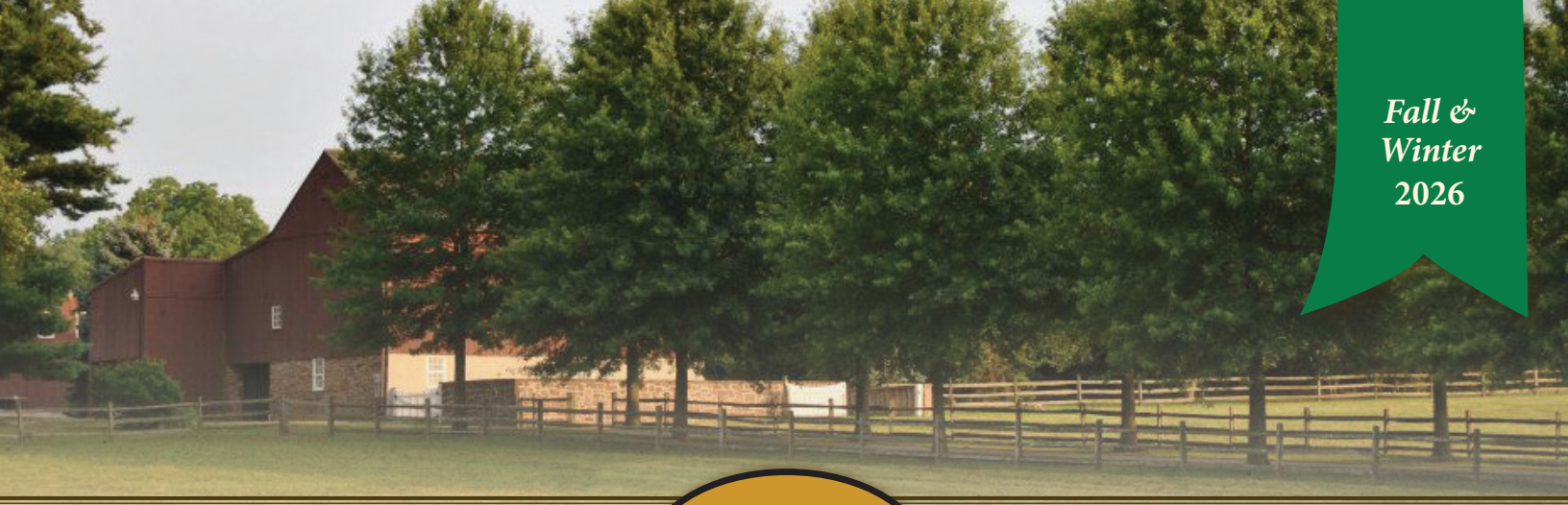


Fall & Winter 2026

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP

At the Center Point of Montgomery County

A MESSAGE FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER, DAN DEMENO

As we move into the fall and winter months, I want to take a moment to provide residents with an update on the work underway at Worcester Township and thank you for your continued engagement in our community. Throughout 2026, the Township has continued to focus on responsible financial management, infrastructure maintenance, thoughtful land-use planning, and maintaining the high level of municipal services our residents expect. Much of this work happens behind the scenes, but it plays an important role in keeping Worcester a well-managed and desirable place to live.

This fall, the Board of Supervisors and Township staff are also working through the 2027 budget process. Each year, we review Township revenues, expenditures, capital projects, infrastructure needs, and long-term financial obligations to ensure that Worcester remains on sound financial footing while planning responsibly for the future. The proposed budget will be discussed publicly before adoption, and residents are always encouraged to follow the process and participate.

Planning for Worcester's future remains another major focus. During the year, the Township continued its work on land-use regulations, infrastructure planning, parks and open space, stormwater management, traffic safety, and improvements to Township facilities. These efforts are intended to address current needs while also preparing for the challenges and opportunities Worcester will face in the years ahead.

As winter approaches, our Public Works Department will once again be preparing equipment, materials, and personnel for snow and ice operations. Residents can help during winter weather by keeping vehicles off roadways when possible, allowing our crews adequate room to operate, and avoiding the placement of snow from driveways back into the roadway.

Finally, I encourage residents to stay connected with the Township. Board of Supervisors meetings are open to the public, and meeting agendas, notices, project information, and other Township updates are available through our website. We also welcome questions and feedback throughout the year.

On behalf of the Township staff, thank you for the opportunity to serve Worcester Township. I hope you and your families enjoy a safe and enjoyable fall and holiday season.

E-Newsletter Sign-up

Discover the latest happenings in Worcester Township with our monthly e-newsletter, delivered on the first of every month. If you've ever found yourself curious about the events unfolding between our seasonal newsletters, this is the perfect starting point.

Signing up is simple: scan the QR code here or visit the Township website. Click on the "E-Newsletter Sign-up" link at the top of the home page and you'll receive a monthly email directly to your inbox, complete with details on upcoming events, helpful tips, and road closures. Stay in the know with the Worcester Township Monthly E-Newsletter!



Curbside Leaf Pickup

Worcester Township will offer curbside pickup of bagged leaves. The service is free for all residents. Leaves collected will be composted at the Nike Park Compost Site.

Bagged leaves will be collected on these days:

- Wednesday, October 28
- Wednesday, November 18
- Wednesday, December 9

Residents must schedule a pick up no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday before collection day. Pickups can be scheduled by e-mail at **leafpickup@worcestertwp.com** or by calling the Township Building at **(610) 584-1410**. Simply provide your street address and the estimated number of bags and we'll do the rest!

Some important information…

- Leaves must be placed in 100% biodegradable paper bags. Trash bags, cardboard boxes, other containers, and loose leaves cannot be accepted.
- Bags must include leaves only. Sticks, mulch, stones, grass, or any other materials cannot be accepted.
- Properly bagged leaves must be at the curb before 7:00 a.m. the morning of pickup.

Bagged leaf drop-off will be accepted at the Nike Park Compost Site. The Compost Site is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., excluding certain holidays. Visit **www.worcestertwp.com/departments/public-works/compost-site/** for details about the Township Compost Site.



VARIETY'S HOLIDAY LANE

This December, come celebrate the magic of the holiday season at Holiday Lane, December 3–5, a special three-day event supporting Variety's recreational, vocational, and educational programming for children and young adults with disabilities.

Stroll through beautifully decorated cabins, warm up with a cup of hot chocolate, and enjoy live nightly entertainment. Don't forget to enjoy the games, activities, and raffles, and visit with Santa!

We are also looking for individuals or groups who would like to volunteer their time, decorate a cabin, provide entertainment, or lend a helping hand during this special three-day event. Visit **varietyphila.org/holidaylane**, email **events@varietyphila.org** or call **(484) 214-5450** for more information.

Come for the lights, stay for the memories, and give back to a cause that brings joy and opportunity to so many!

Check out last year's event!

HELP BRING THE LIBERTY BELL TRAIL TO WORCESTER!

The Liberty Bell Trail is a proposed 25-mile regional trail connecting Telford to the Schuylkill River Trail, with the planned route running through Worcester Township.

The trail is named after the Liberty Bell Trolley, which once ran from Norristown to Allentown. The proposed trail loosely follows the trolley's historic route and will connect to other regional trails, including the Schuylkill River Trail and the Power Line Trail, which are planned to eventually connect Willow Grove to Evansburg State Park.

Beyond recreation, the Liberty Bell Trail will provide people with a safe, convenient way to walk and bike to jobs, shopping, restaurants, parks, and other destinations. Several sections have already been completed in Lansdale and Hatfield, with additional segments on the way!

The Liberty Bell Trailblazers project is being led by Partnership For Transportation, a local nonprofit dedicated to advancing transportation solutions that are accessible, affordable, safe, and sustainable. The project is building awareness and support for completing this important link in the regional Circuit Trails Network.

Your support is critical to helping make the Liberty Bell Trail a reality. Have questions or want to get involved? Contact John Raisch, Trail Project Coordinator, at **John@partnershipfortransportation.org**.



At The Farmstead

There's a lot happening at the historic Peter Wentz Farmstead this fall… just take a look at these great events!

Harvest Festival

Saturday, November 7 • 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join us to experience a colonial farm during the fall harvest. Watch demonstrations of cider pressing, candle dipping, and cooking, and enjoy other hands-on activities. Take a house tour and purchase lunch from a local food truck. Plenty to see and do for the whole family! *All ages. Free, with a suggested donation of $2 per person.*

Owl Prowl

Friday, November 13 • 4:30 p.m.

Take a walk on the property and search for the silent hunters of the night, owls. Learn some basic facts, touch feathers, and hopefully hear a wild owl. Bring a flashlight and wear sturdy walking shoes. All trails have natural surfaces and may have roots and rocks. Space is limited. Email **Rebecca.Blacketter@montgomerycountypa.gov** with any questions or concerns.

Colonial Saturdays at Wentz

Saturday, November 21 • Tin Punching 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m.

In honor of America's 250th anniversary, visit the farmstead to see various demonstrations of colonial chores and crafts. *$3 per person (cash)—ages 6+ recommended.*

Candlelight Tours

Saturday, December 5 • 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Spend a lovely winter's eve at the Farmstead! The soft glow of candles will light your way as you explore the historic property. Enjoy holiday music and a cooking demonstration, meet our oxen, and find out if the Belsnickel has deemed you naughty or nice. *All ages. Free, with a suggested donation of $2 per person.*

When Do I Need a Permit?



Worcester Township helps preserve and improve the quality of life for residents and businesses by enforcing Township codes and ordinances through building, zoning, and grading permits.

The Township follows the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (PA UCC) for building, electrical, HVAC, and plumbing permit requirements. Permit requirements depend on the type and scope of work. Obtain all required permits before starting work.

Common projects that may require one or more permits include:

- New construction
- Additions and interior renovations
- Electrical and plumbing improvements
- HVAC and hot water heater installations
- Decks, patios, and walkways
- Fences
- Gas fireplaces
- Swimming pools and hot tubs
- Sheds
- Detached garages
- Whole-house generators
- Grading over 500 square feet

Fences, patios, walkways, and sheds require a zoning permit. Building permit requirements, where applicable, are separate.

Required building inspections are listed on the permit and verify that work meets the approved plans.

To arrange a building inspection, contact Matt McCloskey, BCO, with Barry Isett & Associates, the Township's third-party building inspector, at **(484) 928-8133**. Inspections are scheduled based on availability; immediate service or an inspection within 48 hours is not guaranteed. Have the property address or permit number, inspection type, and contact name and phone number available when calling.

For permit applications, visit **www.worcestertwp.com** and select E-Forms. For general permit questions, contact Mary Ann Murray at **mmurray@worcestertwp.com** or call the Township at **(610) 584-1410**.

WORCESTER MUSEUM AND LIBRARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY KEEPING HISTORY ALIVE

THE WORCESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY: CELEBRATING HERITAGE AND TRADITION

Commemorating Two Milestones

This year marks two significant anniversaries: the 250th year since the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the 50th anniversary of the Worcester Historical Society. The Society's roots and ambitions were shaped by nationwide activities preparing for the Bicentennial. In 1976, Worcester received official recognition as a Bicentennial Community from the US Government, an honor celebrated with the Bicentennial Flag flying over the Worcester Elementary School.

Founding Objectives and Lasting Mission

To honor the Bicentennial in 1976, the Worcester Historical Society established objectives that have endured as its mission for decades. These initiatives include:

- **Publication of the Worcester Book:** A monumental 550-page volume that celebrates the history of the Township and its residents. The book's continued relevance is demonstrated by its upcoming third printing.

- **Purchase and Restoration of the Dutchie Church:** Acquired in 1978, this historic church on Valley Forge Road became a hub for Eagle Scout projects and volunteer efforts, focusing on the upkeep of its façade, interior, and grounds. In 2023, ownership of the church passed to the Township.

- **Cataloging Heritage Trees:** In 1976, professional foresters identified eighteen trees in Worcester that were at least 200 years old. These trees were cataloged and measured as part of the Society's commitment to preserving local natural history. Five of these trees and shrubs survive and are now at least 250 years old!

- **The Bicentennial Quilt:** Crafted by thirty-six volunteers, this quilt was originally designed as a fundraiser. Its squares depict five historic churches, two early schools, two country stores, seven homes, and various unique scenes and activities from the Township.

Honoring the Past and Engaging the Community

In celebration of both the country's 250th anniversary and the Society's 50th anniversary, new initiatives were planned. The Society decided to publish a coloring book featuring the Bicentennial Quilt and to organize a quilt tour throughout the township, beginning with the historic churches.

MAKE-A-WISH TOY DRIVE

Worcester Township is proud to once again be collecting toys this year to support Make-A-Wish. Last year, the Township received overwhelming support, and we are hoping to do the same this holiday season!

Residents are invited to drop off new, unwrapped toys at the Township Building (1721 Valley Forge Road). These toys will be delivered and distributed to children in our community and surrounding communities during the holiday season. Used toys, realistic-looking toy weapons, and items containing food cannot be accepted. For more information, please see the flyer below or go to **www.wish.org/philadesv**.

Please drop off your unwrapped gifts between November 30 and December 18. Thank you for your generosity and for brightening up the holiday season for members of our community!



Southern Comfort Cake Recipe

by Peggy Kotz

Cake Ingredients

1 Yellow Cake Mix box
3 ½ oz. Instant Vanilla Pudding
4 eggs
½ cup cold water
½ cup oil
1 cup chopped nuts – pecans
½ cup Southern Comfort

- Combine ingredients and beat at medium speed for 2 minutes.
- Pour into a greased and floured 12-cup Bundt pan or 10-inch tube pan."
- Bake at 325°F for 1 hour or longer but check after 45 minutes.

Glaze Ingredients

¼ cup butter
⅛ cup cold water
½ cup sugar
¼ cup Southern Comfort

- Melt the butter, stir in the water and sugar, and boil for 3 minutes, stirring constantly.
- Remove from heat and stir in Southern Comfort.
- Prick the top and sides of the cake, then brush half of the glaze evenly over them.
- Cool and repeat.

Put powdered sugar on before serving.

This is a family favorite of ours, and we hope it becomes one of yours, too!





WORCESTER TOWNSHIP TRASH AND RECYCLING UPDATE

Worcester Township does not provide municipal trash or recycling collection. Each household is required to independently contract with a licensed hauler for regular pickup of household waste and recyclable materials. A list of some of the haulers that presently service our community is available on the Township website at **worcestertwp.com**.

Under the **Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101)**, Worcester Township is classified as a "mandated recycling municipality." This means that **residents and businesses are required by law to:**

- Separate recyclable materials from their regular trash.
- Place recyclables in clearly marked containers, separate from household waste.
- Participate in curbside recycling service provided by their chosen hauler.

Designated recyclable materials under Act 101 include:

- **Glass:** Clear, green, and brown bottles and jars (cleaned, with lids removed)
- **Metals:** Aluminum and steel/tin cans (rinsed)
- **Plastics:** Numbered #1 through #7 (no plastic bags, films, or Styrofoam)
- **Paper:** Newspapers, junk mail, office paper
- **Cardboard:** Corrugated and paperboard boxes (flattened)

These materials must not be disposed of in the trash. Doing so violates both state law and Worcester Township's local recycling regulations.

Leaf Waste and Yard Debris

Act 101 requires that leaf waste be collected or composted separately. This includes:

- Leaves
- Grass clippings
- Garden and flowerbed waste
- Shrubbery, brush, and tree trimmings

Residents must arrange for separate pickup through their hauler or manage composting on their property. This waste may not be burned unless specifically permitted.

Restrictions on Open Burning

To protect air quality and prevent fire hazards, open burning of the following is prohibited in Worcester Township:

- Household trash
- Recyclable materials
- Leaf and yard debris

These rules are consistent with both Act 101 and Township regulations, and violations may result in enforcement action.

For more information about trash and recycling services in Worcester Township, including full regulatory language and helpful resources, visit the Township website at **www.worcestertwp.com/living-here/trash-recycling**.



SNOW REMOVAL AND MAILBOX INFORMATION

Hazardous Road Conditions — The Worcester Township Public Works Department is committed to keeping Township roads as safe and as passable as possible during the winter months.

Prior to snow falling, the Township applies a brine solution to the roadway surface to prevent the formation of ice. The Township Public Works team then works to plow the roadways, following specific routes that aim to clear emergency routes and high-priority roads first. For safety reasons, cul-de-sacs and other secondary roads are not plowed until all emergency routes and high-priority roads are passable.

Please Note: The Township does not plow private roadways, roadways not yet dedicated to the Township, or state- or county-owned roads. Frequently traveled roadways such as Valley Forge Road, Skippack Pike, Water Street Road, Township Line Road, and Stump Hall Road are maintained by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Reminders & Tips for Snow Removal — Remove vehicles from the roadway until the roadway is cleared. Vehicles parked on the roadway hamper snow removal operations, and vehicles parked on emergency routes may be towed.

Wait until the roadway is cleared before shoveling your driveway, sidewalk and mailbox area. But if you must clear these areas sooner, please know Township trucks will likely throw snow back onto your property when plowing the road.

Refrain from shoveling snow into the roadway. Pushing snow from your driveway or sidewalk into the roadway creates a safety hazard and could cause an accident. Property owners may be held responsible for accident damages.

Prepare your vehicle for winter driving. And if you are too nervous about driving on snow and ice, don't drive. Share a ride with a neighbor, or wait until the roadways are cleared before traveling.

Plows travel in the same direction as normal traffic flow, sometimes pushing snow onto the ends of residents' driveways. To minimize the amount of snow pushed in front of your driveway, put shoveled snow on the right side of the driveway.



Mailboxes — Mailboxes installed in the public right-of-way are installed at the property owners' risk. Please ensure the mailbox is installed in accordance with the specifications of the United States Postal Service.

Worcester Township will reimburse a property owner for a portion of the cost to replace a mailbox only when the mailbox is struck by the plow blade or the truck. The Township does not provide reimbursement for damage caused by snow, ice and other debris that is thrown from the plow blade. The Township is responsible only for damage caused by Township vehicles operating on Township-owned roadways.

If your mailbox is struck by the plow blade or the truck, please report this to the Township immediately. During normal business hours, call the Township Building at **(610) 584-1410**. If the Township Building is closed, or if it's after business hours, e-mail your name, property address and contact information to **afterhours@worcestertwp.com**. There is also a Mailbox Reimbursement Form on our website under Departments, Public Works, Snow Removal.



Worcester Township Food Drive

Most Worcester Township residents never have to worry about finding their next meal or feeding a family. Others are less fortunate.

As the season of giving approaches, please remember those in need by giving to the Annual Worcester Township Food Drive. **The Food Drive will run October 14 through November 18. Food items can be dropped off at the Township Building, 1721 Valley Forge Road, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

For residents who want to give, but who are unable to stop by the Township Building during normal business hours, **the Township is offering two convenient pickup days!** Just leave your donation at the front door, and we'll do the rest. Pickups must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of the collection date.

The two pickup days are:

- Tuesday, November 10
- Tuesday, November 17

To schedule a pickup, call the Township Building at **(610) 584-1410**. All food collected will be donated to Manna On Main Street on November 19. Please note that we can't accept expired goods, homemade items or any food in glass containers.

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1721 VALLEY FORGE ROAD
P.O. BOX 767
WORCESTER, PA 19490

HOURS: 8:00AM–4:30PM
PHONE: (610) 584-1410
WORCESTERTWP.COM

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Get Connected and Stay Informed!

There are many ways to get connected and stay informed about the happenings around Worcester Township!

- **Our award-winning newsletter** *(which you are reading now!)* is mailed to every household in the Township twice a year.
- **Our website, worcestertwp.com,** provides the most up-to-date information on public meetings, proposed land developments, community events, road projects, and much more!



- **Connect with us on social media!** Instant information about breaking news and events, timely tips, and much more!

Facebook: Worcester Township, PA

- **Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter to receive updates directly in your inbox.** To sign up, simply click the link at the top of our home page.

As you can see, there are many ways to get connected and stay informed depending on what works for you! If you have any questions about Township communications, please contact the Township Manager at **(610) 584-1410**.

Township Meeting Schedule for Remainder of 2026

Board of Supervisors Business Meetings – To be held on:

- November 18
- December 16

The Business Meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month and are held at Worcester Township Community Hall at 1031 Valley Forge Road.

Planning Commission Meeting – To be held on:

- December 10

The Planning Commission meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at Worcester Township Community Hall at 1031 Valley Forge Road.

Zoning Hearing Board Meetings – To be held on:

- November 2
- December 1

Zoning Hearing Board Meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. and are held at Worcester Township Community Hall at 1031 Valley Forge Road.

For more information on Township meetings, please visit the Township website at **worcestertwp.com**.