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## Road Work Update

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has closed North Wales Road between Skippack Pike and Morris Road for the realignment of the intersection with Morris Road. The closure is scheduled to be in place from May 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. Through-traffic will be detoured over Skippack Pike, Bethel Road and Morris Road during construction. Local access will be maintained up to the construction zone. This project involves the elimination of two existing T-intersections, and the creation of a single four-way signalized intersection. The project also includes roadway widening and resurfacing, as well as improved drainage and line striping. A second, shorter closure of North Wales Road in Upper Gwynedd Township will be required at the conclusion of this detour. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in November 2011.

During the late stages of planning for this project, PennDOT changed the original schedule due to unforeseen delays related to utility relocation. At that time, PennDOT announced its intention to close North Wales Road at an earlier date. Worcester officials worked closely with representatives of Upper Gwynedd Township, Whitpain Township, PennDOT and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to avoid the simultaneous closure of North Wales Road and Morris Road. As a result of this coordinated effort, PennDOT delayed the intended closure of North Wales Road to coincide with the reopening of the Morris Road Bridge over the Turnpike on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Also affecting Worcester residents will be the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's Northeast Extension Widening & Reconstruction Project. Construction on the Southern Section, which includes the portion of the Turnpike from Mid-County to Berks Road, began in March 2011. Construction on the southern section is expected to last nearly three years until its anticipated completion in late 2013. The northern section, from Berks Road to the Lansdale Interchange, is projected to commence in 2014.



### Back by Popular Demand!

Don't forget to register for email updates from Worcester Township!

Visit [www.worcestertwp.com](http://www.worcestertwp.com) and click on "SIGN UP FOR E NEWS" at the bottom of the page. You can select areas of interest including meeting agendas, camps, bus trips and general township news.



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## Worcester Volunteer Fire Department 11th Annual 5K

**Saturday June 18, 2011 - Rain or Shine**

**Online Registration closes June 16:** [www.worcesterfd.com](http://www.worcesterfd.com)

5k Run/walk starts promptly @ 9AM

Professional Timer

Prizes from area vendors for Overall Male/Female and age groups

**JUST for KIDS: One Mile Fun Run 8:30am**

**Run it or walk it, Mom & Dad can go with you.**



### Proposed Zoning Changes to Accessory Structures

The Worcester Township Planning Commission has recommended changes to the Township Code, which will provide more flexibility in locating garages, pools, and other structures on parcels within the Township. The proposed changes are also intended to reduce the number of applications for zoning variances, which are expensive for residents as well as for the Township.

The recommended changes include reducing the setback requirements for agricultural buildings, garages, pools, and sheds. In addition, pools could be located in a side yard as well as behind a home. Decorative structures such as garden trellises, arbors, and benches would be allowed in front yards.

Private stables for horses or other animals would be allowed on lots larger than three acres. The current ordinance requires at least five acres. Three acres would allow one large farm animal or two small farm animals. Each additional acre would allow one additional large animal or two additional small animals. These recommendations reflect standard guidelines for grazing animals.

In the next few months, the Supervisors could authorize staff to post this ordinance on the Township's website in draft form, to allow for public review and comment.

The township encourages all interested residents to stay informed concerning these proposed ordinance changes by visiting the township website's home page at [worcestertwp.com](http://worcestertwp.com) to sign up to receive email alerts when meeting agendas are available. Residents may also contact any of the supervisors or the township manager with comments or questions.

### Additions to [www.worcestertwp.com](http://www.worcestertwp.com)...

- A new page dedicated to roads and roadwork has been added under the "Living Here" area.
- A new page dedicated to subdivision and land development has been added under the "Building Here" area. This includes a Subdivision and Land Development Status Report, which contains frequent updates to current applications on file with the Township.
- A summary of active Zoning Hearing Board applications, along with legal notices for each, is available on the zoning page under the "Building Here" area.
- New information concerning Stormwater Management is available on the stormwater management page under the "Building Here" or "Living Here" areas.
- The building permits page under "Building Here" has an updated and easier to read layout.
- The recently adopted Memorial Bench and Tree Program can be found on the parks and recreation page under "Living Here".

### Heyser Field Upgrades with Green Region Grant Award



As previously announced, Worcester's Parks & Recreation Department was awarded a \$5,000 grant from PECO's Green Region Program. 2011 plans for Heyser Field include:

- New Signage
- Engineering
- Trail Design
- Horse Ring Improvements

### Yard Sale Rules

Yard sale season is here. Please be reminded of the following rules related to yard sales in Worcester Township:



- A permit is required (available on our web site or at the township office)
- There is a \$5 fee and \$25 deposit to ensure that all signs will be taken down
- Sales are limited to one per calendar year

## 2011 Bus Trips!

To register for all trips, please call Worcester Township at 610-584-1410. Space is limited!

**For details on ALL trips, please visit [www.worcestertwp.com/bus\\_trips.htm](http://www.worcestertwp.com/bus_trips.htm)**

### **NEW YORK CITY ON YOUR OWN**

**Saturday, July 23**

Depart Worcester Area: Approx 8am

Depart NYC: Approx 6:30pm

\$45 per person

Spend a day in NYC and leave the driving to us! Our luxury motor coach will drop you off in Times Square, near the Visitors' Center.

### **MOUNT AIRY CASINO**

**Wednesday, July 27**

Depart Worcester Area: Approx 8:30am

Depart Casino: Approx 5pm

\$35 per person (21 and older)

*RECEIVE \$35 back in SLOT PLAY!*

Enjoy a relaxing day at this casino in the Poconos, where the senior buffet lunch is only \$7.77 on Wednesdays.

### **WASHINGTON D.C.**

**Saturday, August 20**

Depart Worcester Area: Approx

7:30am

Depart DC: Approx 5:30pm

\$55 per person

Spend the day in DC: Walk the National Mall and the museums of the Smithsonian OR stay on the bus for a visit to the FDR, Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials. Then meet the rest of the group for some free time at the Smithsonian before departing for home with a dinner stop.

### **BILLY ELLIOT on BROADWAY**

**Wednesday, November 2**

Depart Worcester Area: Approx 8am

Depart NYC: Approx 6pm

\$145 per person

Set in a small town, the story follows Billy as he stumbles out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class, discovering a surprising talent that inspires his family and his whole community, and changes his life forever. Experience the joyous celebration of one boy's journey against the odds to make his dreams come true... at BILLY ELLIOT!

### **RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**

**Three Dates in 2011!**

December 5, 13 & 15. \$105 per person. Includes transportation and a ticket in the orchestra or first mezzanine section. These trips sell out fast. Don't delay!

## 2011 Summer Camps!

To register, please call Worcester Township 610-584-1410. Full camp details and descriptions are available at: [http://worcestertwp.com/parks\\_recreation.htm](http://worcestertwp.com/parks_recreation.htm)

### **Nothing But Nets Basketball Camp**

**June 20-24 - Rising 1st-8th graders**

Girls: 9am-12pm / Boys: 12pm-3pm / \$89 per child

Focus of the camp is developing fundamental basketball skills with a huge emphasis on FUN. All campers grouped by age and skill level. Low camper to counselor ratio.

### **Mad Science Machines & Jr. Engineers**

**August 15-19 - Ages 6-12**

9:30am-12:30pm / \$145 per child

Kids will design and build bridges, skyscrapers, geodesic domes, catapults, sonic race cars and more!

### **Ponyshare Equestrian Programs**

**Petite: June 27-July 1—Ages 3-7**

10am-11am / \$175 per child

**Pony Grooming & Riding: July 18-22—Ages 7-11**

2pm-3:30pm / \$205 per child

**Ponyshare 1/2 Day Camp: Aug 8-12 - Ages 7-11**

9am-12:30pm / \$275 per child

A hands-on introduction to the wonderful world of equines in a fun-filled, non-threatening atmosphere. Some of the horsemanship matters covered include: safety, basic anatomy, grooming, the tack and harness, riding styles and more!

### **Sports Squirts Camp**

**July 25-29 - Ages 3-5**

4:30pm-5:30pm / \$69 per child

Designed to introduce young children to a variety of sports in a safe, structured environment, all games encompass hand/eye coordination, balance, agility and movement. In addition to having a great time playing the different sports, children will develop social interaction and communication skills. All sports are developed through a series of games and activities designed to ensure learning and most importantly: fun, fun, fun

### **Lacrosse Camp**

**August 8-12 - Ages 6-14**

6pm-7:30pm / \$89 per child

Ideal for beginners with no previous Lacrosse experience, players will have great fun learning the exhilarating sport of Lacrosse. Fast paced and full of action, Lacrosse is a unique combination of skill, speed, agility and finesse.

### **Multi-Sports Camp**

**July 25-29**

**Full Day: Ages 6-14 / 9am-4pm / \$179**

**1/2 Day: Ages 6-14 / 9am-12:30pm / \$149**

**1/2 Day: Ages 6-14 / 1pm-4pm / \$119**

Your child has the opportunity to play over 15 different sports from around the world in one fun packed week. This is the true sports camp experience with so much to do in so little time!

### **UK Elite Soccer Programs**

**Petite: Thursdays - June 9-14 - Ages 3-5**

3:30pm-4:30pm OR 4:30pm-5:30pm / \$90 per child

Introduces young children to the fun, healthy and exciting world of soccer. Each day is structured to promote individualized learning through the medium of fun soccer related games and activities. Our philosophy and methodology is based on cutting edge educational principles of how children learn techniques and develop them into skills while having a FANTASTIC TIME!

**1/2 Day Soccer Camp: July 11-15 - Ages 5-9**

9am-12pm / \$150 per child

Offers the perfect combination of learning and FUN! These action packed camps are designed to promote learning techniques and skills focusing on the individual player. A typical day will include games, structured practices, scrimmages, and our World Cup Tournament to end each day. UK Elite coaches will ensure players have a memorable experience AND improve their skill level!

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## TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING TIMES

### Board of Supervisors

1st Monday at 9:00 am  
3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm

### Planning Commission

4th Thursday at 7:30 pm

### Planning Commission Work Session

2nd Thursday at 7:30 pm

### Zoning Hearing Board

4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm

*All Public Meetings are held in the  
Worcester Township Community Hall  
1031 Valley Forge Road  
Fairview Village*

**Visit [www.worcestertwp.com](http://www.worcestertwp.com) for agendas  
& minutes and sign up to receive emails  
when new agendas are posted**

## From The Zoning & Building Department:

Township Residents **May** Need A Permit For:

- New buildings and additions
- Changes in existing building use or occupancy
- Interior alterations, including but not limited to finished basements
- Structural repair or replacement
- New or replacement of an electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system
- Wood decks, concrete patios, or porches
- Roofing or replacement
- Driveways, including but not limited to new construction entering a township road and widening
- Decorative walls/ Driveway Entrance Columns
- Swimming pools, spas, or hot tubs
- Fencing
- Sheds, garages, barns, gazebos, greenhouses, or other accessory structures
- Signs
- Tennis and sport courts
- Retaining walls over 4 feet
- Demolition

An owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a **residential building** or erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace an electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system regulated by the Uniform Construction Code shall first apply to the Building Code Official and obtain the required permit **§403.62a** (relating to permit application).

All permits submitted to Worcester Township are first reviewed for compliance with Zoning – Chapter 150. The building department then reviews the permit application for compliance with the Uniform Construction Code.

Please visit the Township website at [www.worcestertwp.com](http://www.worcestertwp.com) and click on "**Building Here.**" The "Building Permits" and "Zoning" buttons contain all permit forms and requirements as well as our Zoning Code.

**\*DISCLAIMER – THE ABOVE LIST OF PERMITS IS NOT ALL INCLUSIVE. PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP WITH ALL ZONING & BUILDING QUESTIONS.\***