

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

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Winter 2024 Newsletter



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It is with heavy heart that I begin my last newsletter. I was born and raised in Whitehall – 12 years in Hokey and then in Fullerton, until I married Judy Hoffman. We have been together for 53 years.

We moved to Egypt, where our son, Mike, started playing Little League baseball at Egypt Park. After two years the team was without a coach. Although I knew nothing about baseball, I volunteered to take charge of the team, and Paul Rapchak stepped up to take charge of the baseball – thus began my volunteer service to Whitehall Township.

Later, I became a member of the Planning Commission and Library Board. In between, I was elected to the seat of Township Executive, winning the election by 17 votes. After my two terms, I went into business, began coaching volleyball for Whitehall and became the USA Volleyball Junior Coordinator for most of PA.

I came back into Office on April 10, 2018. The top two things the Board asked of me were building a new police facility and finding a buyer for the Lehigh Valley Dairy property. I began to work on both and have succeeded at both, though the Dairy is still struggling to find a plan. Fixing the existing Municipal building that was never completed after a fire and building the Public Safety Building at the same time proved best, and \$1,500,000 in grants helped to minimize the \$17,500,000 cost.

Events that occurred during my 14 years as the Mayor include:

- Purchase of the IRT • Purchase of the Whitehall Parkway • Created the first curbside recycling program in PA and awarded a "Governors Waste Management Award" by Robert Casey • Created Ad Hoc Committee to assist in rehabilitation of the Grist Mill property from being sold, which led to the Whitehall Historical Preservation Society being created by John Wieand • Purchase of the Peter Grim Homestead and Barn



From Lehigh Valley Business
March 29 2021 - March 14, 2022

**The Power 100 – Let us introduce you to 100
People who play a daily role in shaping our
communities**

**Michael P. Harakal, Jr.,
Mayor of Whitehall Township**

- Harakal focuses on giving Whitehall Township staff the assets they need to do their jobs to create a healthier, happier and safer community.
- He has held his post since April 10, 2018. Also served as Mayor from 1984 to 1992
- Most proud of buying the Whitehall Parkway to stop a regional landfill and getting a bonus purchase of the Ironton Rail Trail
- Life Lesson he holds dear "Most people have a good heart. Sometimes you have to help them feel safe enough to let it shine."
- He enjoys spending time with family and friends and ensuring he is always ready to climb a mountain, paddle a canoe or walk on a new path.

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Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE continued from cover

• Purchased the Schadt Avenue Playground and the construction of Campus Drive • The reconstruction of the Fifth Street Bridge which is on the TIP and imminent • Non-Profit status for the Whitehall Senior Lifestyle Center in West Catasauqua • Preservation of the Yastishok Farmland • Redevelopment of Whitehall Mall • Cheesecake Factory • Regular litter pickups by EAC and Rotary

In retirement I will continue to serve our community by volunteering with the Rotary, EAC and WHPS ongoing projects.

I regret not purchasing land along the Lehigh River for public use by the residents of Whitehall and could not get approval for a hospital in our community.

Last but not least, I want to thank all the good people I have worked with – Staff, Administration, Commissioners, Police and Firefighters for their support and dedication to Whitehall Township, but most of all I want to thank the residents of Whitehall for electing me your Mayor.

Be Well and VOLUNTEER,

Michael P. Harakal, Jr., Whitehall Township Mayor

COMMISSIONERS CORNER

THE 2024 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE:

Thomas Slonaker - Jeffrey J. Warren – Randy Atiyeh - Alberta Scarfaro - Ken Snyder - Elizabeth N. Fox

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

January 2, 2024 (<i>ReOrganizational</i>)	July 1, 2024
February 5, 2024	August 5, 2024
March 4, 2024	September 3, 2024
April 1, 2024	October 7, 2024
May 6, 2024	November 4, 2024
June 3, 2024	December 2, 2024

PUBLIC MEETINGS

January 8, 2024	July 8, 2024
February 12, 2024	August 12, 2024
March 11, 2024	September 9, 2024
April 8, 2024	October 14, 2024
May 13, 2024	November 11, 2024
June 10, 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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If your property is already listed, this is not meant as a solicitation of that listing.



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.



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. **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 **Teen Advisory Board** held one Saturday a month at 1:30, please check our calendar for dates.

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; January – Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers, March – The Diamond Eye, May – The Measure, July – Yellowface, September – All Boys Aren't Blue, November – Hello Beautiful.

Adult Winter Reading will take place from January 2 to March 16. Register and pick up your winter reading bookmark. Complete the bookmark and receive a small prize.

Valentine Craft for adults will be February 1 at 6:00. Registration required.

Registration for **Story Time** begins February 5. Toddler Story Time for ages 12 – 36 months is every Thursday at 11:00 from March 7 to April 18. Preschool Story Time for ages 37 months – 5 years is every Tuesday at 11:00 and Wednesday at 1:30 from

March 5 – April 24. Join us for stories, songs, and activities.

Kids can join us for **Read Across America** on March 2 at 11:00. The library will host a story time with guest readers and a craft.

Kids in 3rd – 6th grade can join us for **Here Come the Birds** on March 27 at 6:00. Learn about bird migration, how to observe birds, and great places in the Lehigh Valley to observe bird migration. Whitehall Environmental Advisory Council will present this fun program with a craft to follow.

Birds In Your Backyard: Habitat Creation, presented by Whitehall Environmental Advisory Council, is on April 10 at 6:00. Learn about how you can create a wildlife habitat in your backyard with the use of native plants along with homemade food and water sources. Also learn how to create homemade solutions for weed and pest control.

We will host our **Spring Book Sale** on April 26 and 27. Sale runs from 9:00 – 3:00. On Saturday, April 27 there will be a bag sale from 12:00 – 3:00 at \$5.00 a bag.

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!

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.

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 -
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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.

Whitehall-Coplay Communities That Care (CTC)

This seems like a fitting time of the year to thank all of our partners who have contributed greatly to the work of the CTC. Together we have worked hard to identify and address strengths and needs affecting our young people. The CTC is comprised of community organizations, leadership, the school district, the media, family support organizations as well as residents and students. These people meet monthly to review data on the status of the wellbeing of our youth and deliver programs and services that build upon strengths and increase opportunities to build resilient and healthy young citizens.

With much gratitude, we recognize the following for being integral in carrying out the CTC mission in Whitehall and Coplay:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Lehigh Valley
Communities in Schools of Eastern PA
The Center for Humanistic Change, Inc.
Lehigh County Integrated Services
Lehigh County Office for Children and Youth
Lehigh County Office of Drug and Alcohol Services
Lehigh County Juvenile Probation
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Penn State University EPISCenter
Suicide Prevention Coalition of Lehigh County
Valley Youth House
Whitehall Area Rotary Club
Whitehall Township Mayor
Whitehall Township Police/School Resource Officers
Whitehall Coplay School Board
Whitehall Coplay School District -Administration, Staff and Students
Whitehall-Coplay Press

For all you do for the children, youth and families of Whitehall-Coplay, we thank you!

WHITEHALL-COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE (WCHI)

OUR MISSION: To alleviate food insecurity in Whitehall and Coplay.

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WCHI CHOICE FOOD PANTRY is helping so many Whitehall and Coplay residents. In Oct, we helped 6 households & 19 people who were running out of food. We served 20 new households: 77 people.



We are here to help you. Please call us for a Pantry appointment. Also, please tell your family members, friends, and co-workers. No one should be hungry in America, but especially not in Whitehall and Coplay.

Located at St John the Baptist Church, 3024 S Ruch St, Whitehall
Please put Coplay as the town in GPS

By Appointment only – Call 484-225-0358 to schedule
Pantry is open both the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of the month
Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm and 4:30-7:00 pm
Pantry closes promptly at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Whitehall and Coplay residents can only visit once a month. First time attendees, come to the parking lot behind the Church and a volunteer will give your directions. After we register our guests, a volunteer takes them shopping through our Choice Pantry, which means our guests select the food items they will eat based on food choices. For 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.

Our guests choose from several food types: canned fruit and vegetables, protein (canned tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter and beans), grains (includes rice/pasta/cereal), ready to eat foods, condiments, snacks, coffee, baby food, refrigerated and frozen foods, and fresh produce. Our guests also have choices for toiletry items: baby diapers, adult diapers, feminine napkins, tissues, and toilet paper. All items are based on availability. Questions, call Jenn Dietz, HPI Program Chair, at 717-880-8546.

Requirements: WCHI serves Whitehall Twp and Coplay Boro residents. We **MUST** register all our guests due to receiving USDA and PA State Food from Second Harvest Food Bank. how registration process takes about 10 minutes. Please present two forms of ID to verify residency (a valid photo ID, if available, and/or utility bills).

PA Dept of Agriculture has detailed required income limits based on the household size. 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.

Seasonal employees may also qualify. We have income limits for all household sizes. No income paperwork is required.

Please call 484-225-0358 to schedule your initial appointment. When you attend our Pantry distribution, you will be given an appointment for your next month's visit.

VOLUNTEERS - We are a 100% volunteer organization. For a full list of our requirements and to register, please go to our website <https://tinyurl.com/WCHIvolunteer> Questions, e-mail Sylvia Lee, Program Chair, at volunteerme.lee@gmail.com

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. WCHI will post a meal reminder on Facebook and Instagram and send a text to out Pantry guest. For a list of meal locations: <https://tinyurl.com/WCHIprograms> Questions, please call Karen Haberern, Program Chair, at 610-730-3184.

FOOD DRIVES & FOOD/MONETARY DONATIONS - **THANK YOU** to our local Community members who have organized food drives for WCHI. We appreciate your help and welcome donations of food or monetary contributions to help us fulfill our mission. Please call 484-225-0358 or register your food drive at <https://tinyurl.com/WCHIdrive> so we are aware and can thank you. All donations are appreciated and may be shipped or dropped off to Shari Noctor, Re/Max Unlimited Real Estate, 1080 Schadt Ave, Whitehall, PA 18052. Please leave your donations inside the foyer on the right, Monday through Friday 9:00am – 5:00 pm.

BINGO - WCHI will be offering bingo at St Peter Roman Catholic Church, 4 S. 5th St, Coplay on January 14th, February 11th, March 10th, and April 14th. Bingo will resume in September. Doors will open at 1pm and bingo starts at 2pm.

Questions, call Liz Rodgers, Program Chair, 484-274-6687

A LITTLE WHITEHALL TRIVIA...

by Lee Rackus

Test your knowledge of Whitehall and its not too distant past...

Where was?

1. **Best Products** – Present Day Forman Mills, 2150 MacArthur Road. Best was one of the most popular catalog/warehouse fulfillment centers which were trending in the 1970's and 1980's. It was replaced with a furniture store (which is for another trivia list) and now houses Forman Mills.
2. **Silo** -Present Day Produce Junction, 1730 MacArthur Road. Silo was an appliance and electronics retailer.
3. **Jewelcor** – Was another catalog fulfillment/warehouse store carrying all sorts of products, you could watch your order being shipped to the counter on the rolling conveyor belt behind the counter. Jewelcor was replaced by the township's first million dollar renovation project on a stand alone retail store – for the Circuit City appliance store. It is now home to present Day Habitat for Humanity RE-Store, seafood restaurant and nail salon at 1053 Grape St.
4. **Frank's Nursery** – a popular Garden Center, was located where present day Rite Aid is located, at 2108 MacArthur Road. There was much contention when this store was built as there was one of the last houses fronting the commercial corridor existing on the site prior to Franks.
5. **Phar-Mor** – hugely popular discount Pharmacy chain in the 1980's-1990's, located where present day Redner's Market is in the Whitehall Square Shopping Center at 2180 MacArthur Road.
6. **Drug Emporium** – Another popular discount drug store, Drug Emporium and other businesses were located in what was the former Allentown Chrysler Plymouth Building at 2126 MacArthur Road, the site of current day Bank of America and Rite Aid.
7. **Clover** – Clover Department Store was located in the Whitehall Mall where present day Kohls is located. Kohl's is most closely related to the type of store that Clover was but Clover also offered food items as well as clothing.
8. **Bamberger's** – Bamberger's is the present day location of Macy's in the Lehigh Valley Mall. Many will remember fondly the restaurant at Bamberger's which was very popular!
9. **Hechingers** – Hechinger's Home improvement store was located in the present day Planet Fitness and Burlington space at 2677 MacArthur Road in the MacArthur Commons Shopping center.
10. **Rickel Home Center** – Rickel Home Center was located at the location of present day Gabe's in the Whitehall Square Shopping Center.
11. **Rax Restaurant** – the site of present day Popeyes at 1141 MacArthur Road. Rax was an Arby's style steakhouse. Whitehall also had a few Arby's but again....that is for another list!!!
12. **Jamesway** – the site of present day Giant Food Store at 2651 MacArthur Road. Jamesway was a large department and grocery store, and occupied what was formerly Two Guys from Harrison, the granddaddy of all MacArthur Road retail, and was subsequently replaced by Fitness America, then ShopRite and today Giant. Interestingly, Giant started out across the street in the MacArthur Towne Centre Shopping Center.
13. **Kmart** – Kmart was located in the MacArthur Towne Centre Shopping Center, site of current At Home store at 2520 MacArthur Road. Interestingly enough, before bankruptcy, Kmart built the entire shopping center when the original developer was unable to complete it.
14. **Kiddie City** – Kiddie City was an enormously popular children's toy store, that was replaced, along with Levitz Furniture, by MacArthur Towne Centre and Lowe's Home Improvement Center at 2650 MacArthur Road.
15. **Toys R Us** – No, not the micro Toys R Us presently located in Macy's at the Lehigh Valley Mall.... Toys R Us was the original occupant of current Lomax Carpet and Tile at 955 Grape St. The development of Toys R Us was a hotly litigated site, and a Giant Food Store was originally proposed there where an old stone home originally sat. You can thank Toys R Us for the traffic signal at Grape and Jordan.
16. **Ground Round** – Ground Round was a popular eatery that has been replaced by Longhorn Steakhouse at 1035 Grape St.
17. **Ponderosa Steakhouse** – this popular buffet style eatery was replaced by Mortgage America at 1425 Grape St.
18. **Acme Markets** (trick question) Well, depending on how far you go back in Whitehall's history, there were TWO Acme Markets. The first one was at the NE corner of Schadt Avenue and MacArthur Road, where the strip center exists today. The store was relocated to the Lehigh Valley Mall property when the mall opened, and this store was most recently Michael's Crafts at 600 Lehigh Valley Mall.

What was your score????

0-5 - You're a Newbie....you need to dig into the history of where you live!

6-12- Getting there –

12-17 - Pretty Good! You studied up!

18 - you ARE Whitehall!!!!



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THE WHITEHALL AREA ROTARY CLUB

The Whitehall Area Rotary Club continues to connect with the community, as our members IMAGINE ROTARY'S possibilities through the creation of local and global partnerships and participation in a variety of programs and projects. The Club appreciates the support the community shows in participating in our fundraising events, especially our 7th Annual Jingle Bell 8K Run and 5K Walk, which took place on December 2nd. It is in large part through this event that we are able to give back to local organizations focused on food insecurity, hunger, veterans' issues and other community needs.

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 John Orsini at orsini_j_a@yahoo.com to learn about eligibility guidelines.

We look forward to resuming our initiative to clean up along the Ironton Rail Trail and the Jordan Greenway this spring. Clean-up of this community resource takes place on the 3rd Saturday of each month, weather permitting – be sure to check our Facebook page (@whitehallcoplayrotary) for details.

Did you know that our Club sponsors two Interact Clubs? These clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of SERVICE ABOVE SELF. Our Interact Clubs are based at both Catasauqua and Whitehall High Schools, and are always eager to jump in and help with community projects.

We have many amazing opportunities to be PEOPLE OF ACTION and show our SERVICE ABOVE SELF. Consider joining our Rotary Club! Impact starts with our members, who come together to strengthen their connections to friends and neighbors and their commitment to improving lives. Becoming a Rotary member connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back and make a difference. If you would like more information about joining our Club, 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.

Consider partnering with us at a Club event or at one of our meetings. 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 Dianne Frana, please call or text 610-428-5324.

WHITEHALL-COPLAY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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HOW TO ENROLL:

1. Go to our district website: whitehallcoplay.org
2. Click on Enrollment
3. Follow the instructions to complete your child's online registration and to select a date/time to meet with Mrs. Michelle Khouri

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION

1. Child's Birth Certificate
2. Child's Immunization Record
3. If you own– deed OR settlement paper
OR 2023/2024 real estate tax bill
4. If you rent– your signed lease agreement
5. Current utility bill
6. Parent's photo ID

For all registration questions, please contact Mrs. Michelle Khouri, District Registrar at khourim@whitehallcoplay.org or 610-437-4780 x1014

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WHITEHALL LIONS CLUB- WHERE THERE'S A NEED, THERE'S A LION

Where there's a need, there's a Lion. Whitehall Lions Club members collect and donate new and used clothing, personal hygiene items and food for Rescue Mission clients.

Where there's a need, there's a Lion.

Thanks to the Whitehall Lions Club's annual luminaria fundraiser, the club is able to support families affected by childhood cancer.

Where there's a need, there's a Lion.

Members of the Whitehall Lions Club donate their time assisting clients at the Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative's food pantry.

WE SERVE, and you can, too!

We are always looking for new club members. You are welcome to attend one of our meetings to find out if Lions Club membership is a good fit for you. The club meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 4331 Main St., Egypt. For more information, visit Whitehall Lions Club-Lehigh Valley PA on Facebook or email whitehall.lionsclub.lv@gmail.com.

Where there's a need, there's a Lion: Eyeglass and Hearing Aid Recycling

The Whitehall Lions Club collects eyeglasses and hearing aids that are no longer needed. They are recycled, cleaned and distributed to those in need.

Our club has many conveniently located collection boxes where you can drop off your unneeded eyeglasses and hearing aids.

Site	Address
Walmart (Whitehall)	2601 MacArthur Rd. Whitehall
Truist Bank (near Chick Fil A)	2548 MacArthur Rd. Whitehall
Fellowship Community (Whitehall)	3000 Fellowship Dr. Whitehall
Shepherd of the Hills Church (Egypt)	4331 Main St. Whitehall
Egypt Union Community Church (Egypt)	4129 S. Church St. Whitehall
Whitehall Township Public Library	3700 Mechanicsville Rd. Whitehall
Affordable Pet Center (Northampton)	2022 Main St. Northampton
Whitehall Pharmacy (Egypt)	4117 Main St. Whitehall
Gilbert Funeral Home (Whitehall)	444 Pershing Blvd Whitehall
Zephyr Apts., Strawberry Patch (Whitehall)	3150 Lehigh St. Whitehall
Cathedral of St. Catherine (Allentown)	1825 W. Turner St. Allentown
Cedarbrook Nursing Facility (S. Whitehall)	350 S. Cedarbrook Rd. Allentown
Plaza West Optical (Allentown)	1616 Allen St. Allentown
Lehigh Valley Active Life (Allentown)	1633 W. Elm St. Allentown
Pearle Vision	201 Lehigh Valley Mall Whitehall
Allentown Vision Center	740 W. Hamilton St. Suite 100 Allentown
Zephyr Pharmacy (Whitehall)	1618 Schadt Ave. Whitehall
Kasprenski Family Eye Care (Catasauqua)	1088 Howertown Rd. Catasauqua
State Rep Jeanne McNeill Office	1080 Schadt Ave. Whitehall
West End Family Eye Care-Walbert	2804 Walbert Ave. Allentown
Dr. Emily Chu	1245 S Cedar Crest Blvd. Suite 206 Allentown
Dr. Lisa Bunin	1611 Pond Rd. Suite 403 Allentown
First Northern Bank & Trust (Egypt/Coplay)	2228 Old Post Rd. Coplay

BUREAU OF FIRE

Fire Chief David Nelson
3219 MacArthur Blvd, Whitehall, Pennsylvania 18052
Phone: 610-437-5524 Ext. 1166 • firechief@whitehalltownship.co
Fax 610-437-6963 HONOR, COMMITMENT, DEDICATION



Whitehall Bureau of Fire is celebrating 110 years of service to the community. In 1913 when we were established these historical events were taken place:

- Woodrow Wilson became the 28th President of the United States.
- The 16th Amendment, that established income tax was ratified.
- The U.S. Postal service began parcel service.
- Ford Motors introduced the first moving assembly line.

Whitehall Bureau of Fire is a volunteer fire service that covers 12.6 square miles of the Township, with a population of 29,000 residents. Whitehall Bureau of Fire ran a total response calls this year of 2,312 responses. The department's average response time from dispatch to the scene is 12 minutes and 38 seconds. The department's total training hours were 5,999 hrs. This year the department added a

second fire inspector to assist with keeping businesses fire safe within the township. This is our 3rd year with fire inspectors.

If you need smoke detectors, the department in conjunction with the Red Cross can install up to 3 detectors in your home at no charge. Please contact our Administrative Specialist at 610-437-5524 ext. 1129

We hope that you have enjoyed the holiday and remember to be fire safe; clean your chimneys and do not leave fires unattended. If you should have a fire, call quickly do not wait!

The Whitehall Bureau of Fire needs volunteers that would like to commit to training to become interior firefighters. If you are interested, please reach out to the township, or apply online at Whitehalltownshipfire.org.



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SNOW AND ICE ON SIDEWALKS

As the snow season is upon us, the Bureau of Police reminds all Whitehall Township property owners, property occupants or tenants of every property, that Whitehall Ordinance § 21-35 requires the removal of snow and ice from all sidewalks within twenty-four (24) hours after the snow and ice has cease to fall. The ordinance further states that no person shall shovel onto any street after it has been plowed or to pile snow around fire hydrants so as to make them inaccessible. Provided further, the owner of a property shall be responsible for conforming to the requirements of this section where such property is occupied by such owner, or is unoccupied or vacant or is a multi-business or multiple dwelling property occupied by or designed for occupancy by more than one tenant or occupier, the tenant or occupier of a property shall be so responsible in the case of a single unit property occupied by such tenant or occupier.

SECTION 15-61. SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES DESIGNATED.

The following streets shall be designated as “Emergency Routes” in time of emergency as declared by the Mayor or designated representative:

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners that Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI, Snow and Ice Emergency, Section 15-63 (Violations and penalties.), is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced by the following:

Street	From	To	Restrictions
1. Front Street (Cementon Area)	Main Street (SR 0329)	Second Street (SR1027)	No Parking, (Cementon Area) Both Sides
2. Spruce Street (Egypt Area)	Main Street (SR 0329)	Roosevelt Street	No Parking, (Egypt Area) Both Sides
3. Roosevelt Street (Egypt Area)	Spruce Street	Main Street (SR0329)	No Parking, Northwest Side Only
4. North Church Street (Egypt Area)	Main Street (SR 0329)	Hoffman Drive	No Parking, Both Sides
5. Ruch Street (Stiles Area)	Chestnut Street/West Coplay Road Intersect	Center Street	No Parking, West Side Only
6. First Avenue (West Catasauqua Area)	Pine Street	Main Street	No Parking, East Side Only
7. Presidential Drive (Fullerton Area)	Hoover Lane	Andrew Drive	No Parking, South Side Only
8. Lehigh Avenue (West Catasauqua Area)	Bridge Street (SR 1004)	Catasauqua Road	No Parking, Both Sides
9. Catasauqua Road (Fullerton Area)	Lehigh Avenue	Third Street (SR1015)	No Parking, Both Sides
10. Grape Street (Fullerton Area)	Third Street (SR1015)	Front Street	No Parking, Both Sides
11. Fifth Street (Fullerton Area)	Park Street/St. Paul Street Intersection	South End Bridge of US Route 22 (SR0022)	No Parking, Both Sides
12. Fairmount Avenue (Fullerton Area)	MacArthur Road (SR0145)	Fifth Street	No Parking, Both Sides
13. Overlook Road (Fullerton Area)	Mickley Road	300 feet East of Forest Road	No Parking, North Side Only

SECTION 15-63. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

A. If, at any time during a period of snow emergency declared under§ 15-57 of this article, a person shall park a motor vehicle or allow a motor vehicle to remain parked anywhere upon a snow emergency route, that person shall be guilty of a violation of this article, and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$50 and costs.

B. If, at any time during a period of snow emergency declared under§ 15-57 of this article, a person shall drive a motor vehicle upon a snow emergency route, without having that vehicle equipped with snow tires or chains, that person shall be guilty of a violation of this article, and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The holidays are a peak time for traffic crashes. One of the primary goals and objectives of the Whitehall Township Police is to reduce traffic crashes, primarily on the Rt. 145/MacArthur Rd. corridor. Through the good work of our Patrol Officers and the Traffic Unit, aggressive drivers have been targeted as well as seatbelt enforcement through the State Buckle Up program.

There are a few common sense rules you can follow to keep you and your family safe on the road this holiday season. Avoid all distractions including cell phone use and make sure everyone buckles up. Obey the speed limit and avoid aggressive driving.

As the Holidays approach, remember to park in well-lit areas and lock your car. Do not leave valuables in plain view and do not leave a purse, wallet or credit cards unattended. Practice crime prevention: Be vigilant and report suspicious persons and activity to the police.

HOW TO CONTACT THE WHITEHALL POLICE

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.

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!

Report suspicious activity at the Police Department Non-Emergency Number: 610-437-5252

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/](https://www.facebook.com/WhitehallTownshipPD/)

WhitehallTownshipPD/

Twitter account https://twitter.com/Whitehall_PD

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER

Tina Jo Koren

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP TAX OFFICE/ TREASURER'S OFFICE

The Whitehall Tax Office is open to the public. There is an outside lockbox for payments outside the Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. schedule.

Any questions you can also reach us via email at whitehalltaxoffice@whitehalltaxoffice.com or Tina Koren, Tax Collector/Treasurer at tkoren@whitehalltownship.com

2024 BUSINESS PRIVILEGE LICENSE renewals are due January 2024.

All **2023** Business Privilege Licenses and/or Taxes **NOT PAID** by December 31st, 2023, will be sent for collection to GH Harris, PO BOX 216, Dallas, PA 18612.

MOVING PERMITS are mandatory for moving IN, OUT, or WITHIN Whitehall Township for tax roll purposes. They are available on the Whitehall website at www.whitehalltownship.org/forms/movingpermit.pdf

TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAXES will be mailed to homeowners on March 1, 2024.

- 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 making Online Bank payments, please write your 2024 tax 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 – Residents who want a second garbage totter must pay a deposit of \$100.00 annual and must apply at the Tax Office between January 3rd and February 3rd, 2024. (NOTE: Extra Recycling totters are NOT available) **DISCOUNTS DO**

NOT APPLY TO THE ADDITIONAL TOTER. Whitehall Township Ordinance No. 1088 enacted July 8, 1998, allows for a reduction or exoneration of paying garbage fees for an owner(s) of an owner-occupied residential dwelling. This also applies to residents with lifetime tenant agreements.

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

GARBAGE FEE REDUCTIONS – All reductions **MUST** be submitted at the Tax Office. A 25% reduction can be applied for by an individual over 72 years of age (must be 72 before January 1st of the tax year). Proof of age is required.

GARBAGE FEE EXONERATIONS – Must be submitted at the Tax Office. To claim total exoneration, income from all sources must be under \$15,000 for the prior year and one of the following must apply:

- Individuals 65 or older as of December 31st.
- Widows and widowers aged 50 & older as of December 31st of the prior year.
- A person disabled and/or legally blind in accordance with Social Security criteria.

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

DELINQUENT TAXES – All 2023 Township Real Estate taxes, School Real Estate taxes & Garbage bills NOT PAID by December 31st, 2023, will be sent for collection to Portnoff Law Associates, PO BOX 3020, Norristown, PA 19404.

All 2023 Per Capita bills NOT PAID by December 31st, 2023, will be sent for collection to GH Harris, PO BOX 216, Dallas, PA 18612.

When making payments by mail, a postmark is accepted for ON TIME payments. The Tax Office accepts cash, check or money orders for payment.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES



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Whitehall Chamber event features sign unveiling for Hokendauqua's Thomas Iron Company Town District National Park Service listing in National Register of Historic Places

On October 21, 2023, the Whitehall Township Industrial and Commercial Development Authority (WTICDA) and the Whitehall Historical Preservation Society (WHPS) collaborated efforts to celebrate the unveiling of two markers recognizing the Hokendauqua Thomas Iron Company Town placement on the National Register of Historic Places in the United States.* The Whitehall Chamber event sign unveiling ceremony took place at the First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua, and was well attended by residents and distinguished officials including State Representative Jeanne McNeill, President Joe Marx and several members of the Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners, Lehigh County Commissioner Jeff Dutt, WTICDA Board members including Kent Newhart and Vito Gallo, Stephanie Tashner, President of WHPS, and several members of the First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua.



Township officials received proclamations from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania House of Representatives, the County of Lehigh, and a Certificate of Recognition by US Representative Susan Wild and State Senator Nick Miller. Others supporting the efforts include the National Museum of Industrial History, Bethlehem, and Artefact, Inc., a Bethlehem-based firm who assembled the historic registration application. The historic placement by the National Park Service (NPS) of the United States Department of the Interior was approved unanimously by the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office before receiving approval on September 19, 2022 by the NPS.

After the unveiling, attendees embarked on an Historic walk led by former Whitehall Commissioner Jeff Dutt followed by a talk presented by Karen Gensey on the Founder, David Thomas and the company town that he built along with a delightful luncheon at the American Legion in Hokendauqua- Jones Quigg Post 739. The Township will place the signs on Front St. at the corner property of the First Presbyterian Church and on Center St. to commemorate the Historic District in the Hokendauqua section of Whitehall Township.

*Thomas Ironworks Historical District in Hokendauqua, Pennsylvania is listed on the US National Park Service/National Registry of Historic Places, NPS ID#5G 100008170 as of September 19, 2022. The listing can be found online at the NPS's "National Register Program" enhanced electronic submissions system, called the Cultural Resources Submission Portal (CRSP or "crisp"). Instructions for using and the link for accessing CRSP may be found on National Register website at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm>

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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.

2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Consider joining the Whitehall Historical Preservation Society. We are an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, which strives to provide planning, funding, management and general oversight for the advancement and preservation of Whitehall Township's heritage.

There are a variety of membership Levels: Student-\$8; Individual-\$15+; Family- \$25+; Business/Sponsor-\$50+; and Patron-\$100+. With your membership you will receive an informative newsletter detailing our upcoming events, ongoing activities and our accomplishments, free walking tours, and discount for our flea market space rentals. Call 610 776-7280 for more information or visit our website [whitehallhistoricalsociety.org] to download an application today.



2024 OPEN HOUSE Schedule

The **Helfrich Springs Grist Mill**, built in 1807, is the only 1 remaining of the 6 grist mills that were built in Whitehall Township. This historic structure accommodates a museum, showcasing the history of Whitehall. The mill is also a hub for speaker presentations offered several times throughout the year. The 2-story red brick home across the street from the Grist Mill known as the **Peter Grim House**, was established in 1834. These landmarks are open to the public for tours, free of charge, on the 3rd Sundays of each month from 1 pm to 3 pm (with exceptions). See below for complete schedule: January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 23 (4th Sunday), July 13, 20, 27 (Saturday's), August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15. Stop in and see us sometime.



March 27, 2024—The Life of a Caboose—7:00 PM



Gary Weaver, a lifelong resident of Whitehall Township, and member of WHPS, will share with us his first-hand experience of the acquisition and restoration of the caboose located at the IRT trailhead on corner of N. Ruch and Chestnut

Street in Stiles. Discover how this relic was transported to its present location and the efforts that were taken to refurbish it to its current condition.

April 20, 2024—Giant in the Parkway—10 AM—Walking Tour w/Karen Gensey



We will walk through time following the paths amongst the ruins of the Giant Portland Cement Company from its early beginnings known as Egypt Mills through its demise.

The foundations tell the story of the progress of this great company that supplied construction cement for major projects that impacted the growth of American cities. Amongst the ruins included in the tour are:

- Egypt's first firehouse • The company's baghouse • Pennsylvania Mill
- Columbia Mill • Giant Mill #1 & #2 • The company's laboratory • The Central Mill • The company's quarry

This tour is offered **FREE** to WHPS **MEMBERS**. For all others, we request a \$5.00 donation. The walk will take approximately 1.5 hours. Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Reservations are a MUST. Please call 610 776-7280 and leave your name and phone number. Further details and instructions will be provided when we return your call. A rain date is scheduled for April 27.

April 21, 2024—How to Make your Garden Grow—11 AM

Adjacent to the Peter Grim House (506 Mickley Rd., Whitehall) is a lovely and unique floral garden. This landscaping gem is the handiwork of Rob Williams, friend of WHPS. His dream has been to create a place of beauty and solace for everyone to enjoy. He has been working on this masterpiece over the past 12 years. Many of the trees, shrubs and plants have been propagated using stem cuttings.

Would you like to learn how to reproduce your favorite garden greens? Join us on April 21 at 11 am to do some horticultural breeding. All tools and supplies will be provided. This event is free and open to the public. Registration recommended by calling 610 776-7280, leave your name and phone number. Please dress for the weather.

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

Mark your calendars and clean out your closets. Prepare yourself for our upcoming Flea Market. More information will be provided in the next newsletter. Or check out our website www.whitehallhistoricalsociety.org for any updates.



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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.

Silver Sneakers & Silver Fit Certified Instructors Featuring Bodies, Bands and Bells - Monday 10 am (free by Transform Rehab)
Advanced Tia Chi - Monday 12:30-1:30 pm
Chair Yoga - Tuesday & Thursday 9:15-10:15 am
Chair Strength and Stretch - Wednesday & Friday 9:15-10:15 am
Tai Chi - Wednesday 12:30-1:30 pm & Friday 12:30-1:30 pm

We have monthly activities for our members. 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. We show a movie 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.

Like Us on our Facebook page (Whitehall Active Community Center) and watch the Whitehall Coplay Press for more activities.

We continue our weekly cash bingo games 12:30 pm on Thursdays. 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. Our coverall jackpot is \$200. Refreshments are also available for purchase. Come out and join us on a Sunday afternoon.

As well as caring for our senior citizens, the Whitehall Active Community Center gives back to the community in several ways. For the last two years we sponsored Wreaths Across America and Hometown Hero banners

We also donate items to the Whitehall Coplay School District (such as school supplies, water bottles, ear buds, toiletries, etc.) for those who are in need.

We are also proud to collect non-perishable items for the Whitehall Food Pantry, located at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

We are always welcoming new folks to the Center. Memberships are now being accepted for 2024 at \$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 FOOD PANTRY

3900 MECHANICSVILLE ROAD, WHITEHALL, PA 18052



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 well, as needed. The Whitehall Rotary also provides volunteers and we appreciate 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 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. Patrons should be residents of Whitehall and surrounding areas and may visit the pantry one time per month. Proof of residency (such as a phone, gas or cable bill) and photo ID are needed for the first time visit. Food is distributed by appointment only. 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.

BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENT

CAN YOU SEE YOUR ADDRESS FROM THE STREET?

This may sound like a silly and innocuous question, however, in times of emergency it is VITAL that emergency authorities can locate your property. In addition, all of those delivery drivers need a little help from time to time! In fact, properly identifying your property is required under township ordinances.

The Whitehall Township Property Maintenance Code requires that:

The street address must be properly displayed on the exterior of the house and be visible from the street, with minimum four-inch high Arabic numerals with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch.

This includes unit numbers for apartments or multi family dwellings. If you sell or lease your property, this will be one of the items called out by the inspector to make sure that it is properly displayed. So it may be a good winter project for you to evaluate how your house/property number is displayed, and make sure that you are in compliance with the ordinance. Your delivery person will also appreciate it!

What do I need to know about... FLOODPLAINS ...aka FLOOD HAZARD AREAS...aka FLOODZONES?

According to FloodSmart.gov, the official site of the National Flood Insurance Program:

- in the past 5 years, all 50 states have experienced floods or flash floods.
- everyone lives in a flood zone.
- most homeowners insurance does NOT cover flood damage.
- just a few inches of water can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage.
- hurricanes, winter storms and snowmelt are common (but often overlooked) causes of flooding.
- in a high risk area, your home is more likely to be damaged by a flood than a fire.

A floodplain is the part of the land where water collects, pools, and flows during the course of natural events. Such high-risk areas are classified as Special Flood Hazard Areas, and in these areas there is at least a 1 in 4 chance of flooding during a 30-year mortgage. All flood zones are labeled on the flood maps with a lettering system.

To learn more or to identify if your property is in a flood zone, visit msc.fema.gov. If your property lies within an identified flood zone, you will be required to provide additional documentation when applying for any permits for construction, addition or alteration on your property. An audit of the Township's Floodplain enforcement activities was done by FEMA in 2014 (for the first time in well over 35 years or more) and we are aware now more than ever that as a Township we must closely regulate any activities in the floodplain. It is not a choice, it is a requirement handed down directly from the Federal Government. You can download a map that shows your specific property when visiting the map service center at msc.fema.gov, and understand the restrictions that are placed upon your property when it is encumbered by a flood zone designation.

The Township cannot allow construction in these zones without the required documentation, and in some instances must prohibit it. As a property owner, if you are near or abutting a stream, chances are great that your property is encumbered by flood area. It is important to check the FEMA sites and be familiar with the regulations and risks that are associated with the flood hazard zones.

FEMA's Flood Insurance Study (FIS) mapping depicting the 1% probability flood (also referred to as 100 year flood) zone limits are theoretical, based upon the 1% flood event high water elevation and may not always be 'truly' accurate, so you may want to check further if the map indicates that your project may not be possible. The best thing to do if you want to be certain where the floodplain elevations fall on your property is to have the limits mapped on your property by a Professional (Land Surveyor or Engineer) and have a flood elevation study done, because looking at a map as a lay person is not the same as knowing the true location and actual extent of the flood zone limits. It's all about existing ground elevations on your particular property vs. FEMA's determined elevations.

Below is a sample of the type of map you can get online to see if your property is encumbered by a flood zone:

As you can see, the maps are now very easy to read and give lots of good information for property owners to see how the flood areas can and do affect their properties. These are the same maps we as regulators are required to refer to when reviewing building permits for all properties in the Township, so it is a good idea to check this site yourself when planning for any construction project!



IMPORTANT TERMS TO KNOW IN A POTENTIAL FLOOD EVENT:

Flood Watch

Flooding is possible. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information.

Flash Flood Watch

Flash flooding is possible. Be prepared to move to higher ground; listen to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information.

Flood Warning

Flooding is occurring or will occur soon; if advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

Flash Flood Warning

A flash flood is occurring; seek higher ground on foot immediately.

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BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENT TOP 10 12! QUESTIONS...AND ANSWERS!**1. Q. My neighbor's tree/bush is hanging over my property. What will the Township do?**

A. The township does not regulate tree or shrub growth between properties, only that which extends into the public rights of way. This would be a civil matter that you should consult with your personal attorney about if you cannot come to agreeable terms with your neighbor. Similarly, if a tree falls onto your property from your neighbor's property...it becomes YOUR tree. This is typical insurance position as well, as no one can predict where or when a tree will fall. The reverse is also true if one of YOUR trees falls onto your neighbor's property. For additional information you may wish to check with your homeowner's insurance provider. Of course there is nothing barring everyone from being a good neighbor and cooperating and assisting with these issues.

2. Q. I am receiving stormwater on my property from my neighbor. What does the township do for this?

A. This is a difficult issue. At this time the township does not require grading permits for construction, and so the township does not regulate stormwater between properties. Grading permits may be a good idea for some construction but could add significant additional costs to otherwise minor construction. If you feel your property is being damaged by stormwater from your neighbor you should consult with an attorney. However, you should also know that if the water was going that way before, it may be allowed to continue to travel along the same path.

3. Q. Do I need a permit?

A. Most likely, YES, you will either need a zoning permit or a construction permit for just about anything you do on your property. With the State of Pennsylvania's adoption of the Uniform Construction Code (UCC), most construction work is regulated under state law, and the township does not have the liberty to decide yes/no. Other types of work that are not regulated by the UCC are regulated by the Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance (this would include things like residential fences and sheds) or our local amendments to the UCC. This is because the township long ago decided to regulate how properties could be used in every area of the township. If you are not sure if a permit is needed or not, it is always safest to call first. We are here to help you!

4. Q. Can I run my business out of my home?

A. It depends on the business. Home occupations are permitted provided that they comply with certain conditions of the Zoning Ordinance. You cannot have multiple employees, material deliveries, outside storage of materials or equipment (including commercial vehicles as defined in the ordinance), or signs for your business. Essentially you cannot do anything that would alter the residential character of your neighborhood by operating your business. IN ADDITION, if you do not OWN the home that you are intending on operating the business out of, you must provide notarized documentation that the owner of the property is permitting the business to be operated out of the residence. If you qualify for a 'no-impact' home based business which essentially involves someone working at a computer or something similar, you are permitted by right to do so once you secure all the necessary tax approvals from the Whitehall Township Treasurer and any other regulatory agency.

5. Q. Can I park my car/truck/etc. on my grass?

A. No. all vehicles must be parked on a hard (impervious) surface, unless the parking area where you park your vehicle was stone before this requirement was adopted in 2017 and that area was continually maintained

in stone. This is to assist with stormwater quality, so that no vehicle fluids seep directly into the ground, and soils are not drug onto the roads to consequently get into the storm drains. While we are talking about vehicles, please know that not more than ONE unlicensed, unregistered vehicle can be stored outside on a property at any given time, and said vehicle shall be completely covered with an opaque tarpaulin, and NO vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair or in the process of being stripped or dismantled.

6. Q. When is a Certificate of Occupancy needed?

A. A new certificate of occupancy is needed any time a structure is sold or leased. This means a new certificate is required if you are selling your home, or any time a rental unit is re-leased/rented. The property must be inspected prior to any change in tenancy for leased/rental property and prior to sale of a property for conformity to current property maintenance codes. This inspection and subsequent certificate of occupancy applies to both residential as well as commercial properties.

7. Q. Does the Township show me where my property lines are? Where can I get a plot plan?

A. The township does NOT have plot plans of individual properties, or the structures located thereon. The only way to have this record is for you to hire a licensed surveyor or engineer to perform a survey of your property and mark the property lines.

8. Q. How long does it take for my permit to be issued?

A. Seasonally times vary, with of course summer months being busier. Typically you should plan on 1-3 weeks for a residential permit to be issued, and 2-4 weeks for a commercial permit to be issued. It is important to include this time frame in planning any project, as commencing work without a permit is a violation of township ordinances and could result in double permit fees being assessed.

9. Q. Can I pay for my fees with a credit card?

A. No, we are not permitted to accept credit cards as a form of payment at this time. Cash, Check or Money Order only.

10. Q. Does the Bureau of Development regulate streets?

A. No, the Bureau of Development does not regulate ANY activity on the street. This includes vehicles, whether or not working, obstructions, debris, litter, grass, etc. You will need to contact Administration, Public Works or the Police Department for these issues.

11. Q. Can I call or email my complaint?

A. As of August 1, 2023, all complaints to the Bureau must be in writing, on the required complaint inspection form. This form can be downloaded on the township's website, www.whitehalltownship.org, under the forms and documents tab, picked up at the township building, or contact us and we will email or mail to you. Calling someone else or another department and registering your complaint with them will not relieve you of this requirement. All complaints must be treated equally so all must be in writing.

12. Q. My neighbor is occupying the utility easement. Who will tell them not to?

A. The Township does not enforce any utility easements unless they are owned by the Township. This means we do not enforce PPL, Verizon, UGI, etc. easements. If you have a concern and are aware that there is someone violating that easement we encourage you to contact the appropriate utility. This also means that we cannot STOP any utility from working within their easement area, even if it means disrupting your existing yard areas. Again, you will need to contact the utility with your concerns.

FROM PUBLIC WORKS

PLEASE KEEP THIS DOUBLE SIDED PAGE HANDY

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

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.**

TOWNSHIP REFUSE CART

The designated Whitehall Township refuse automated cart 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.

From January 2, 2024 thru December 31, 2024 is open enrollment for any resident who would like to have a second 95-gallon refuse cart. You must come to the Tax Office, Monday thru Friday between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm and pay a \$100 deposit for a second cart. **Residents who request a second refuse cart will pay a garbage fee of \$395.00 due to the cost for pick-up of a second cart.**

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.

Pick-up of any appliance containing Freon, CFC or HCFS, can be put at the curb for pick-up on the **4th Wednesday of each month** after paying a \$25.00 at the Township Tax Office.

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 CART

The designated Whitehall Township automated recycling cart 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.**

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.

Township Recycling Drop-Off Center located at 2650 Range Road, and is for Lehigh County Residents. There they will take: scrap metal, **clean** food trays and foils, auto tires without rims (Whitehall Residents **ONLY!**), books, magazines, cell phones, cardboard (No wet cardboard please), automobile and lead acid batteries, household flashlight type batteries (no mercury), and plastics #1 thru #7. We also take clean re-usable clothing for our American Family Service clothing bin.

2024 Regular Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays – **11:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Saturdays – **9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

2024 Holiday Closures:	Saturday, March 30th	Saturday, August 31st	Tuesday, December 24th
	Saturday, May 25th	Thursday, November 28th	Thursday, December 26th
	Thursday, July 4th	Saturday, November 30th	Tuesday, December 31st

The center will be closed on holidays (listed above) and during periods of inclement weather. The center is a service to our residents and is NOT to be used by businesses.

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!

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 toter 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.



FROM PUBLIC WORKS

REMINDER TO PROPERTY OWNERS:

FOR THE YEAR OF "2024"

*****ALL YARD WASTE, Christmas trees, GRASS & LEAVES WILL 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.**
- **Christmas tree collection is the first "two full weeks of January" on the day after your regular garbage day. January 8th through January 19th 2024. SPECIAL HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE (WM)**

Any holiday that falls Monday through Friday, will cause all subsequent collection services for the week to be delayed by one day. In **2024** this applies to:

- New Year's Day – Monday, January 1st 2024
- Labor Day – Monday, September 2nd 2024
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 27th 2024
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28th 2024
- Independence Day – Thursday, July 4th 2024
- Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th 2024

During inclement weather, please refer to the Township's website for a change in collection times – www.whitehalltownship.org. Please **DO NOT** put your refuse or recycling out for pickup until 6:00 pm the night before.

2024 Dates for Cameron Tract on Eberhart Road YW drop-off facility) will be open **Saturdays** from 7:00 am to 11:00 am and Noon to 3:00 pm on the following dates: Proof of residency is required:

March 23rd	June 1st, 15th and 29th	September 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
April 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th	July 13th and 20th	October 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th
May 4th, 11th and 18th	August 3rd, 17th and 24th	November 2nd and 9th

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.

****Resident home owners ONLY!! NO contractors, rentals, commercial, or hired services****

IT'S THE LAW: No Electronics in the Trash!

It became illegal in 2013 under the PA Act 108 of 2010, for any individual to dispose of electronic waste in any other way except to recycle it. 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 and fees.
3. DRC Technologies, 2005 Main Street, Northampton, PA 18067
 - Call 610-502-0854 for acceptable materials and fees
 - Appointment ONLY!



BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS

SNOW REMOVAL and SNOW EMERGENCY

ROUTES The Township's dedicated plow operators work long hours during the winter season. Driveways do become blocked when snow is plowed to the curb but this is a reality of plowing streets. Township employees go home after many long hours of plowing and need to clear their driveways the same as everyone else.



Please remember:

- Do not shovel, plow or blow snow into or across any street.
- Clear fire hydrants by your home
- Clear a path for children to get on the school bus
- Make hired contractors aware of the rules
- All snow contractors need a business license in the Township.

Residents who live on **Snow Emergency Routes** in Whitehall Township must adhere to the Snow Emergency Ordinance Article VI- 15.57-15.63 which states "when a snow emergency is declared, residents must remove their vehicles from the designated Snow Emergency Routes in Whitehall Township". The snow emergency plan relies heavily on the cooperation of residents. Parked vehicles left on snow emergency routes will cause both delays in service and potential safety concerns. The cooperation of residents is essential.

STREET SWEEPING

Residents are asked to please watch for the "No Parking" signs posted the day before. Reminder signs are posted on major roads and flyers are delivered prior to sweeping. If you are leaving the area for an extended period of time, call 610-437-5524, ext. 1139

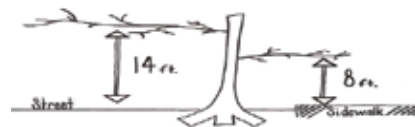
Street sweeping usually begins in late March or as soon as the weather breaks. Listed below is the schedule for 2024:

- Cementon
- 13th Street
- West of Route 145
- Stiles
- Hokendauqua

- Fullerton – South of Route 22
- Fullerton – North of Route 22
- Echo Hills
- West Catty
- Egypt

TREES AND Vegetative Growth in Rights-of Way

Remember street trees and their maintenance are the responsibility of the property owner, not the Township. All street



trees were planted by the developers of the subdivisions in which they are located, to benefit the neighborhood or development.

Low hanging branches over the street hamper snow plowing, waste and recycling collection, street work, street sweeping operations and deliveries to your home. In addition, they sometimes cause vision obstructions to traffic controls, something that could bring liability to YOU as the property owner should an accident occur. Low hanging branches over the sidewalk also adversely affect users of the sidewalks. Your cooperation in this effort is appreciated.

Please check for the overgrowth of trees, bushes, or weeds on your property periodically, especially when it is growing out into the sidewalk, street or alley. Overgrowth may obstruct motorists from seeing stop signs or other street signs. The Township's Shade Tree Ordinance requires that property owners trim their trees to a minimum height of 14 feet above the road surface and 8 feet above the sidewalk.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC)

WHO IS THE EAC AND WHAT DO THEY DO? By Deb Rosene - Whitehall Twp EAC

If you have seen a group of people with orange vests and yellow hats picking up trash in various areas of Whitehall, you have seen the EAC in action. However, litter clean-ups are not the only one thing we do. In 2023 alone, we have:

- Completed 5 litter clean-ups
- Obtained certification for the BirdTown PA program from the Audubon society. This program works to promote community-based conservation actions to create a healthier, more sustainable environment for birds, wildlife and people
- Delivered two programs for Camp Whitehall to teach birding and the appreciation of wildlife
- We are restoring the Bird Watch area in Whitehall Parkway to provide a place to observe and learn about birds and native plants
- Active in township meetings to promote sustainable practices within our township through ordinances and resolutions
- Manage the annual e-recycling event
- Partnering with Whitehall Library to deliver new programs as well as birding backpacks in 2024
- Planted more than 350 milkweed plants at the Prydun Mickley farm and Whitehall High school to create a habitat for butterflies
- Partnered with local scouts to repair and add new birdhouses to the Whitehall Parkway and improved signage (underway)
- Frequent social media posts promoting sustainable living practices and helping birds and pollinators

Many of our activities are family friendly and encourage our youth to appreciate nature and live more sustainably. The EAC is also a great place to meet people who share the values of treasuring nature. We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month from 6:30-8p in the council room of the township building. Check the Whitehall Township website or the Whitehall EAC facebook page for events and meeting information. You can also contact me at drrosene@gmail.com.



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Month	Date	Event	Time	Location
January	01	Lehigh Valley New Year's Chaser Half Marathon and 10K	9 am	Saylor Park, 245 N. 2nd Street – Coplay https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Coplay/LehighValleyNewYearsChaser12Marathon10k
	17	Public Meeting – N. Whitehall Twsp.	7 pm	North Whitehall Township Municipal Building
February	21	Public Meeting – Whitehall Township	7 pm	Whitehall Township Municipal Building
March	21	Public Meeting – Coplay Borough	7 pm	Coplay Borough Municipal Building
	25	IRT Spring Historical Walk (FREE EVENT)	9 am	Whitehall Parkway Barn – 4041 Chestnut Street
April	18	Public Meeting – N. Whitehall Twsp.	7 pm	North Whitehall Township Municipal Building
May	TBA	Pancreatic Cancer Run	8 am	Saylor Park, 245 N. 2nd Street – Coplay
	14	Mother's Day Run for the Roses Half Marathon, 5K & 10K	7 am	Saylor Park, 245 N. 2nd Street – Coplay https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Coplay/runfortheroseshalf
	16	Public Meeting – Whitehall	7 pm	IRT Trailhead Pavilion, 3853 Chestnut Street

Additional Information is available at: www.irontrail.org or email: rail.trail@yahoo.com

IRT SPRING HISTORICAL WALK



Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023
Time: 9:00 am
Meet: Chestnut Street Barn
FREE EVENT – NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

The walk is approximately 7 miles. Allow approximately 4 hours at a leisurely pace with occasional stops to view buildings, historical sites and landmarks. Bring water, a camera and binoculars.

The IRT traverses the sites of the first anthracite fueled Iron Company and the first Portland Cement Company in America, both of which contributed to the Industrial Revolution. No less than 23 historical sites and landmarks will be presented. This Trail is a loop with an even surface of asphalt or packed millings and passes through several communities. The hike starts at the Whitehall Parkway Barn on Chestnut Street, just west of MacArthur Road by the traffic light at Sheetz. Hike Leaders Bob Abbott and Ray Bieak welcome you to participate. For more information, email questions to: rail.trail@yahoo.com or call Whitehall Recreation at 610-437-5524, ext. 1135.



Whitehall Township is proud to announce the 2nd year of the Hometown Heroes Banner Program. The program serves as a tribute to recognize service men and women from Whitehall Township who have served or are serving our country in a branch of the military.

The banners are 30" wide by 60" tall. Each individual banner will honor a specific Whitehall Township service man or woman and will include his or her picture, branch of service and era of service. Sponsors, who may be friends families or businesses, will pay for the Hometown Heroes Banners. Sponsorship will be named on the banners.

Banners will be displayed on the telephone poles around Whitehall Township beginning on Flag Day through Veteran's Day 2023.

Dedication will take place at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building on Flag Day Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

The cost of \$250 for sponsorship from friends, families or businesses includes the banner and fixtures.

Applications are available at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building or at: http://www.whitehalltownship.org/rec_programs.html.

Applications will be accepted until Tuesday, February 28, 2023 and will only be processed with a fully completed application, photo and a check or money order payable to **Whitehall Township**.

Contact the Whitehall Township Recreation Office for more Information: 610-437-5524, ext. 1135.

INDOOR AQUATIC SCHEDULE

WHITEHALL HIGH SCHOOL POOL
3800 MECHANICSVILLE ROAD

(STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION)
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AQUA AEROBICS
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
Time: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Winter: January 10th thru March 7th

Spring: March 21st thru May 16th (No Class April 6th)

Cost: \$55.00 for Residents \$65.00 for Non-Residents





CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT AND SKIRMISH

APRIL 29TH & APRIL 30TH

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For more information, visit our website at: www.unionvolunteers.com/ Follow Us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Geiger2023

Looking for a place to hold your next party or event? Check out the facilities available for rent throughout the Whitehall Township Park's system.

We offer enclosed Buildings and Pavilions for large scale events such as: Family Reunions, Birthday and Holiday Parties, Weddings, Church or Company Picnics, Non-Profit Fund Raising and more.



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<https://www.facebook.com/whitehalltownship.rec>

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP CONTACTS FOR PARK/PLAYGROUND RENTALS:

Park	Contacts for Rentals	Capacity
Cementon Park & Playground 5185 Dewey Street	610-437-5524, x1165	Indoor Building, Capacity 250
Egypt Memorial Park 4548 Main Street	610-217-5820 or Email: egyptmemorialpark@gmail.com	Outdoor Pavilion, Capacity 400 Indoor Pavilion, Capacity 200
Fullerton Memorial Playground 901 Jefferson Street	610-704-0311	Indoor Building, Capacity 200 Outdoor Pavilion, Capacity 30
Hokendauqua Park & Playground 3417 Lehigh Street	484-294-6966 or Email: marakovits@rcn.com	Outdoor Pavilion, Capacity 50 Outdoor Pavilion, Capacity 25
Schadt Avenue (Zephyr) Park 1975 Schadt Avenue	1-973-986-2354 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	610-443-0675	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 Office, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, 610-437-5524, ext. 1135

Website: http://www.whitehalltownship.org/rec_parks.html



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Dispatch: 610-437-5252

VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

3219 MacArthur Road • Whitehall, PA 18052
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Administrative Specialist, ext. 1129

Administration & Finance 610-437-5524

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Reception/Word Processing Secretary Ext. 1165
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Human Resources Ext. 1150
Finance Officer Ext. 1157
Accounts Payable Ext. 1159
Mayor Ext. 1147
Deputy Mayor Ext. 1148
Executive Secretary Ext. 1149

Public Works 610-437-5524

Maintenance Clerk Ext. 1139
Bureau Chief Ext. 1140
Supervisor Ext. 1170
Building & Grounds Maintenance Sup. Ext. 1137
Storm Water Pollution Hotline Ext. 1139

Planning, Zoning & Development 610-437-5524

Permit Clerk Ext. 1131
Development Clerk Ext. 1128
Operations Secretary Ext. 1138
Zoning Officer Ext. 1155
Township Surveyor Ext. 1158
Codes Inspector Ext. 1123
Township Codes Inspector Ext. 1133
Curb & Sidewalk/Street Opening Ext. 1158 or 1162
Bureau Chief/Development Issues Ext. 1134

Treasury 610-437-5529

Clerk Ext. 1167
Real Estate Tax Ext. 1152 & 1146
Business Privilege Tax Ext. 1144
Treasurer Ext. 1143

Recreation 610-437-5524

Bureau Chief Ext. 1135

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE - JANUARY THRU APRIL, 2024

	TIME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Board of Commissioners Workshop	7:00 pm	2nd	5th	4th	1st
Board of Commissioners Regular	7:00 pm	8th	12th	11th	8th
Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm	16th	20th	19th	16th
Planning Commission	7:30 pm	17th	21st	20th	17th
Legal & Legislative	7:00 pm	10th	14th	13th	10th
Recreation Commission	7:00 pm	22nd	26th	25th	22nd
Ethics Board					
Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)	7:00 pm	18th	15th	21st	18th
Park & Recreation	7:00 pm	3rd	---	6th	---
MISCELLANEOUS					
Submission Deadline Zoning		12/21/23	1/25/24	2/22/24	3/21/24
Submission Deadline Planning		12/28/23	2/1/24	2/29/24	3/28/24
Appliance curbside pickup		24th	28th	27th	24th

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 to be every other month- Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov)	1st Wednesday	7:00 pm
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
Iron-ton 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

❖ New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2024

❖ Good Friday, March 29, 2024

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