT Trailhead Pavilion, 3843 Chestnut Street
June	01	National Trails Day	All Day	Enjoy Your Favorite Trail!
	02	Ironton Rail Trail 5K Run/Walk	8 am	Levans Road Trailhead Pavilion, N. Whitehall https://www.racentry.com/ironton-rail-trail-5k/race-information
	18	Public Meeting - Coplay Borough	7 pm	IRT Trailhead Pavilion, 3853 Chestnut Street
July	13	4th Annual Fight Against Colon Cancer 5K/1 Mile "Fun" Run/Walk	8 am	Saylor Park, 245 N. 2nd Street, Coplay, PA https://www.pretzelcitysports.com/calendar-event-fight-against-colon-cancer-5K-run-1-mile-fun-run/
	16	Public Meeting - N. Whitehall Twsp.	7 pm	Levans Road Trailhead Pavilion, N. Whitehall
	17	23rd Annual IRT 10K Run/Walk	8 am	Saylor Park, 245 N. 2nd Street, Coplay, PA www.pretzelcitysports.com
August	19	Public Meeting - Whitehall Township	7 pm	IRT Trailhead Pavilion, 3843 Chestnut Street

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WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE - MAY THROUGH AUGUST 24, 2024

	TIME	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Board of Commissioners Workshop	7:00 pm	6th	3rd	1st	5th
Board of Commissioners Regular	7:00 pm	13th	10th	8th	12th
Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm	21st	18th	16th	20th
Planning Commission	7:30 pm	15th	19th	17th	21st
Legal & Legislative	7:00 pm	8th	12th	10th	14th
Recreation Commission	7:00 pm	27th	24th	22nd	26th
Ethics Board					
Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)	7:00 pm	16th	20th	18th	15th
Park & Recreation	7:00 pm	1st	-----	3rd	-----
MISCELLANEOUS					
Submission Deadline Zoning		4/18	5/22	6/20	7/25
Submission Deadline Planning		4/25	5/30	6/27	8/1
Appliance curbside pickup		22nd	26th	24th	28th

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

	MONTHLY	TIME
Board of Commissioners Workshop	1st Monday	7:00 pm
Board of Commissioners Regular	2nd Monday	7:00 pm
Crime Watch	4th Monday	7:00 pm
Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)	3rd Thursday	6:30 pm
Legal & Legislative	2nd Wednesday	7:00 pm
Park & Recreation (Meetings are every other month)	1st Wednesday	7:00 pm
Jan-March-May-July-Sept Nov		
Planning Commission	3rd Wednesday	
Workshop		6:30 pm
Regular		7:30 pm
Recreation Commission	4th Monday	7:00 pm
Zoning Hearing Board	3rd Tuesday	7:00 pm
Ironton Rail Trail Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 pm
(Alternates between Whitehall, Coplay and North Whitehall)		
Coplay-Whitehall Sewer Authority	3rd Thursday	7:00 pm
Whitehall Township Authority	3rd Monday	1:00 pm

Township Municipal Building Closings

- ❖ Memorial Day, May 27, 2024
- ❖ Independence Day, July 4, 2024

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