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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



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Dear Residents and Friends:

Palmer Township is pleased to bring you this first edition of our new Township newsletter. This publication provides you with information on municipal services and officials, contact numbers for municipal offices and other agencies, and updates on current projects being undertaken by the Township.

We extend a special thanks to the business and professional members of our community whose support through advertising has made publication of this newsletter possible at no cost to taxpayers. Please support the local businesses that support the Township.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage all residents of Palmer Township to contact the municipal offices for any assistance you may need. Community service is a priority of the Township.

The Township is and wishes to remain a financially responsible community that promotes citizen and business involvement for the betterment of quality living. We are continuing to grow as the entire area grows and your elected and appointed officials strive to maintain the pride, progress, and tradition that has made Palmer Township what it is today while preparing a better community for tomorrow.

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The Business, Industrial and Professional Association of Palmer Township was established in 1976 to promote business and to serve the community. Today, the BIP has 100 members who are the business and governmental leaders in the township. For more information, please visit the BIP web site at www.bippalmer.org

At the end of 2013 the Business, Industrial and Professional Association of Palmer Township held its 37th Annual Civic Trust Awards Banquet. The following awards were given to the honorees.

The Booster Award was awarded to Bob Lammi for his involvement in the many facets of Palmer Township since 1973. Shortly after moving to Palmer, Bob joined the Palmer Municipal Fire Department which he served for seventeen years. He became a member of the Palmer Planning Commission in 1976 serving thirteen years. Bob then ran for the Board of Supervisors where he served for three years. His term was cut short when he took a business assignment in Texas. When Bob returned to the township, he was appointed to the planning commission for another three years. He was again elected to the Board of Supervisors which he served for another thirteen years until the end of 2013, when he decided to retire from elected office. Bob has and continues to serve on the following organizations: Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, Two Rivers Council of Governments, Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority, Palmer Township Kiwanis Club Board of Directors and Palmer Planning Commission.

With his 41 years of involvement in Palmer and the Lehigh Valley his proudest accomplishment is being involved in bringing the Miracle League of Northampton County's special baseball field for children with intellectual and physical disabilities to Northampton County, where he continues to serve as vice president of this organization. This state of the art facility is located at the Charles Chrin Community Center.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to J. Lee Boucher, a Palmer Township business owner who has been very involved in the BIP since he moved his business to Palmer in 1990. He has served on many boards and committees throughout the Lehigh Valley, including Northampton County New Jobs Corporation, Lehigh Valley Economic Development Planning Committee, Easton Area Industrial Land Development Company, and Career Institute of Technology. Also, Lee sat on the Charles Chrin Community Center building committee and St. Jane Frances de Chantal building committee, offering insight to their successful capital campaigns. The township is very pleased that Lee chose Palmer for his business because he's not just a good business man, he's a excellent person.

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Helping Our Businesses



Helping Our Community



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In the picture from left to right are: Deb Young, Civic Trust Chair., Bill Bogari (Suburban EMS), Jeff Strausser (Jeff's Automotive), Mike Loquasto (Walgreens of Palmer), J. Lee Boucher, Bob Lammi and BIP President Jeff Kicska.

The Community Service Award was presented to Walgreens of Palmer for their dedication to community service. In 2004, Walgreens opened a new location at the northwest corner of William Penn Highway and 25th Street in the township. Employing between 30 and 40 full and part time people, Walgreens has filled their role as a community minded organization. For the past nine years, manager Mike Loquasto, has led his staff in volunteering with many worthwhile non-profit organizations, helping with awareness and also to raise donations for their cause. Some of the local groups they have supported are the Palmer Police Jr. Police Academy, Relay for Life, The Miracle League of Northampton County, Habitat for Humanity, Alex's Lemonade Stand and Palmer Home Run Derby Days, just to name a few. Mike and his staff have given their personal time to be involved in community service.

The Civic Trust Award is given to recognize businesses in the township who improve the appearance of the business. One of this year's recipients is Jeff's Automotive. Located at 4110 William Penn Highway, we've seen the transformation from a gas station to a 6-bay full service repair shop. The gas pumps were removed, the exterior facade was renovated and new signage was installed. Jeff has provided quality car repairs and vehicle inspections to exceed the expectations of his customers. Jeff is proud of his staff of ASE certified technicians with an accumulation of over 120 years of combined experience and a reputation of honest, quality work that keeps his customers returning for all of their auto service needs.

Suburban EMS received the second Civic Trust Award for improvements that they made to the building they purchased from Palmer Township in 2012. With only six original bays and an increased number of ambulances and wheelchair vans to meet the community needs, Suburban was forced to keep a number of vehicles outside or in temporary garage space. Since the garage can be seen from the surrounding residences, management decided to make improvements both inside and outside of the building and make it look aesthetically pleasing. The new exterior was enhanced with siding and stone, nine new garage doors were installed and the driveway was paved. Inside, new electric was run and a new bathroom was installed. The building now can house eleven vehicles.

The 2014 BIP Golf Outing will be held on September 8 at the Riverview Country Club. Please visit www.bippalmer.org for details.

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canned goods. This was supplemented by Colleen and Jeff Miller supplying 35 boxes of cereal. On December 19, 20 and 21, six teams distributed the boxes to 35 needy families with a total of 108 children. The remaining canned goods

were donated to the Salvation Army.

The 2014 Palmer Kiwanis Club Golf Outing will be held on July 21 at the Riverview Country Club. Please visit www.palmerpakiwanis.org for details.

Susan Boerchers, Community Relations Manager for Project of Easton, presented the club with the Golden Soul Award for the clubs participation in the June walk for Project. (The award was to recognize the Club for raising the most money). The 2014 Highmark Walk will be held on May 31 this year.

As in the past, the Palmer Township Kiwanis Club's Kiwanians and Key Club members worked hard to create a better Christmas for many families in the Easton Area in 2013. The whole process began with the Key Clubs from both Easton Area High School and Wilson Area High School collecting 50 boxes of



Pictured are some of the walkers from left to right: Susan Boerchers with Club members Ken Marino, Santa Wright, Debbie Ashton-Chase and Mike Hahn

- NEW Route 33 interchange now under construction
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Palmer Township Beautification Project - Spring 2014



How would you like to receive another gift of 250 pounds of daffodil bulbs? That brings the total to 950 pounds of spring bulbs that the Netherlands Bulb Company has donated to the Palmer Township Beautification Project in the last three years. Their building is only a few yards from the new Route 33 interchange. What wonderful neighbors they are. The Beautification Project plan is to continue building and maintaining the gardens along the bike path from the Palmer Post Office to Stones Crossing Road and add plants west of Riverview Park toward the Lehigh River boat launch. So far 23 Palmer residents have donated plants from their yards for the gardens and 37 residents have helped planting and maintaining. Volunteers may contact **Dave Carr** at 610.704.5868 or email at d.carr@rcn.com.



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2014 Summer Reading Program!

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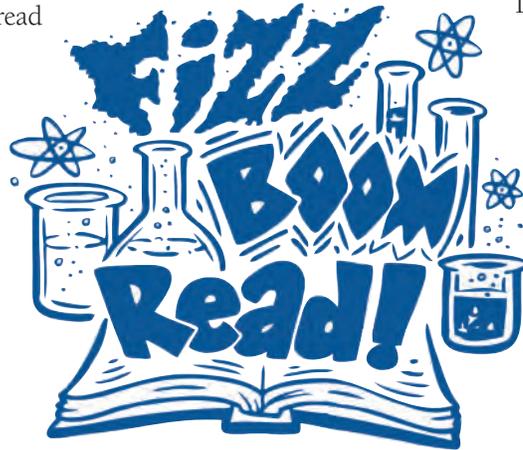
Prizes, programs, crafts and lots of fun awaits you.

The program will begin on June 16 and end on August 8.

Sign-ups will begin on June 9.

Sneak Peek:

- Meet children authors who will read their stories to you
- Learn about fire safety
- Learn about things that go 'POP'
- Therapy Dogs
- Popsicles
- Mad Scientist program
- Book Discussions for kids through adults
- Who Was...Houdini?



- Are You Curious???? Learn about Roanoke
- Craft Thursdays

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!!

This summer our library will adopt our local animal shelter. Help us gather items needed for our homeless animals.

The Palmer Adult Book Group meets the 4th Tuesday of every month, except December from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Stop by the library for listing of upcoming titles!

Sew Others Will Be Warm, a charity knitting/crocheting group meets every Thursday from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. The group welcomes new members!

Who Was Book Group (ages 7-12) will meet on Tuesday, July 15, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss "Who Was Queen Elizabeth" by June Eding.

Thank you to Phyllis Palamaro, author of *Searching for the House of Joy*, for her discussion at the Palmer Adult Book Group this past Fall.



Tyler Cruise,
Jacob Kraska,
and Jack Maczko



Alesha Pretopapa and her daughters, Lucia & Marlow



Christopher and Brandon Cultraro were the winners of our puzzle raffle.



Tom Tancin, a young adult author this past fall.



Meet author Ruth Calia Stives, as she reads her book, *Farmer Bonnie and Sally the Sad Sow* this summer!



Kaelei Shannon and Reilly Christopher were the winners of our puzzle raffle.

Special Curbside Collections Dates

(collected on your regularly scheduled collection day)

Yard Waste Collection: Weeks of June 2 and November 3

White Goods Collection: Week of October 6

Bulk Item Collection: Weeks of June 16

September 8

December 8

For More Information visit www.palmertwp.com or call the Palmer Municipal Building at 610-253-7191.



Special Volume Collection

This collection is available for unlimited, large amounts of household trash only and must be bagged or in cans (not to exceed 32 gallon standard size and 40 lb. weight limit). Bulk items are

excluded from this collection. Residents must schedule and pay in advance by contacting Waste Management (800) 621-2100. Identify yourself as a resident of Palmer Township, PA, in order to receive the price of \$25.00 per collection.

Yard Waste Composting Center

Located at the end of Berks Street. Visit www.palmertwp.com or call 610-253-7191 for hours, fees, and more information.

No bagging or bundling of yard waste materials is needed. Accepts unlimited amounts of yard waste (leaves, branches, twigs, flowers, roots, bushes, garden clippings); tree limbs up to twelve (12) inches in diameter. No grass clippings, tree stumps, or dirt.

Grass/Noxious Vegetation And Sidewalk Clearance



Spring is finally here and it's time to put down that snow shovel and start-up the lawn mower! Palmer's ordinances limit the height of grass and noxious vegetation to a maximum of 6 inches.

Also, please maintain the sidewalk clear of impeding tree branches, bushes or decorative vegetation by cutting it back so that the full width of the sidewalk, to a height of 7 feet, is accessible for the safety of pedestrians.

Temporary Pools

All temporary pools capable of holding more than 24 inches of water DO require a permit and inspections each year the pool is erected. The permit must be obtained before installation occurs. The cost for the permit is \$39.00 plus \$25.00 for the electrical permit.

Please be aware that pools with heights between 24 inches and 48 inches will require a permanent barrier in accordance with the 2009 International Residential Code. Also, overhead power lines, grade slopes and zoning setbacks will have an impact as to the allowable location of a pool. Any pool in violation with such codes and/or ordinances will be required to be drained and removed. Please call the Building and Zoning Department with any questions at 610-253-7191.



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- A typical 1/2-acre lawn in Pennsylvania produces more than three tons--nearly 260 bags--of grass clippings each year. Moving these bags can hurt your back! Grass clippings can represent from 20 to 50 percent of the solid waste going into landfills in the spring and summer and dramatically increases the trash hauling cost for township residents.
- Years of research have shown that by mowing frequently (5-6 times per month) and not bagging grass clippings, homeowners can save up to 40% of the time they spend on routine lawn care!



SIMPLE STEPS FOR GRASSCYCLING

- Cut only the top 1/3 of the grass blade and LEAVE the clippings right on the lawn.
- Keep your mower blade sharp and mow when the grass is dry to avoid tracking and clumping.
- If the grass gets too high, mow over the clippings a second time to further shred and scatter them.
- To prevent excess growth between mowings, raise the mower height, mow, then gradually lower it over a span of several mowings. This will help prevent shock to the plants.
- Thatch, a matted layer of dead roots and stems, usually is caused by too much water and fertilizer. Clippings don't produce thatch because they are 80% water and decompose quickly.
- No special equipment is necessary. While mulching mowers are available and do a great job, any conventional mower can grasscycle - just remove the collection bag! In the case of rear discharge mowers, the exhaust chute must be shut off.
- Mulching blades, adapter kits or retro-fit kits are now readily available for conventional mowers.
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Upcoming Events

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Seniors Cards: Come out and socialize and play your favorite card game! Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Greater Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Sewing Guild:

Second Thursday of each month until June 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sunday June 1, 2014, Fashion Show "Fabric of our Lives" 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$10.00 at the door.

Newly Formed Chapter of the American Sewing Guild

The Greater Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, formerly Easton Couturiere Workshop, meets the second Thursday of the month, September to June, at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township, 4100 Green Pond Road, Palmer PA, from

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ASG's over 20,000 members promote the mission to "advance sewing as an art and life skill" by providing a network of sewing education and support for sewing enthusiasts of all skill levels.

They enjoy programs and presentations by professionals and members. At each meeting there is a Show and Tell segment when members share their accomplishments and inspire us with their creations.

They invite all sewers with a passion for any kind of sewing to join their group. People with all levels of sewing experience, including beginners, are welcome.

On **Sunday, June 1, 2014**, a fashion show will be presented by members at the Charles Chrin Community Center. "Fabric of Our Lives" will be a very enjoyable afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. that includes refreshments, a boutique of items created by our talented members and best of all an entertaining and inspiring fashion show of members' unique creations. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10.00.

For more information contact **Dee Lammi** at 610-248-4386 or email lammid@rcn.com. ASG information is available at www.asg.org

The American Sewing Guild, Inc. (ASG) is a not-for-profit education based organization, founded in 1978. ASG is comprised of 136 chapters with over 1,000 community and special interest

groups under the chapter umbrella. ASG's members are serving as preservers of the sewing arts in America, promoting community engagement through service projects, sharing sewing arts with new generations and being key participants in both consumer and industry-wide events that promote sewing activity.

Elite Wrestling Show (Friday, May 30) starts at 7:30 p.m. "Like" us on Facebook at Elite Wrestling for more information.

Vendor Blender Saturday June 21st from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. \$2.00/entry & \$1.00/entry for 55 and older. Come and check out what our local vendors and crafters have to offer. (Expect to see Scentsy, Premier Jewelry, Origami Owl, and much, much more!)

Saturday, June 21, we will be hosting Miller-Keystone Blood Center for a **blood drive from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Call 610-252-2098 for more details. Book an appointment time that's convenient for you! *Donate and save a life!*

Swim Lessons

(6 weeks) Beginning **June 23- July 28**

Minnows 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

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\$20.00/week for members
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**Palmer Pool Passes must be purchased at the Charles Chrin Community Center*
Membership Rates:

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Admission Prices:

Weekday Adult - \$6.50

Child - \$5.00

Senior Citizen - \$4.50

Non-Swimmer - \$1.00

Weekend & Holiday Prices:

Adult - \$7.00

Child - \$5.50

Senior Citizen - \$5.00

Non-Swimmer - \$1.00

Charles Chrin Community Center Information

BIRTHDAY PARTIES:

Join us for your child's birthday party and you'll have a stress-free day! We can provide a tumble party or sports party to meet your needs. **Contact Brenda** for more information at **610-252-2098**.

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Summer Session Dance Classes

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Prima Ballerinas Ages 4-8

Thursday 5:45 p.m.-6:35 p.m.
(Experience/Advanced) Your little ballerina will continue learning

beginning steps of ballet, tap, and gymnastics. We cover basic ballet positioning and steps. It is a great way to exercise and have fun while learning the basics of dance.

Residents \$73.00 Non Residents \$83.00

Pre-K Ballet, Tap, & Tumble Ages 3-5

Saturdays 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.
(New/Beginners) Recommended for new dancers. Students will learn the beginning steps of ballet and tap, and the basics of gymnastics.

Residents \$73.00 Non Residents \$83.00

Just Dance Ages 6-12 (Ballet & Tap)

10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
This class is for children that have some ballet and tap experience. This class can be taken in combination with gymnastics for an additional charge. If you like to take this combination, see below.
Resident \$53.00 Non Resident \$63.00

Gymnastics 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This class will work at students own gymnastics level with the guidance of our instructors. This class can be taken

in combination with Just Dance for an additional charge. If you like to take the combination class, please see below for pricing. Ages 6-12

Resident \$73.00 Non Resident \$83.00

Combination Class Just Dance & Gymnastics

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Resident \$103.00 Non Resident \$113.00

Full Children's Class Schedule will return September 2014!!



Our dancers who competed and won this year's Disney Competition.



Charles Chrin Community Center Fitness Class Schedule 2014



UPDATED 4/29/14

Register for FP, FC, & Babysitting Card at the front desk

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30am-10:20am Tabata Bootcamp Charles	9:30am-10:20am ZUMBA* Jeanie	9:30-10:20am Yoga* Esperanza	9:30-10:20am ZUMBA* Kristin	9:30-10:20am Yoga * Susan	9:30-10:20am Zumba * Tela	9:30-10:00am Tabata* Rebecca
10:45am-11:35am ZUMBA Charles	10:30am-11:20am Pilates* Jeanie	10:30-11:20am Zumba* Tela	10:30-11:20am Body Sculpt* Jeanie	10:30-11:20am Zumba Toning* Jeanie	10:30-11:20am Body Sculpt* Rebecca	10-10:50am ZUMBA* Varies
	6:00-6:50pm Zumba Sentao Charles	6:00pm-6:50pm Pilates Tela	*5:45-6:15pm Zumba Step Jessica	5:45-6:15pm Tabata Rebecca	5:00-5:50pm Pilates Tela	
	7:00-7:50pm ZUMBA Jessica	7-7:50pm ZUMBA Crystal	*Please call day of to reserve a stepper for Zumba Step. Limited availability	6:15-7:05pm Zumba Toning Charles	6:00-6:50 pm ZUMBA Charles	
	7:15-8:05pm Yoga Varies		6:15-7:05pm ZUMBA Jessica	7:15-8:05pm Yoga Susan	Call for more information 1-610-252--2098	

- NO REGISTRATION FEE
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- MONTH-TO-MONTH PAYMENT

(*) denotes babysitting available for \$2/child

FIT PASS: \$40.00/month

- FP includes unlimited classes & use of fitness center

FIT CARD: 10 Classes/\$50.00

- Fit Card does not expire

WALK-INS:

\$5.00/class

Charles Chrin Community Center Information

Camp Palmer

Camp Palmer features: • Weekly Field Trips • The Palmer Pool • Structured daily “elective” periods • Special Events & Theme weeks • Sports, Arts, Crafts & MORE!!

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Extended Care Hours & Pricing:

Morning Care: 7:00-9:00am \$25.00/week
After Care 4:00-6:00pm \$25.00/week

Payment Information:

\$50 non-refundable deposit for each week. Remaining balance will be due one week prior to the start of registered weeks

Pricing:

Junior (Ages 6-8) &

Senior Camp (Ages 9-12):

Resident: \$145.00 Non-Resident: \$160.00

Adventure Camp (13 & 14):

Resident: \$160.00 Non-Resident: \$175.00

Week 3 Pricing:

Junior and Senior Camp-

Resident: \$120.00 Non-Resident: \$135.00

Adventure Camp-

Resident: \$145.00 Non-Resident: \$160.00

Week	Theme	Field Trip
June 16-20	Candy Land	Dorney Park
June 23-27	Ocean Commotion	Camelbeach Waterpark
June 30-July 3*	Land of the Free	Skateaway & Bowling
July 7-11	Weird Science	Dutch Springs
July 14-18	Wacky & Wonderful	Terry Hill Waterpark
July 21-25	Color Me Wonderful	Dorney Park
July 28-Aug 1	Buggin' Out	Camelbeach Waterpark
Aug 4-8	Summer Olympics	Iron Pigs Game
Aug 11-15	The Mighty Jungle	Dutch Springs
Aug 18-22	Holiday Palooza	Outdoor Carnival

Payments made in full for 5 or more weeks BEFORE JUNE 1st will receive a 10% discount

Camp Palmer will accept 120 campers per week. Register early to reserve your spot! Have questions? Call us at 610-252-2098.

Registration must be done in person at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township, 4100 Green Pond Road, Easton, PA 18045, 610-252-2098

Bright Beginnings Preschool Summer Session:

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. JULY 7 – AUGUST 11 (6 Weeks)

Resident \$215 • Non-Resident \$225 Children ages 4 to 5 (Must be potty trained)

Your child will have the opportunity to learn new skills in a theme-based classroom setting. Each day, we move through a combination of individual, small group, and whole group activities. Everything your child experiences in a preschool classroom targets multiple skills at a time. Below are just a few of the many developing skills that are encouraged, enhanced, and promoted.

Table Time - Hands-on manipulative toys and games that promote cognition and problem solving skills (puzzles, lacing beads, playdough, links, peg boards, blocks, etc.)

Morning Meeting Time - Identifying name in print, making observations about weather, counting numbers on the calendar, sharing ideas, and discussing and preparing for the day's events.

Activity Table - Controlling small muscles in our hands using a wide variety of materials including paint, crayons, markers, glue, scissors to create our theme-based projects to bring home and proudly show off!

Snack Time - Self-help skills and social language skills are strengthened as we enjoy snack as a group each day.

Learning Games - Counting, number recognition, color recognition, position concepts, opposites, sequencing, patterns, classifying, sorting and cause-and-effect.

Music and Movement - Following directions, singing, pretend play, body awareness, exercise and well-being, and lots of fun!

Story Time - Pre-literacy and literacy skills, using pictures to observe and predict, asking and answering questions on topic, conversation skills, and comprehension.

Outdoor Play/Tumble Time - Gross motor skills, body awareness, strength and balance, and interactive play.

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A Citizen's Guide To Understanding Stormwater

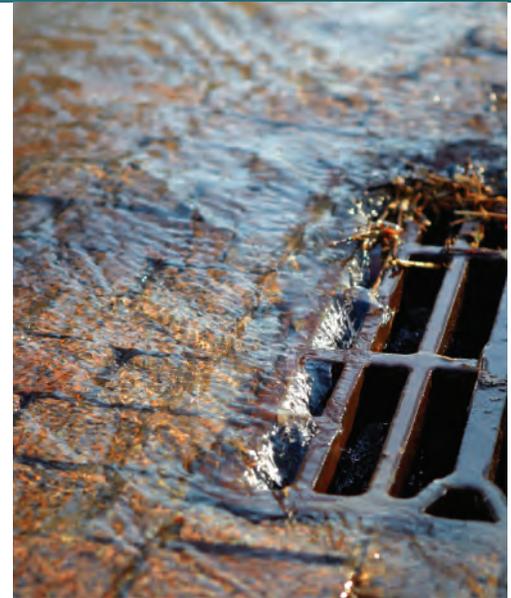
WHAT IS STORMWATER RUNOFF?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

WHY IS STORMWATER RUNOFF A PROBLEM?

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

THE EFFECTS OF STORMWATER POLLUTION



- Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.
- Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris – plastic bags, six pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts – washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

WHAT RESIDENTS CAN DO TO PROTECT STORMWATER QUALITY

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners and residents can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt healthy household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters. Suggestions on how to reduce stormwater pollution by adopting healthy habits have been provided in previous Palmer Newsletters or for more information you can go to the stormwater information link at Palmer Township's web site - www.palmerwp.com

The information in this Article was taken from US EPA document 833-B-03-002.

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Interested in playing next season? Field hockey is for both boys and girls in 2nd through 6th grade, sign ups will be on the Palmer Athletic Association website beginning May 1st through July 15th.



Palmer Soccer Registration

Palmer Soccer Registration for the Fall 2014 Season will open in the beginning of May!

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If you are interested or you have further questions, please contact **Fire Commissioner Stephen Gallagher** at 610-559-9809, or email sgallagher@palmertwp.com.

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