

Worcester Erier



Worcester Day—June 2, 2007

On June 2, 2007, events will be taking place throughout the township in celebration of Worcester Day. Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate our unique community at these and other events.

Additional details, as the date approaches, will be available on the official township web site: www.worcestertwp.com. Please contact the organizations directly with questions, or visit the township web site, as the schedule is subject to change.

If your organization or business will be holding a special event on June 2nd, and you would like to have it included in an announcement of the day's festivities, and on the township web site, please contact the township office (610-584-1410) or email jlanzillo@worcestertwp.com.

FARMERS UNION HORSE SHOW & FLEA MARKET

Heyser Field, Fairview Village

Worcester Township Community Hall

Starts at 8am

WORCESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE

Farmers Union Hall

Valley Forge Road & Skippack Pike

9am-12noon

Tour the Historical Society's collection of domestic items and farm tools from over 100 years ago

WILLOW CREEK ORCHARDS

3RD ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

3215 Stump Hall Road ~ 610-584-8202

9am-6:30pm

Pick your own strawberries—All Day

Other workshops and events to be announced

www.willowcreekorchards.com

PETER WENTZ FARMSTEAD

2100 Schultz Road ~ 610-584-5104

10am-3pm

Colonial Treats with Martha Washington: Celebrating 276 Years

Enjoy the sights and aromas of colonial era foods as you learn more about the life of First Lady, Martha Washington, in celebration of her 276th birthday.

www.peterwentzfarmsteadsociety.org

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP SQUARE DANCE

Worcester Township Community Hall

Fairview Village

7pm-10pm

Join your neighbors for an evening of fun.

Beginners and children welcome!

www.worcestertwp.com



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Full Line Up of Camps and Clinics this Summer

All Camps are open to Girls and Boys - All Camps held in Heebner Park, 1721 Valley Forge Road, Worcester

UK ELITE SOCCER

July 16-20

Ages 3-5, 9-10:30am

OR

10:45-12:15 pm, \$100

Ages 5-14, 9am-12:00pm, \$140

- A FUN introduction to the game of soccer
- Exciting soccer games in a safe environment
- Motor skill & coordination development
- Social skill & confidence building

Each child receives instruction in a small-group setting from one of the professional UK Elite Soccer Coaches. The camp is designed to allow each child the chance for maximum development and enjoyment. A typical curriculum includes: individual ball skills; running with the ball; passing the ball; controlling the ball; shooting and scoring concluding with a graduation and demonstration of the new skills learned. Each child should wear/bring: sneakers or cleats, t-shirt, sweatshirt, shin guards, water bottle and plenty to drink. Each child will receive a t-shirt and soccer ball. A minimum of 8 children in each session is required to proceed with the camp. Please register early if you are interested to avoid cancellation!

US SPORTS INSTITUTE

MULTI-SPORT CAMP

July 23-27

Ages 5-7 (Half-Day 9am-1pm) \$160

Ages 7-14 (Full-Day 9am-3pm) \$180

(All Camps end at 1pm on July 27)

Here's a camp created to meet the needs of the youngster who is interested in all kinds of sports. There are no arts or crafts, just a total emphasis on sport and fun activities. Every child takes part. There's no sideline sitting!

The Half Day Multi Sport Camp gives our younger participants (ages 5-7) the opportunity to experience over 10 sports in a week. Campers will receive technical instruction in each sport and will then experience the sport in a realistic game situation. After lunch (typically 11:30am-Noon) all campers will participate in the USSI Olympic Games and World Cup Competitions.

The Full Day Camp offers older campers the chance to experience some of the selected sports in more depth plus

many other sports and daily challenges in addition to the entire sports line up of the Half Day Camp. Typical sports include: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bocce, Cricket, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Hand Ball, Lacrosse, Net Ball, Olympic Games, Parachute, Pillo Polo, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball and World Cup. Each child receives a t-shirt and completion certificate. USSI provides all sport equipment.

PONYSHARE'S GROOMING, RIDING & HORSEMANSHIP

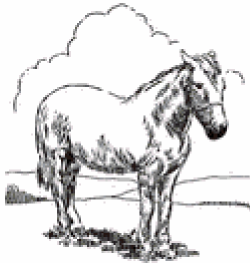
PROGRAM

June 18-22, 1:30-3pm,

July 9-13, 4:30-6pm or

August 6-10, 4:30-6pm

Ages 4-14, \$180



This popular program provides an exciting and inexpensive introduction to the world of horses, in a fun-filled atmosphere. PonyShare uses ponies and cobs, similar and easier to handle than their larger equine counterparts. Small groups of children are formed according to age and prior experience, if any. After reviewing safety rules, previously-covered materials and new subject matter, children are assigned their size-related pony or cob and each small group works under the tutelage of a qualified instructor.

Topics to be covered include: safety on and around horses, basic anatomy, equine senses and body language, grooming, the tack and harness, driving the miniature horse, English and Western riding, barn management and career opportunities with horses. Participants also get to ride and drive their charges 3-4 times per session.

This program enhances teamwork and self-esteem while helping develop a genuine appreciation and deep respect for the animals. Course materials are provided. We recommend each youngster bring strong hiking shoes, jeans/sweat pants, a bicycle helmet, fluids and a carrot!

US SPORTS INSTITUTE

SPORTS SQUIRTS CAMP

July 23-27

Ages 3-5, 4:00pm-5:30pm, \$90

The Sports Squirts Camp has been designed to introduce young children to a variety of sports in a safe, structured environment. All games and activities encompass hand/eye coordination, balance, agility and movement - all key factors to the early development of children in sport.

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!

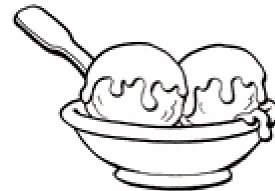
US SPORTS INSTITUTE

LACROSSE CAMP

July 30-August 3, 5-7pm

Ages 7-14 (Co-Ed), \$110

Have great fun learning this exhilarating game. Fast paced and full of action, Lacrosse is a unique combination of skill, speed, agility and finesse. The USSI Lacrosse camp is open to players of all ability and no previous Lacrosse experience is necessary. Experience stick handling, passing, scooping, dodging, shooting and many more fundamental techniques and skills. This camp offers an ideal introduction for all levels to this great game. Each child receives a t-shirt and completion certificate. USSI provides suitable equipment for all participants.



ICE CREAM SUNDAE SUNDAY

August 5, 2007

Join us in Heebner Park on Sunday, August 5 for the 6th Annual Ice Cream Sundae Sunday. The event starts at noon. Vanilla ice cream and toppings are provided courtesy of the township.

Please visit www.worcestertwp.com for further details on this event.



**TRAFFIC
TASK FORCE
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Worcester Township is forming a traffic task force, and resident volunteers are needed. A background in understanding traffic-related issues is required. If interested, please mail your letter of interest and qualifications to, John Cornell, Township Manager, P.O. Box 767, Worcester, PA 19490.

**MONTGOMERY
COUNTY HAZARDOUS
WASTE COLLECTION**

Hatboro-Horsham High School

Saturday, May 26, 2007 9am-3pm

Rear Student parking lot

899 Horsham Rd., Horsham Twp., 19044

Norristown Area High School

Saturday, June 30, 2007 9am-3pm

Rear Student parking lot

1900 Eagle Dr., Norristown, 19403

Perkiomen Valley Middle School East

Saturday, August 11, 2007 9am-3pm

Middle School parking lot

100 Kagey Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426

Lower Merion Transfer Station

Saturday, October 27, 2007 9am-3pm

1300 Woodbine Ave., Narberth, 19072

For more information or directions,
please call (610) 278-3618

Or visit www.wsaemc.org

**WORCESTER VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Annual 5k run

June 16, 2007

The Worcester Volunteer Fire Department will be holding its annual 5K race to benefit the fire department on Saturday, June 16th, 2007. The race will begin at 9am at the Heebner Road entrance to Heebner Park (near the fire department) - approximately one mile south of Route 73, off of Valley Forge Road (Route 363). The entry fee is \$20 in advance, or \$25 the day of the race. Check out www.worcesterfd.com for a registration form and details about family rates, prizes, the kids' race, etc. Entry forms and fees (and all donations) should be mailed to:

Worcester Volunteer Fire Department
c/o: 5K Race Committee
P.O. Box 1
Worcester, PA 19490
610-584-5159



Tax Benefits for Preserving Open Space

Open space preservation has always been important in Worcester. Over 1100 acres (more than 10 percent of the township) are now protected or preserved from development. Privately or publicly owned land that is preserved with a conservation easement helps maintain Worcester's rural heritage by retaining our fields, woods, and working farms. It helps control stormwater runoff and allows rainwater to replenish our streams and aquifers, and it slows the rising tide of school taxes.

Permanently preserving open space can benefit the landowner as well. Landowners who donate a conservation easement on their land by December 31, 2007, will benefit from increased tax savings for up to 15 years. This tax benefit is in addition to the reduction in capital gains taxes on the sale of highly appreciated property, and a deduction for preserved land on federal estate taxes. Properties as small as 10 to 15

acres can qualify for these tax deductions.

These tax benefits, plus a strong desire to see her land preserved, recently motivated a Worcester resident to donate a conservation easement on her property. The easement will be held by The Conservancy of Montgomery County, a local land trust that specializes in historic properties. The cost of the endowment and some of the expenses associated with the transaction will be paid by the township. In return, the township gains the benefit of the additional acres of permanently preserved open space, which will be maintained by the landowner and monitored by the Conservancy forever.

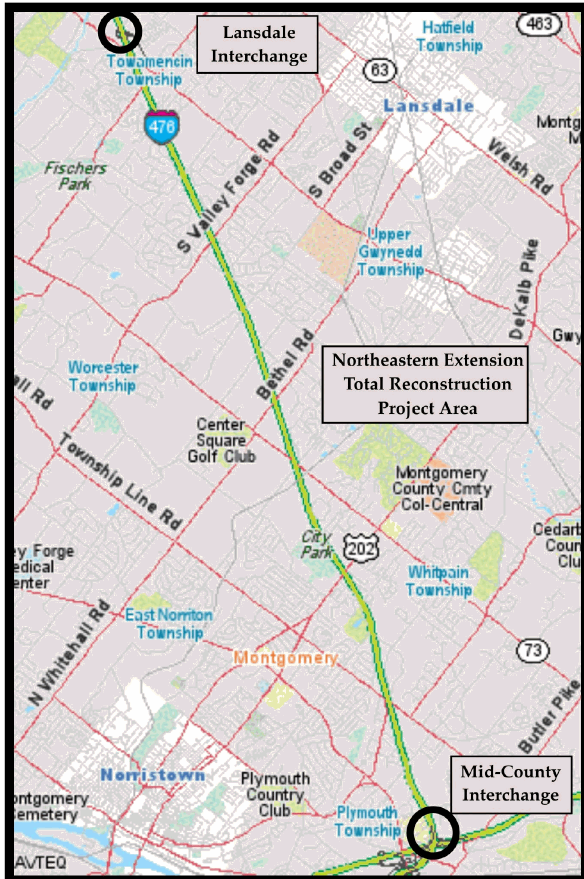
To learn more about donating a conservation easement on your property, contact Worcester Township's Open Space Coordinator, Susan Coughlan, at 610-584-5619 or sgc@dca.net.

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PA Turnpike Extension Total Reconstruction Project



Project Area

The project area begins at the Mid-County Interchange (exit #20) and continues north to the Lansdale Interchange (exit #31). The project involves the total reconstruction and widening of 10.5 miles of the Turnpike’s Northeastern Extension (I-476). The project area traverses five townships – Plymouth, Whitpain, Worcester, Upper Gwynedd, and Towamencin.

Project Description

The project consists of the full depth total roadway reconstruction of 10.5 miles of the Pennsylvania Turnpike’s Northeastern Extension. The existing four-lane roadway, with two 12-foot travel lanes northbound and southbound, a 4-foot median and 8 to 10-foot shoulders will be converted into a six-lane roadway with three 12-foot travel lanes northbound and southbound, a 26-foot median, and 12-foot shoulders.

This project also includes the replacement of eight overhead bridges, eleven mainline bridges, lengthening culverts, and constructing storm water detention basins and other drainage improvements at various locations throughout the project limits. Improvements to the Lansdale Interchange include reconstructing the roadway from the Turnpike to the existing toll plaza, adding two more E-Z Pass only ramps (“auxiliary” ramps) between the Turnpike and Sumneytown Pike, and adding an auxiliary ramp from Towamencin Avenue to the toll plaza area. The following bridges will be replaced:

Overhead Bridge Replacements	Mainline Bridge Replacements (North)	Mainline Bridge Replacements (South)
Kriebel Road	Berks Road (T-379)	Hickory Road (T-645)
Bethel Road	Schultz Road (county-owned road)	Township Line Road (SR 3001)
Walton Road	Valley Forge Road (SR 363)	Jolly Road (T-346)
Route 202	Green Lane Road (T-397)	Wentz Road (T-369)
Morris Road	Lansdale Interchange Ramp Bridge	SEPTA Railroad Bridge
Bustard Road		North Wales Road (T-377)
Sumneytown Pike		Skippack Pike (SR 73)

Tentative Project Schedule

Final Design	2007 – 2010
Construction:	
Kriebel Road, Bethel Road, Walton Road, Route 202	2008
Morris Road, Bustard Road, Sumneytown Pike	2009 - 2011
Northeastern Extension, Mainline, Southern Section	2009 - 2010
Northeastern Extension, Mainline, Northern Section	2011 – 2012

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Reconstruction and Worcester Township

In this newsletter you will find information supplied to the township concerning the proposed widening of the Northeast Extension of the PA Turnpike. John Cornell, Worcester Township Manager, and two of the supervisors attended the presentation that the Turnpike Commission gave to township officials on March 29th. Worcester's Emergency Management Coordinator attended the second presentation on Tuesday April 10 and filed a complete report of potential safety and traffic issues on Wednesday April 11th with the Township.

We are currently evaluating how the widening of the turnpike will affect township residents. We have received calls requesting sound barriers along the portions that pass by Sunnysbrook Estates and those near Weber Road. We have heard concerns about the water run-off issue and the destruction of numerous mature trees that currently provide sound barriers, as well as taking portions of property and impacting quality of life. In addition, our Emergency Management Coordinator has targeted several issues that appear to be of concern.

We are concerned with several proposed items. The closure of the Morris Road and Bustard Road Bridges, among others, for several months, will impact traffic patterns, pushing motorists onto neighborhood streets that are not designed to handle the volume. The issue of emergency vehicles having access while bridges are closed must also be addressed.

As we find out more about the plan, the impact it will have on us and our neighboring townships, we will be able to give residents more information. Please be assured that we are closely watching the plans and will do our best to minimize the effects on township residents.

Turnpike representatives will be at the May 16, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting to meet with residents.

Methacton School District Tax Referendum

The Methacton School District has mailed a newsletter describing the tax referendum that will be on the upcoming May ballot. Please review the issue, or visit the school district's official web site:

www.methacton.org

Former Planning Commission Chairman Passing Creates Vacancy

Worcester Township lost a valuable resident and volunteer in February with the passing of Frank A. D'Lauro Jr. The recent member of the planning commission, and former chairman was a staunch advocate of preserving open space and the township's unique rural character. A long-time member of the Big Brother/Big Sister Association of Philadelphia and Captain in the United States Army, Mr. D'Lauro was committed to public service throughout his life. The township has been significantly impacted by Mr. D'Lauro's work and vision.

The Board of Supervisors of Worcester Township is now seeking a qualified volunteer to serve on the Township's Planning Commission, in the space vacated by Mr. D'Lauro. This Commission holds public meetings twice monthly. The duties of the Commission include making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors about subdivision and land development as it relates to the codes of Worcester; providing assistance for the



Peter Wentz Farmstead 2007 Events

Colonial Camp

June 25th-29th 9am-3pm

Students entering 4-6 grade have the opportunity to attend a week-long, hands-on camp to learn about childhood of the colonial period.

Pre-registration required & fee charged

Musik en der Mischthof

(Music in the barnyard)

July 13th at 7pm

Local music group, *The Coyotes*, will perform outdoor concert with the historic Farmstead as their backdrop.

Please bring your own blanket & chair.

Wentz Wonder Kids Camp

July 30th-August 3rd 9:30-11:30am

Geared towards kids aged 4-5 years old, this half-day camp will educate and entertain about topics related to the historic Farmstead. Snacks provided.

Pre-registration required & fee charged.

Military Drill Weekend

August 11th-12th

Experience the camp life of von Heer's Provost Korp as they practice their drills (in German) and explain the significance of their place in the American Revolution.

**Please contact the Peter Wentz Farmstead for details on all exhibits and programs.
610-584-5104**

revision of a comprehensive plan; reviewing zoning and land development ordinances and meeting with developers to provide guidance during their application process. If you understand engineered plans and land use planning, please mail your letter of interest and qualifications to, John Cornell, Township Manager, P.O. Box 767, Worcester, PA 19490.

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TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING TIMES

Board of Supervisors

3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm

BOS Work Sessions

June 4 at 8:00am

July 2 at 8:00am

August 6 at 8:00am

Planning Commission

4th Thursday at 7:30pm

Planning Commission Work Sessions

2nd Thursday at 7:30pm

Joint Meeting

June 4 at 9:30am

Zoning Hearing Board

June 26 at 6:30pm

July 24 at 6:30pm

*All Public Meetings are held in the
Worcester Township Community Hall*

Worcester Honored by Montco Lands Trust

In late 2006 Worcester Township was honored in a presentation from the Montgomery County Lands Trust. Worcester was one of six communities in Montgomery County honored for their “outstanding achievements and efforts demonstrating exemplary land protection, effective partnerships, and visionary open space projects”. The Montgomery County Lands Trust is a non profit organization founded in 1993 and dedicated to preservation of green space and education on tools to promote smart growth, within Montgomery County. One of the founding members of the Lands Trust was State Representative Kate Harper, who remains chairperson.

Worcester received the Outstanding Achievement Award for “Outside the Box Thinking, using all available tools”. Supervisors Chase Kneeland and Arthur Bustard attended the ceremony and accepted the award on behalf of the township. Worcester’s open space program was cited as an example to other municipalities. “The results of Worcester’s creative vision has led not just to increased open space, but a commitment to work in partnership with the state, county and residents to assure everyone has a voice in land conservation.” The Montgomery County Lands Trust Award noted that Worcester uses all available methods to protect the green spaces and preserve our quality of life, and held us up as an example of how to be effective to our fellow municipalities in Montgomery County. More information can be found at the Montgomery County Lands Trust web page: www.mclt.org.

We are honored that a Montgomery County organization (that has worked closely with County Government on the recent bond issue for open space preservation) has taken notice of Worcester’s efforts to protect our citizens and our standard of living.