It is not unusual for American cities to have industrial ruins. Years ago, it was a symbol of the age to have a town of smokestacks employing vast numbers of people. Companies were merged out of existence. The factories were closed and couldn't provide the jobs that were necessary to make the buildings relevant. Too expensive to redevelop, they were simply abandoned, hidden in full sight. Such is the plight of “The Dairy”, the access to the northern side of Allentown and in sight of the of the “Golden Strip of the Lehigh Valley” the largest retail center of the Lehigh Valley.

The Elias Property Group LLC bought what remained of the Dairy buildings and additional vacant land that reaches down to Sumner Avenue on September 27, 2019, for $1,350,000. You can still see the majestic stature and bearing of a beautiful building that awaits its fate. It will likely see the equipment of demolition in the near future. Everybody wants the family to succeed in its determination to create a new look for the southern part of MacArthur Road.

New assistance from Senator Nick Miller adds push to the attempts of Representative Jeanne McNeill as they work the halls of Harrisburg in an effort to help those whose hearts were on the side of saving the building – alas it now feels that there is no help for those who sat at tables eating ice cream cones and tasty sundaes.

The Lehigh Valley Dairy was established in August 1934. Created in the depths of the Great Depression by the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers by renovating a silk mill. By 1944, 820 farmers had joined, and the plant had increased production from 3,400 of milk to 148,000 pounds. In 1947, the facility was expanded to a 321,000 square-foot multi-story plant and over 19 acres of land consisting of a complex of buildings.

The dairy remained profitable into the early 1970s until it was discovered that financial corruption began financial losses, the firing of its president and negative attention to the business. From 1974 to 1977, the Lehigh Valley dairy reported losses of $5 million. In 1980, the stockholders voted to dissolve the Lehigh Valley Cooperative and sell its assets to a new company named Atlantic Processing.

By 1985, the dairy had assets that exceeded $200 million and was employing 950 workers. Johanna Farms purchased Atlantic the following year and changed its...
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name to Lehigh Valley Dairies. By then Johanna had been purchased by John Labatt Ltd, the Canadian brewer. Bob Daily, a shop steward at the Lehigh Valley Dairies was later to say that Labatt did not repair the equipment.

By January 13, 1989, the end had arrived, and the Allentown plant was closed on January 27th. The vast majority of the 200 workers at the plant were laid off, the last 50 were transferred to the Landsdale facility at the end of March and the doors were locked on April 7, 1989.

The property was sold off in pieces that ultimately consisted of a self-storage units, a warehouse, a vacant lot and the Dairy property itself which sits proudly on a bluff that shows off the scars of thirty plus years of neglect. I hope that the hard work of the Elias family, transported from the middle east with Joe Elias’ immigrant endurance, to an American dream, ends with another success.

Be well,
Michael P. Harakal, Jr., Whitehall Township Mayor

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Listed below is the 2023 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
September 5, 2023 (Tuesday)
October 2, 2023
November 6, 2023
December 4, 2023

PUBLIC MEETINGS
September 11, 2023
October 9, 2023
November 13, 2023
December 11, 2023

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.
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 5:30. Teens interested in volunteering can join us at Teen Advisory Board one Saturday a month at 1:30.

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: October 19 - Home Before Dark, November 16 - Firekeeper’s Daughter.

The library will host a Book Sale on September 22 and 23. Sale runs from 9:00 – 3:00. On Saturday, September 22 there will be a bag sale from 12:00 – 3:00 at $5.00 a bag.

Toddler Storytime for ages 12 – 36 months is every Thursday at 11:00 from September 28 to November 16. Preschool Storytime for ages 36 months – 5 years is every Tuesday at 11:00 and Wednesday at 1:30 from September 26 – November 15. Join us for stories, songs, and activities. Registration begins September 5.

Celebrate your freedom to read during Banned Books Week. Test your knowledge with Lit Trivia on October 3 at 6:00! Teens and Adults are welcome to form teams of up to four individuals to try out our book themed trivia. Registration required.

The True Story of the Legend of Sleepy Hollow presented by Michael Jesberger is on October 5 at 6:30. This lecture discusses one of America’s oldest short stories based on real events that took place in the Hudson Valley of New York during the American Revolution. Registration requested.

The library will participate in Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends. For a $5.00 donation to the library, shoppers receive a 25% off shopping pass for October 18.

Kathy Baker, licensed Medicare insurance agent, will present basic Medicare information and discuss details about Medicare Advantage plans. Kathy will present at the library on October 21 at 1:00 and November 18 at 11:00.

Adult Fall Craft is October 26 at 6:00. Decoupage your own pumpkin with book pages and other decorative paper. Registration required.

Kids join us for Hallow-Read on October 28 at 1:00. Come in for food, games, and crafts run by our Teen Advisory Board. Costumes are encouraged!

Fall Fun presented by Lehigh Conservation District for toddlers to kindergarteners is October 31 at 11:00. Kids will get to dissect owl pellets, receive a nature journal, do leaf rubbings, and learn about creepy crawlies. Registration required.

Support the Library at our Fall Basket Raffle from November 3 - 11. We will host a wide range of items from gift certificates to filled baskets and a 50/50! You can come in during our open hours to buy tickets, browse our baskets, and drop your tickets.

Holiday Family Storytimes are 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20 at 1:30. Join us for a story and craft. No registration required.

Adult Christmas Craft is December 7 at 6:00. Participants will get to create their own decorative snowman wine glass. Registration required.

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!

Adult Christmas Craft is December 7 at 6:00. Participants will get to create their own decorative snowman wine glass. Registration required.
An expanded mentoring program for youth is on the horizon in Whitehall!

The role of the CTC is to guide and support the whole community in using data to drive decisions about programs, policies and practices related to healthy outcomes for youth. A need for mentoring of young people was identified based on the data from the 2021 PA Youth Survey or PAYS.

CTC members were concerned that a significant number of students in middle and high school said that they did not participate in any activities outside of school including volunteering. Also noted was the number of youth who said that they didn’t have clear understanding of the connection between their schoolwork now and their future goals. Both conditions often lead to young people dropping out of school or getting involved in crime and other negative behaviors.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Lehigh Valley (BB/BS) applied for and was awarded a two-year grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to implement a community-based program in which identified youth are paired with a community volunteer who provides mentorship, support and connection for the young person. Prior to this expansion set to begin in fall 2023, BB/BS had been overseeing a school-based program in Whitehall-Coplay.

BB/BS is an evidence-based program which means it has been scientifically evaluated and proven effective. Research shows that participants in BB/BS are less likely to initiate drug and alcohol use, less likely to hit someone, and demonstrate higher academic behaviors, attitudes and performance. They also show improved relationships with parents, caregivers and peers.

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a young person in our community? Become a Big Brother or a Big Sister! You can complete an application at www.bbbslv.org/volunteer or contact Tyrone Fisher, Director of Volunteer Engagement at tfisher@bbbslv.org.

This community truly embraces that it takes a village to raise a child!

WHITEHALL-COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE (WCHI)

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

THANK YOU!! A huge shout out and thank you goes to all our fabulous volunteers; our monetary and food donors; Second Harvest Food Bank; Catholic Diocese of Allentown; St John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Whitehall; Lehigh County Commissioners for approving needed grants; Whitehall Township and Coplay Borough; WCSD and all the Whitehall-Coplay and Catholic School Clubs; Catasauqua Community Cares Program (CP3): Meals on Wheels; and all the Lehigh Valley businesses that organize food and toiletry drives for us. We could not do our programs without your support!! WCHI is blessed to have such a great group of interested and dedicated people all working together to help our community.

WCHI CHOICE PANTRY - We are located at St John the Baptist Church, 3024 S Ruch St, Whitehall. Our Pantry is open on both the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month from 9:30am-1pm and from 4:30-7pm. This is by appointment only and we close promptly at 1pm and 7pm. 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. 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 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. 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).

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. We have income limits for all household sizes. No income paperwork is required.

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

PA HEALTHY PANTRY INITIATIVES (HPI) Second Harvest Food Bank selected WCHI to be one of four Healthy Pantries in Lehigh County, which offers healthier low fat and low salt products, when possible. After we register our guests, a volunteer takes them shopping though our Choice Pantry. Our guests choose from several food types: canned fruit and vegetables, protein (canned continued on page 6
tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter), grains (includes rice/pasta/cereal), ready to eat food, 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. Our guests tell us that they really like our Choice Pantry since they get to choose the items they will eat and the toiletries they will use. Questions, call Jenn Dietz, HPI Program Chair, at 717-880-8546.

SENIOR FOOD BOX PROGRAM (SFBP) offered through WCHI works to improve the health of low-income Seniors by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods. The senior food boxes do not provide a complete diet, but rather are good sources of the nutrients typically lacking in the diets of older Americans. Usually included in the 35-pound food box is: non-fat dry and shelf-stable fluid milk, juice, oats, ready-to-eat cereal, rice, pasta, dry beans, peanut butter, canned meat, poultry, or fish, and canned fruits and vegetables.

The senior box income guidelines are much lower than the Pantry income guidelines. The income guidelines include all the income for ALL the people living in the household. For example, a household size of 1 person can have monthly income of $1,580 to qualify for a senior box. In a four-person household, the maximum monthly income for all four people must be at or below $3,250 for the senior to receive a box.

If there are two or more seniors living in the household and the total income is at or below the limit, each senior can have a box if they want one. Each person must fill out a separate form and everyone living in the household must be named along with their birthdates. Proof of the senior’s age is a requirement. This would be on a driver’s license. No worries if the senior does not drive. We still can qualify them. You may qualify for a Senior Box, even though you do not wish to obtain Pantry food.

WCHI is committed to helping as many low-income Whitehall and Coplay residents as possible in our area that qualify both for the Pantry and the Senior Box Program. We also include homebound and mobility impaired residents. Please spread the word through your faith-based bulletins, and by telling your family, friends, and neighbors. Questions, call Gail, SFBP Program Chair, at 610-351-6412.

VOLUNTEERS - We are a 100% volunteer organization and could never do any of our programs that help our Whitehall and Coplay residents without their continued support, time, and talents. All volunteers must have state required criminal background clearances since we work with children. 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

FOOD DRIVES - THANK YOU to our local Community members who have organized or who currently are hosting food drives for WCHI with their friends, churches, housing subdivisions, service clubs, businesses, youth groups, boys & girl scouts, schools, etc. You can too!! 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, 1080 Schadt Ave, Whitehall, PA 18052. Please leave your donations inside the foyer on the right, Monday through Friday 9AM-5PM.

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. All meals are an inside sit-down meal. WCHI will post a meal reminder on Facebook and Instagram and send a text to out Pantry guests. A Free Community Meal Meeting has been scheduled for September 12th at 11am in our Pantry for interested meal partners to finalize the 2024 meal schedule. Questions about hosting a meal for 2024 or guests wanting more info, please call Karen Haberern, Program Chair, at 610-730-3184.

WCHI GARDEN AT MICKLEY-PRYDUN FARM - You can see our WCHI Garden sign and watch our garden grow from the Ironton Rail Trail between Center and Lehigh Steets. Our volunteers have been busy planting, weeding, watering, and cultivating our garden. Vegetables for this year's growing season include carrots, corn, eggplant, parsley, pumpkins, radishes, red beets, sweet peppers, tomatoes, winter and yellow squash, and zucchini.

Do you have a garden with extra vegetables? Our Food Pantry will gladly accept any fresh produce you would like to share. Please deliver it to Re/Max Unlimited, 1080 Schadt Ave, Whitehall and placed on the table in the foyer.

WCHI is now a member of Lehigh Valley Plant-A-Row, an organization that works throughout our local communities to help gardeners find a place to take extra produce. Any extra, fresh produce from your garden or orchard that you donate will first be distributed at either our WCHI pantry or free community meals. If neither of these events will be taking place within a few days, your donation will be shared with local Plant-A-Row pantries that will be immediately distributed it. Nothing will go to waste. Questions, call Gwen Herzog, Garden Chair, at 610-379-6823.

BINGO - WCHI will be offering bingo at St Peter Roman Catholic Church, 4 S. 5th St, Coplay on September 10th, October 8th, and November 12th. There is no bingo in December. We will start again on January 14th. Doors will open at 1pm and bingo starts at 2pm. Please mark your calendars. Fabulous food is available to purchase.

Children are allowed to play if accompanied by an adult. $15 entry fee buys you 2 bingo boards with four games. Each additional board is $1 each and a pack of 5 specials are $5. Jackpot is $250. Bingo chips and dabbers are available for purchase on site and through Amazon or Jackpot Amusements, 5827 Colony Dr, Bethlehem 610-837-9240. Questions and reservations, please call Liz Rodgers, Program Chair, 484-274-6687.

NUTRITION LINKS PROGRAM - WCHI, in partnership with Penn State Extension, Allentown, is offering a FREE Nutrition Links Program “Learn to Eat Healthy on a Budget.” Julie Davitt, a Penn State Nutrition Education Adviser and WCHI Board Member, will be teaching this class.

When: Wednesday, October 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th from 10am-noon. Where: in the St John the Baptist Church Social Hall (white building behind our WCHI Food Pantry) at 3024 S Ruch St, Whitehall. Who qualifies for the Program: 1. Parent or caregiver of children who qualify for free or reduced school lunch or WIC and 2. Adults who qualify for PA Farmer's market vouchers, SNAP, and Food Pantry guests.

Topics include Delicious Recipes, Smart Shopping, Meal Planning and Preparation, Food Safety, and Nutrition. At the completion of the class, attendees will receive a certificate of completion and Free Kitchen Tools.

For more info and/or to register, please contact Julie Davitt at 484-857-2736, jbd14@psu.edu www.extension.psu.edu/nutrition-links

MONETARY DONATIONS - are appreciated and can be made payable to Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative, C/O Shari Noctor, 1080 Schadt Ave, Whitehall, PA 18052. Please put in the memo section where you want your donation applied. 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.

OUR SOCIALS - Please visit our website https://tinyurl.com/WCHIhome; Like us on Facebook https://tinyurl.com/WCHIfb ; Follow us on Instagram https://tinyurl.com/IGWCHunger. Questions, call Susan, Communications Chair, 610-440-1659.

WCHI is definitely making a difference in peoples’ lives. THANK YOU ALL!!

Please call 484-225-0358 with questions on anything written above.
What We Do

The Whitehall Lions Club has been serving our community since 1951. Over the past seventy-two years, the club has:

- performed vision screening for toddlers and senior citizens
- assisted community members in obtaining eyeglasses and cataract surgery
- served free community meals in cooperation with Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative
- donated clothing, toys and other resources to families impacted by childhood cancer
- provided diabetes screening and education to community members
- given financial support to Camp Red Jacket, a summer camp for youth with diabetes
- helped maintain the Ironton Rail Trail
- awarded scholarships for local high school seniors
- supported the Leos Clubs at Whitehall High School and Whitehall-Coplay Middle School
- collected supplies for clients of Allentown Rescue Mission and VHP Street Medicine
- packed and delivered care boxes for military veterans at Victory House in Bethlehem
- established a community ambulance association in Fullerton
- purchased a German Shepherd dog for the Whitehall Township Police Department
- sponsored the Sights for Hope Lions Club and the Catasauqua Lions and Leos Clubs

How You Can Help: Financial Support

There are several ways to support the Whitehall Lions Club as they continue to serve the community:

- Purchase tickets during our Fall Sweepstakes fundraiser. Coming to your mailbox soon!
- Purchase a Dan Schantz Flower Card for $25. Then, visit Dan Schantz each month and pick up your FREE item! The cards never expire. To purchase a card email your request to whitehall.lionsclub.lv@gmail.com.
- Support our RADA Cutlery online fundraiser at radafundraising.com. Enter Whitehall Lions Club as the fundraising group.
- Watch for our Holiday Luminaria fundraiser later this fall. Light up your neighborhood for a good cause! For more information, visit the Whitehall Lions Club- Lehigh Valley PA Facebook page or email whitehall.lionsclub.lv@gmail.com.
- Visit our White Cane Days at a local supermarket in Fall and Spring. Check our Facebook page for more information.

How You Can Help: Join Us!

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.

How You Can Help: Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids 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.

Thank You!

No matter how you support the Whitehall Lions Club in serving the community, we thank you.

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**FALL CLEAN-UP**
*By Deb Rosene - Whitehall Twp EAC*

I love fall!! I love the colors of the leaves and mums, the cooler days and nights and the foods of fall like soups and stews (and of course pumpkin spice). However, one thing I have never enjoyed about fall is getting your yard ready for winter. Here’s a solution to all that work that is better for the environment and easier on your body.

- Minimize raking leaves. Mulch as many leaves as you can with your mower. The leaves serve as a great organic fertilizer and they don’t cost you any money.
- Rake as many remaining leaves into your flower beds or boundary hedge areas. Beneficial insects love leaf litter which keeps them warm in the winter. Those insects, especially caterpillars, make a great snack for the birds in the spring.
- Leave plants with spent berries and fruit as is. These fruits are an ideal food source for birds that winter over in your yard. Where to concentrate your clean-up;
  - Ornamental plants like peonies and roses should be cut back and cleared of yard waste to reduce disease.
  - Vegetable gardens should be cleared of any diseased crop debris to prevent future spread as some blights can survive the winter cold. Also be careful to clean plant cages and tools before storing.

Finally - messy bird houses
- Bird houses with nest materials could serve as protection during winter storms for species that winter over. Bird Houses are best cleaned in the early spring to make way for the new year.

**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. The Whitehall Rotary provides volunteers along with other individual residents of Whitehall.

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. This summer we will be receiving fresh produce from Plant-A-Row. Any resident may plant extra produce in their garden and donate it to the Food Pantry. All donations appreciated.

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.

Patrons are allowed inside the Pantry to choose their food items according to the size of their family. With the recent reduction in SNAP funding (Food Stamps), we are expecting more people to begin utilizing the availability of food at the Food Pantry.

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.
The Whitehall Active Community Center is located at 2301 Pine St, Whitehall. We welcome all ages and hope to eventually have a facility that will be able to house more than one activity at a time. The hours are Monday through Friday 9am to 2pm. Our Manager is Andrea (Bear) Shumack. Watch for our posts on Facebook and you will see activities featuring seniors as well as younger folks.

Daily lunches (hot and light fare) 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. There is a charge for persons under the age of 60. Please phone at least two days in advance to reserve your meal. 610-443-0675

One of the major advantages of having a Senior Center at the Whitehall 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 to no contact with other people.) This all helps us to stay healthy longer and to decrease risk of isolation and depression.

Our exercise classes are open to all ages, please see the 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.

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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.

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 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.

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 know what events will be coming up.

We are planning another outing to the Pines Dinner Theater to see the Christmas show “Holly Jolly Christmas” on December 9; sign up is required and payment is necessary to hold your seat. Call the Center for more information.

Beginning in August for 8 weeks we will have “Healthy Steps” program provided by Lehigh County and LVHN. We will meet twice a week for 8 weeks. Sign up is not necessary. Watch Facebook for the start date.

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 4th 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.

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 Center is the best kept secret in the Lehigh Valley. All seniors and younger folks from Lehigh County are welcome (and we even have some coming from Northampton County).

Please come join us!!
HANDLE WITH CARE TRAINS POLICE AND SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERS.

Michael Marks, Chief of Police
Whitehall Township Police Department

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM TELEPHONE SCAMMERS

Every year, thousands of people lose money to telephone scams. If you get a call from someone you don’t know who is trying to sell you something that you didn’t plan to purchase just say “no thanks” and hang up.

1. Never provide any personal information like your credit card or social security number.
2. Remember, you did win a contest that you didn’t enter. Do not send money to “claim” your winnings.
3. If someone calls to request bail money for an individual’s child/grandchild, please contact the purported institution they are supposedly at by separately looking up a phone number and also attempt to call your child/grandchild on a number that you have for them.
4. These are some other types of common phone scams: Travel Packages, Credit and Loans, Charitable causes, IRS Tax payments by gift card, Utilities late payment by gift card, Investment Opportunities and Extended Warranties.

NO SHAVE OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Whitehall Township Police are proud to once again partner with the HUGS for Pediatric Cancer Warriors at PCFLV Charitable Fund for our No-Shave November. HUGS for PCW at PCFLV.org supports families of children with pediatric cancer. Employees must donate $50/month to participate in November and December and have the option to start early for an additional $20. Our male officers are excused from shaving, females may put colors in their hair or wear colored bands, wear pink badges and our civilians are permitted to wear jeans. If you can help us support these families who are going through very tough circumstances, please donate at our station. Lobby hours are Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. Gift cards are also accepted for stores in the area, so the families can get groceries and supplies for themselves.

HANDLE WITH CARE

In partnership with Resilient Lehigh Valley, the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley, the Whitehall Coplay School District, and many other entities; the Whitehall Police Department was a founding member of a new program that is designed to protect the youth of our communities.

Handle With Care promotes partnerships to help students succeed in school.

Children who are exposed to trauma at home, in school or the community need intervention to help them achieve academically despite the traumatic circumstances they may have experienced. No matter what the source of the trauma, the common thread for effective intervention is the school. Trauma can undermine a child’s ability to learn, form relationships, and function appropriately in the classroom. HWC programs support who have been exposed to trauma or violence by improving communication between law enforcement and the schools.

HANDLE WITH CARE TRAINS POLICE AND SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERS.

The Handle with Care pilot program has so far trained more than 200 police officers and school leaders in Lehigh and Northampton counties. Both groups embraced this model of enhanced police-school communications to better support students exposed to traumatic events. We have partnered with the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Safe2Say Something command center, which already has communication processes and systems in place in all public, private and charter schools across the state. Police are trained to identify children at the scene of a traumatic event, and deliver a confidential message that says simply, “Handle this child with care.” Here’s how it works:

1. When a law enforcement officer answers a call and a child is present, a Handle with Care referral is submitted into a special portal of the Safe2Say Something system, which has been built specifically for this purpose.
2. The officer submits the child’s name and school using an online form designated for police departments.
3. The referral is received, and a school administrator is automatically notified that the student was present during a police interaction and should be handled with care.
4. School staff is asked to be aware of this experience and provide any necessary support for the child without asking about the event.
5. The child’s behavior is carefully observed for signs of trauma, changes in mood, increased agitation, or aggression, zoning out, fatigue, or crying. Teachers and staff should respond with trauma-informed practices in caring for the child.

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
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER

Tina J. Koren

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP TAX OFFICE/TREASURER’S OFFICE

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 (610-437-5524) or email our resource account at whitehalltaxoffice@whitehalltownship.com

For your convenience, there is an outside lockbox for payments outside the Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm schedule. No cash should 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 either a self-addressed stamped envelope or supply your email address so we can provide you with a receipt.

SCHOOL REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS were mailed July 1, 2023. If you do not receive your bill, please contact us at our resource email account to request a copy of your bill. Failure to receive a bill does not entitle the owner to a discount or remission of penalty on taxes. Please be advised that school installments are due August 10th, October 10th, and December 10th. The gross amount is valid thru October 31, 2023. After this date, payments will be accepted until December 31, 2023, in the penalty amount. All uncollected school taxes will be submitted to Portnoff Law Associates after January 1, 2024. Please note that the millage is determined by the Whitehall-Coplay School Board.

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.

PER CAPITA TAX BILLS were mailed July 1, 2023. All residents between the ages of 18 and 72 are required to pay a Per Capita bill. Taxpayers 72 years of age by June 30, 2023, and active military are exonerated. This form is also available on our website with proof of age. Also included in the exonerations are full-time college students for Fall of 2023 with income below $5,000.00 for tax year 2023. Proof is required and needs to be submitted to the tax office. Bills must be paid by December 31, 2023. Any delinquent bills will be collected by G H HARRIS Collection Agency.

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-Coplay School District for enrollment and busing.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Checks, money orders and bank checks are accepted through our secured Lockbox in front of the Municipal Building. We do not accept debit, credit cards or phone payments at this time, but we will in the future. Personal checks cannot be accepted for 2023 taxes after December 15th; only cash or money order can be accepted. When making a payment by mail or through the Lockbox, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope or email address for a return receipt. Postmarks are accepted as on time payments.
Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few safety tips.

HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

► When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
► Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
► Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
► It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all time when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
► Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
► Tell children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with their hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

If your children are going to Halloween parties at others’ homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in 1,000 reported home fires each year.

www.nfpa.org/education

Thank you to the businesses.

This publication is made available through the generous advertising sponsorship of the businesses listed throughout our newsletter. We wish to encourage your patronage of these establishments; they play a substantial role in the economic vitality of our community.
September 9, 2023—Fall Flea Market—8 AM to 1 PM

If you missed the opportunity to attend our Spring Flea Market we held this past May, join us on September 9th between 8 am and 1 pm. You’ll be sure to find bargains galore. Our refreshment stand will be open serving lunch items and an array delicious baked goods.

If selling is your objective, reserve your 12’ x 20’ space for a low price of only $15 and $20 on the day of the event. If you are, or become, a WHPS member, a reserved space is only $10. Call 610 776-7280 to reserve your space today.

Tell a friend. Location of the flea market is at 506 Mickley and Lehnert roads, Whitehall, PA 18052, behind the Peter Grim House. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, September 10. We hope that you will join us.

September 27, 2023—Campfire Talk with a Civil War Soldier—7:00 PM

Join us as we venture into a new type of speaker presentation format. Several reenactors of the 153rd Volunteer Infantry Regiment will set up camp on the Grim House lawn as spectators gather around the fire to hear “letters from home”, talk of previous fought battles, and what the future may hold, among other interesting topics. Bring your own lawn chair and flash light. Parking for this event will be on the Grim house lawn. Follow the signs.

October 6, 2023—CASH BINGO—6:30 PM—St. Peter’s Catholic Church

Mark your calendars and tell your friends the Whitehall Historical Preservation Society will be hosting their annual Cash Bingo event on Friday, October 6, 2023. Join us at St. Peter’s Catholic Church, 4 South 5th Street, Coplay, PA 18037. Doors will open at 5:30; calling begins at 6:30. Cost is only $15.00 in advance and $20.00 at the door. Call the WHPS office at 610 776-7280 for tickets. Please leave a message. In addition to the Bingo there will also be a Basket Raffle and 50/50 drawing. We hope to see you there. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

A Recognition Well Deserved

Have you heard the great news? The Thomas Iron Works Historic District of Hokendauqua is now listed on the National Park Service/National Register of Historic Places. Vito Gallo, of the Whitehall Township Industrial & Commercial Development Authority (WTICDA), played a major role in securing this title.

WHPS is planning to host a Historic Walking tour and speaker presentation to celebrate this occasion. Be sure to check our website and/or facebook page for further details.

Open Mill/Museum/Garden

Just a reminder that the Helfrich Springs Grist Mill and Museum is open to the public from 1 pm to 3 pm on a regularly monthly basis at NO charge. September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17 are the remaining dates open for 2023. When available, the Peter Grim House will also be open for tours on the same dates and times as above.

Seize this occasion to take a self-guided walk-through tour of our garden adjacent to the Grim House open throughout the year from dawn until dusk. We also continue to be open for our speaker programs and of course by appointment. Check our website www.whitehallhistoricalsociety.org for any updates regarding our events and programs.

Your Support is Needed

Won’t you consider joining the Whitehall Historical Preservation Society? We offer several levels of membership: Individual: $15.00, Family: $25.00, Sponsor: $50.00, Business: $50.00 Patron: $100.00 and Student: $8.00. Choose one that is right for you.

As a member, you will receive a newsletter three times a year, a discount on items in our “Mill Store”, free admittance for our walking tours, and reduced rate for a reserved space at our flea market. Most importantly, as a WHPS member, your sponsorship will help preserve Whitehall’s heritage, now and for future generations.

Business Sponsors

We are proud to have the following resources that support our Society. Please patronize these local businesses that are members of the Whitehall Historical Preservation Society:

- Jay Gilbert and Family of the Gilbert Funeral Home
- Shari Noctor of RE/MAX Reality
- Gilboy Ford
- Overhead Doors
- American Fence and Flag
- Spectrum Homes INC
BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENT

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION FORM

As of August 1, 2023, all complaints registered with the Bureau of Development will be required to be in writing on the investigation form provided by the township on the website at www.whitehalltownship.org under the forms and documents tab. The form must be filled out completely or the complaint will not be considered valid and will be disposed of. This form is for the Bureau of Development issues only, which would be concerning issues regarding construction on properties, zoning violations — such as land use or setback violations or property maintenance or building code issues. All other complaints should be directed to the appropriate department at the township.

HOME MAINTENANCE – IT IS A MUST

How often do you perform a maintenance inspection of your home? All of us look at the paint on the walls, the carpet that’s wearing, the wallpaper aging, the wood outside wearing....but do we REALLY look at what is happening with our homes?

The Bureau would like to remind every property owner and resident that you need to be as pro-active about your home’s health as you are with your own. While we all age on the surface, what is going on ‘beneath the surface’ is critically important. This is also true regarding your home. Wires age, deck supports age — especially if unprotected — and older pipes start leaking.

All of these issues could possibly cause catastrophic damage to your home and even more concerning — your health. Unfortunately, no materials that are used in homebuilding are guaranteed to last forever, and that is why when you notice that squeaky board, that moist spot on the ceiling, the wobbly step or handrail, that flickering light…you need to PAY ATTENTION to it, and research the causes. Most of the housing stock in the township is well over 20 years old at this point and some much, much older than that. Codes for construction are a minimum and were never meant to provide the ‘Cadillac’ facilities. There have been instances over the years of wiring wearing out and causing fires, decks collapsing from lack of maintenance and supports and sinkholes from leaking water pipes. These types of instances largely can always be prevented with proactive positive maintenance. In addition, newer materials and construction methods can make your home safer and more energy efficient. This is why we all need to be aware of our properties and what is happening on them and aggressively maintain them.

WHITEHALL MALL MEMORIES.....

With the current renovations occurring at the Whitehall Mall we thought it would be interesting to include a few old photos of the mall and some history in this newsletter.

Whitehall Mall opened in 1966, and was the first enclosed shopping center in Pennsylvania north of Philadelphia. It predated the Palmer Park, Westgate, South, Lehigh Valley and Phillipsburg malls, and opened to much fanfare including the screening of “The Glass Bottom Boat”, starring Doris Day and Rod Taylor as the first movie at the Plaza Theatre, which was the first indoor theater built in the region in over 37 years.

The Whitehall Mall up to now was second only to the Lehigh Valley Mall in size, surpassing the Palmer Park, Westgate, South malls and even the newer Promenade Shops and the Shops at Hamilton Crossings.

Under Construction

Christmas 1966

Mall Grand Opening

Massive Jam Slows Traffic Leading to Whitehall Mall

WHITEHALL MALL is open to make your every shopping trip a holiday.

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**Resident homeowners ONLY!! NO contractors, NO commercial, or hired services and NO rentals**

**RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER**

The center, located at 2650 Range Road, takes any item that can be put out at curbside as well as: scrap metal, auto parts without rims (from Whitehall residents ONLY), clothes (for Family Service Bin), books & magazines, cardboard, household flashlight type batteries (no mercury) and all plastics #1 thru #7.

**HOURS ARE:**
- Tuesdays and Thursdays – 11 am to 5 pm
- Saturdays – 9 am to 5 pm

**HOLIDAY CLOSURES 2023:**
- Saturday – September 2nd,
- Thursday – November 23rd,
- Saturday – November 25th,
- Saturday – December 23rd,
- Tuesday – December 26th
- Saturday – December 30th

**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!
INCREASED COSTS COULD BE IN OUR FUTURE
IF WE´RE CARELESS ABOUT RECYCLING

Many well-meaning people think they are doing the right thing by recycling large amounts of items they believe are recyclable, but putting the wrong things into their recycling bin can actually contaminate, and potentially ruin the value of good recyclables. Examples include wiring, hoses, plastic bags, and pizza boxes, etc.

The global market has shifted for these materials and a big part of the problem is the increase in the cost to process contaminated recyclables. Municipalities, businesses, and private haulers often pay the price for these infractions in the form of contamination fees to processing facilities, and those costs are eventually passed on to residents. To offset these price increases municipalities nationwide have begun increasing education, issuing citations, charging fees, and/or instructing recycling collectors to not accept contaminated recycling bins until the contamination is removed.

Recycling is alive and well despite this contamination problem and in most parts of the country, it’s still cost effective to recycle. Better and more efficient technologies and processing facilities are coming on-line, but consumers need to do a better job overall. So please, help us recycle right and keep our prices low!

THE 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. The mission of the Rotary Club is to serve the Whitehall, Catasauqua and Northampton communities and residents through volunteerism, fundraising and service projects.

Our monthly business meeting provides an opportunity to welcome community leaders and organizations. Over the last few months, we learned about the mission of The Nyonblee Cares Foundation and their humanitarian work in Liberia, as well as The Kindness Project, which provides free essential goods to new foster families. Club member Allison Frantz shared local and national suicide statistics, and also talked about the myths and facts associated with suicide and suicide prevention. Whitehall High School students Kyla and Alondra, our Club-sponsored campers to Camp Neidig, provided key takeaways from their experience at the leadership camp, while student Allison, VP of the Whitehall High School Interact Club, shared information about the club’s annual accomplishments.

The Club appreciates the support the community shows in participating in our fundraising events, including our upcoming 7th Annual Jingle Bell 8K Run/5K Walk on Saturday, December 2, 2023. All ages and running abilities are welcome, and the course is dog-friendly. For more information and to register for the event, please visit https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Coplay/JINGLEBELL8KRUN5KWALK, or go to the Events section of our Facebook page, @whitehallcoplayrotary. Don’t worry - if you are not a runner, we welcome the entire community to participate in the event’s Basket Raffle. This is a major event for our Club, as it helps to fund community projects and initiatives throughout the year.

Another way to support the Club is to join us at one of our fall events. In September (date TBD), we will be hosting a community fundraiser in partnership with a food truck. Funds raised will support ShelterBox, an organization which provides much needed shelter and supplies to people displaced by disaster. On October 21, we are holding a Comedy Night fundraiser at the Gin Mill and Grille, 1750 Main Street in Northampton. More details on our events can be found on our Facebook page, @whitehallcoplayrotary.

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

We are anxious to continue our initiative to clean up along our beloved Ironton Rail Trail. On the 3rd Saturday of each month, weather permitting, we focus on a few areas to clean up this community resource.

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, please check our Facebook page, Whitehall Area Rotary (@whitehallcoplayrotary), or reach out to Membership Chairpersons, Laura Long, Ilong@FellowshipCommunity.com or Cheryl Huckabee-Washington, huckwashintlscale@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 Edward Hozza, please email him at EdwardHozza@gmail.com.
Don’t Wait — Check the Date!
Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years

Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms. Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

1. Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.

2. Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.

3. Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.

4. Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.

A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.

Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.

Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor’s phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org.
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Additional Information is available at: [www.irontonrailtrail.org](http://www.irontonrailtrail.org) or email: [rail.trail@yahoo.com](mailto:rail.trail@yahoo.com)

**IRT FALL HISTORICAL WALK**

**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 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.

**TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT**

**Friday, October 27th, 2023**  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
**Rain date:** Saturday, October 28th, 2023  
Remember to turn on your porch light if you are participating!
COME OUT & ENJOY OUR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE!

When: Thursday, October 26th, 2023
(Optional Date): 10/25
Time: 7:00 p.m.

The Parade will stage in the Parking Lot of the “At Home” Store on MacArthur Road exiting west down Schadt Avenue to Campus Drive into the Whitehall-Coplay School District Campus. We encourage all Neighborhoods, Businesses, Groups & Organizations to enter Floats and March along with Us!

Parade Sponsorships Available!

• PRIZES TO BE AWARDED
• FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE
• WCSD BONFIRE

Please contact Michele Dragovits, Parade Coordinator at 610-437-5524, ext. 1165 or mdragovits@whitehalltownship.com for more information.

“THE HAUNTED HAYRIDE IN THE PARKWAY”

OUR THRILLS, CHILLS AND FRIGHTS WILL PUT A SCARE INTO YOUR NIGHT!!

Where: WHITEHALL PARKWAY, 4689 South Church Street, Whitehall, PA
When: September 29th & 30th, October 6th & October 7th
October 13th & 14th, October 20th & 21st & October 27th & 28th
Time: 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Price: Ages 5 and under – Free
Ages 6 to 12 - $7.00
Ages 13 and up - $15.00

Tickets available at the Whitehall Parkway on the day of the event
Free Parking and Refreshments Available

Directions: Take Route 145 North (MacArthur Road), to South Church Street, turn left and continue 1 mile to Parking area on the right and follow the signs to The HAUNTED PARKWAY!!

For more information contact the Recreation Office at 610-437-5524, ext. 1165 or check the Township website at www.whitehalltownship.org.
Sponsored by the Whitehall Active Volunteer Fire Department Association. All proceeds benefit the Whitehall Fire Department.

INDOOR AQUATIC SCHEDULE

Whitehall High School Natatorium
3800 Mechanicville Road

AQUA AEROBICS – Tuesdays and Thursdays
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Sessions: Fall: September 19, 2023 thru November 9, 2023
Cost: $55 for residents
$65 for non-residents

STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

OPEN SWIM

LEARN TO SWIM

Whitehall Township’s Annual Tree Lighting Celebration
Wednesday, December 6th

Free Event for the Entire Family!
Take Your Photos with Santa!
For more information call: 610-437-5524, ext. 1135

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https://www.facebook.com/whitehalltownship.rec
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- **Reception/Administration Secretary (North Lobby)** Ext. 1100
- **Reception/Word Processing Secretary (Main Lobby)** Ext. 1165
- **Purchasing** Ext. 1136
- **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

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

### Planning, Zoning & Development

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

### Treasury

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

### Recreation

- **Bureau Chief** Ext. 1135

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### WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER THRU DECEMBER, 2023

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### Township Municipal Building Closings

- **Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2023**
- **Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24, 2023**
- **Christmas Holiday, Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26, 2023**
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