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PALMER TOWNSHIP EASTER EGG HUNT – RAIN OR SHINE!!!!



Friday, April 6, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

Palmer Elementary School

If it rains, The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the same date/time at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township, 4100 Green Pond Road.

There are four age groups –

Group One...ages 1 & 2 & 3; Group Two...ages 4 & 5;

Group Three...ages 6 & 7; and Group Four...ages 8 & 9

Palmer Public Utilities says goodbye to Dan

Dan Sigafos retired from the Palmer Township Public Utilities Department on February 3, 2012. He was honored at a retirement dinner party at Terry's Restaurant on Thursday, February 2, 2012. Danny began his employment with the township in May, 1979. Township Manager Christopher Christman presented Danny with a clock in recognition of his 32 years and 8 months of service to Palmer Township. Christman said, "It's been a real pleasure working with Danny; and, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I'd like to wish him well as he starts this new chapter of his life."



Palmer Township Community Pool

Summer 2012

Opening: Saturday May 26; Open weekends until Easton Area School district closes for summer

Hours of Operation: 12:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. daily, weather and attendance permitting

Admission Prices: Weekdays - Adult - \$6.50, Child - \$5.00, Senior Citizen - \$4.50, Non-swimmer - \$1.00

Weekends & Holidays - Adult \$7.00, Child \$5.50, Senior Citizen \$5.00, Non-swimmer - \$1.00

*Children 5 years and younger are free

* Adults are 21 years and older

Membership Prices: Family - Before May 1 - \$130.00,
After May 1 - \$145.00

Individual - Before May 1 - \$85.00, After May 1 - \$95.00

Senior Citizen - Before or after May 1 - \$45.00

*Family includes 2 adults and 4 children (20 years and younger) living in the same household

*Seniors are 62 years and older

*Those 21 years and older require an individual membership

*Membership applications may be obtained online or at the Charles Chrin Community Center

Location: Seip Avenue and Farmersville Rd. Palmer, Pa.

Events: Family nights - Friday July 13 & Friday July 27

Movie nights - Friday June 29 & Friday July 20

More information can be found at
www.palmercommunitycenter.org



Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township



CHARLES CHRIN Community Center

of Palmer Township

4100 Green Pond Road • Palmer, PA 18045

610-252-2098

Visit us on Facebook.

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday • 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday • 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

To register for programs go to: www.palmercommunitycenter.org





CAMP PALMER 2012



Hours & Pricing:

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 Resident: \$130.00/week
 Non Resident: \$145.00/week
 Week 4: Res. \$105.00 NR. \$120.00

Deposit:

A \$25.00 non-refundable deposit is due to reserve each child's spot per week

Extended Care Hours & Pricing:

Morning Care 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. - \$25.00/week
 After Care 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. - \$25.00/week

Weeks 3 & 8 will have an additional \$10.00 fee
 Camp Palmer will accept 100 campers per week.

Camp Palmer is for children ages 6-12 and features:

- Weekly Field Trips
- The Palmer Pool
- Structured daily "elective" periods
- Special Events & Theme weeks
- Sports, Arts, Crafts & MORE!!

Week	Theme	Field Trip
June 11-15	Color Your World	Miniature Golf & Glow Bowling
June 18-22	Fear Factor	Lake Nockamixon
June 25-29*	Wild West	Split Rock H2Ooooh!!
July 2-6(4 day week)	Party in the USA	Games2U Surprise
July 9-13	Double Dare	Dutch Springs Aqua Park
July 16-20	Animal Planet	The Philadelphia Zoo
July 23-27	Sports Extravaganza	Iron Pigs Game
July 30-Aug 3*	Tropical Paradise	Camel Beach Waterpark
August 6-10	Movin' & Grovin'	Lehigh Valley Sports Academy
August 13-17	Island Explorer	Lake Nockamixon
August 20-24	We Are Family	Rascal's Food & Fun

This week has an additional charge of \$10.00
 Field Trips are subject to change

Have questions? Call or join us for our Open House/Registration Dates: Saturday March 10 & May 12 - 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Register at the Charles Chrin Community Center or online at: www.palmercommunitycenter.org



Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township

FITNESS CLASSES

“Begin to set your life in motion” with the fitness classes at the Charles Chrin Community Center! Attend as many classes as you would like with our convenient “fit pass.” Classes are on-going and drop-ins are always welcome!

*Babysitting Available for \$2.00 per class.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Zumba 10:45 a.m.-11:35 a.m.	Zumba* 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.	Yoga* 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.	Zumba* 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.	Zumba* 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.	Body Sculpt* 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.	Tabata* 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
	R.I.P.P.E.D.* 10:30 a.m.-11:20 a.m.	Zumba Toning* 10:30 a.m.-11:20 a.m.	Tabata 5:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	Yoga* 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.	Zumba Toning* 10:30 a.m.-11:20 a.m.	Zumba* 10:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m.
	Yoga 7:15 p.m.-8:05 p.m.	Zumba 7:00 p.m.-7:50 p.m.	Zumba 6:15 p.m.-7:05 p.m.	R.I.P.P.E.D. 6:00 p.m.-6:50 p.m.		
	Zumba 7:15 p.m.-8:05 p.m.			Yoga 7:00 p.m.-7:50 p.m.		

Fit Pass **\$40.00 per month**. Includes unlimited classes and fitness center.

\$5.00 per individual class • Fit Card - 10 classes for \$50.00 • Babysitting Card \$15.00 per month.

NO REGISTRATION FEE • NO YEARLY CONTRACT • MONTH-TO-MONTH PAYMENTS

R.I.P.P.E.D.

“The One Stop Body Shock”

For beginners to athletes, experience this total body “plateau proof” workout utilizing resistance and cardio training. It masterfully combines Resistance, Intervals, Power, Plyometrics, Endurance, and Diet...the components of R.I.P.P.E.D. that help you attain and maintain your physique in ways that are fun, safe, doable and extremely effective.

TABATA

This is a quick, intense, interval training class utilizing weight and cardio exercises for a short 20 minutes.

ZUMBA

Join the Zumba revolution! This is the hottest exercise craze to hit the country. Zumba fuses hypnotic latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness class that will blow you away. Enjoy yourself while you burn calories and energize your body!

ZUMBA TONING

Zumba Toning takes the original Zumba dance-fitness class to the next level utilizing an innovative muscle training protocol and the addition of light weight toning sticks or dumbbells.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY ZUMBA

Join us for a Shamrockin' Good Morning to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a special hour and a half Zumba extravaganza.

Saturday March 17,
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

\$10.00 Per Walk-in
\$5.00 Fit Pass Members

Babysitting will be available. \$3.00 per child.





School Day Off Program

Looking for somewhere for your child to be on a scheduled school day off? The CCCC is the place to be! Your child will be in a safe, fun and structured atmosphere at the center. Please register at least 1 week in advance to insure appropriate staffing. Care is provided from 6:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m. \$40.00 per child. A minimum of 8 participants is required to run the program. Participants will need to provide their own lunch for the day.

Scheduled Dates: April 5, April 6, April 10 & May 15



Parents Night Out - Third Saturday of each month

Parents, need a night out on the town? For one night we'll be your babysitter! Your kids will have a blast while you enjoy the evening off.

Dinner...we have it covered! Children will be served pizza and juice. We'll be busy playing in the gym, jumping on the moon bounce, playing games and end the night with a movie and popcorn.

Please register in advance. Program will not run with less than 8 children registered. Program will not run in June, July or August.

Upcoming Dates: March 17, April 21 & May 19, 2012

From 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00 per child - Siblings: \$5.00 off each additional child

Children must be potty trained to attend

Register online at www.palmercommunitycenter.org! Hurry space is limited!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Join us for your child's birthday party. We provide two trained party coordinators who are ready to get kids moving and excited. We take care of set up and clean up to ensure a stress-free event. Pizza, juice, all paper products, balloons, invitations and a special present for the birthday child are all provided. Birthday cake is not included. Want more...for an additional charge we can provide party favors and special balloons just for the party.



Children will have the opportunity to play and learn on numerous gymnastics apparatus including bars, beam, trampoline and an air trak, just to name a few! If you have a child that is into sports, we can incorporate the sports theme into your child's special day! After one hour of play time, the party coordinators will serve the children pizza and juice. Don't worry about clean up the coordinators take care of that too.

Party Details Include:

Price for up to 20 Children: Residents - \$275.00 - Non Residents - \$300.00

Each additional child after 20: \$5.00 each

1 1/2 Hour Party

Please ask about weekday party discounts. (Monday-Friday—Daytime parties only)

Please contact Jacquelyn, Ariel or Mallory for more details at 610-252-2098



Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township

CHILDRENS CLASSES

All children's classes run in 7 week cycles. You can sign up at the beginning of the session or receive a prorated cost at any time during the session. A minimum of 5 children registered is required to run all children's classes. **Register on-line at www.palmercommunitycenter.org.**

Spring Session I - March 5 - April 22 • Spring Session II - April 23 - June 10

*Indicates Spring Session I Only

**Combination Options Available - See page 9.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Bright Beginnings Preschool 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ages 4-5 \$150.00 Res. - \$160.00 NR	Musical Munchkins 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m. Ages 1-2 1/2 \$70.00 Res. - \$80.00 NR	Bright Beginnings Preschool 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ages 4-5 \$150.00 Res. - \$160.00 NR	Cartoonarama 3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Ages 5-12 \$80.00 Res. - \$90.00 NR		Preschool Ballet, Tap, and Tumbling 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m. Ages 3-5 \$80.00 Res. - \$90.00 NR	Elite Soccer Foot Skills* 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Ages 7-10 \$70.00 Res. - \$80.00 NR
Musical Munchkins 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m. Ages 1-2 1/2 \$70.00 Res. - \$80.00 NR	Jumping Jacks N Jills 10:30 a.m.-11:20 p.m. Ages 3-5 years \$70.00 Res. - \$80.00 NR	Crafts and Cooking for Creative Kids 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m. Ages 3-5 \$80.00 Res. - \$90.00 NR	Animal Painting & Sculptey Fun 4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Ages 5-12 \$80.00 Res. - \$90.00 NR		Ballet and Tap** 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Ages 5-8 \$50.00 Res. - \$60.00 NR	
Mini Movers 10:45 a.m.-11:35 a.m. Ages 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 \$70.00 Res. - \$80.00 NR	Tumble-rama 11:45 a.m.-12:35 p.m. Ages up to 5 \$5.00 Walk-in	Tumble-rama 10:45 a.m.-11:35 a.m. Ages up to 5 \$5.00 Walk-in	Twinkle Toes 5:45 p.m.-6:35 p.m. Ages 3-4 \$85.00 Res. - \$95.00 NR		Gymnastics** 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ages 5-12 \$80.00 Res. - \$90.00 NR	
Musical Munchkins 6:00 p.m.-6:50 p.m. Ages 1-2 1/2 \$70.00 Res. - \$80.00 NR	Mini Movers 6:00 p.m.-6:50 p.m. Ages 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 \$70.00 Res. - \$80.00 NR	Jumping Jacks N Jills 12:45 p.m.-1:35 p.m. Ages 3-5 years \$70.00 Res. - \$80.00 NR	First Steps Dance 6:45 p.m.-7:35 p.m. Ages 4-5 \$85.00 Res. - \$95.00 NR		Jazz** 12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. Ages 7 and up \$50.00 Res. - \$60.00 NR	
		Jumping Jacks N Jills 6:15 p.m.-7:05 p.m. Ages 3-5 years \$70.00 Res. - \$80.00 NR				

7 Week Junior Panther Outdoor Soccer League

Tuesdays and Saturdays - May 1 – June 16, 2012 - Ages 4 & 5 and 6 & 7

Let your child be active, make friends, and learn a team sport while participating in our outdoor instructional league for soccer players throughout the Lehigh Valley.

- Focus on the basics of playing soccer, coordination, running, skills and drills, passing and scoring goals!
- Ages 4 & 5 meet Tuesdays 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. & Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- Ages 6 & 7 meet Tuesdays 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. & Saturdays 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
- All practices and games will take place at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township
- Rain make-ups will take place on Thursdays at the same time as Tuesday schedule
- Please have children wear shin guards & sneakers.
- Volunteer coaches welcome!

Resident - \$90.00 • Non Resident - \$100.00 • Registration includes a t-shirt

Elite Soccer Foot Skills

Sundays - March 5 - April 22, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. - Ages 7-10

For the advanced soccer player that wants to get ahead of the competition. Instructor Dave Robinson holds a USSF A License, NSCAA Advanced National Diploma and currently coaches numerous teams for premier club Lehigh Valley United. Learn mastery of the ball, separation from defenders, improvisation and coordination. Players need a ball, indoor shoes and shin guards. Boys and girls ages 7-10 years. Some previous soccer experience is required. A maximum of 14 players will be accepted into this program.

Resident - \$70.00 • Non Resident - \$80.00

Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township

CHILDRENS CLASS DESCRIPTIONS



Bright Beginnings Preschool - Ages 4-5 - NEW!!

Give your child a bright and positive start to develop a love of learning! Your child will participate in a preschool classroom designed to encourage independence and expand overall development. Children will engage in theme-based play, music, art and language activities while making friends and improving skills. New concepts are taught in a fun, hands-on way! This program is taught by a teacher with degrees in Early Childhood Education and Development and Special Education.

Musical Munchkins - Ages 1-2 1/2 years

This is a parent involvement class led by our outstanding instructors. Your child will start to discover tumbling and basic gymnastics. Lots of silly songs, parachute fun, obstacle courses and our tumble trak insure a great time for all.

Mini Movers - Ages 2 1/2 - 3 1/2

This exciting class will focus on socialization, independence, and learning new motor skills through basic gymnastics. Silly songs, parachute fun, obstacle courses and our tumble trak will insure a great time for all. Parents are required to be in class but encouraged to let their child explore on their own to maximize self growth.

Jumping Jacks & Jills - Ages 3-5 years

This class teaches beginning gymnastic skills including: tumbling, bars, balance beams, mini trampoline and vaulting. We will use the parachute and tumble trak. This class is without parent involvement.

Tumble-Rama - Ages up to 5

This is a drop-in class with no enrollment necessary. Come and play with other children in a non structured class utilizing our tumble equipment.

Crafts and Cooking for Creative Kids-Ages 3-5

This class is designed to teach 3-5 year olds how to make fun foods and creative crafts. Children will learn independence and listening skills during basic recipes and simple crafts while having fun.

Cartoonarama - Ages 5-12

Learn to draw your favorite cartoons, as well as create your own using techniques of the professionals. \$10.00 material fee to instructor.

Animal Painting & Sculpey Fun - Ages 5-12 NEW!!

Learn to draw and paint animals as well as sculpt all kinds of creatures with Sculpey clay. Students will learn sculpting techniques as well as basic principals of drawing. \$14.00 material fee to instructor.

Twinkle Toes - Ages 3-4 years

Your little ballerina will learn 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.

First Steps Dance-Ages 4-5 years

This is the next progression class after twinkle toes. Our instructor will build upon the previous training and build more steps in ballet, tap and gymnastics.

Preschool Ballet, Tap & Tumble - Ages 3-5

Students ages 3-5 years will learn the beginning steps of ballet, tap and tumble.

Ballet & Tap - Ages 5-8

This class is for children that have some ballet & tap experience. This class can be taken in combination with gymnastics for an additional charge. If you would like to take the combination class, please see below for details.

Gymnastics - Ages 5-12

This class will work at students own gymnastics level with the guidance of our instructor. This class can be taken in combination with Ballet & Tap or Jazz for an additional charge. If you would like to take the combination class, please see below for details.

Jazz - Ages 7 & Up

This class features a progression of barre work, floor work and combinations. This class can be taken in combination with gymnastics for an additional charge. If you would like to take the combination class, please see below for details.

Ballet, Tap & Gymnastics Combo Class - Ages 5-12

This is a combination of Ballet & Tap Class from 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and Gymnastics Class from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Residents \$100.00 - Non-residents \$110.00

Gymnastics & Jazz Combo Class - Ages 7-12

This is a combination Class of Gymnastics from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Jazz from 12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.

Residents \$100.00 - Non-residents \$110.00

20% Multi-Sibling Discount - Select pay-in-person when registering online and pay at the front desk.



PALMER SPORTS

PALMER TWP UNITED - U10 BOYS A DIVISION "2011 BMYSL LEAGUE - and - GARCIA CUP CHAMPIONS"



PLAYERS: Seth Betancourt, Reeves Brehm, Bryan Correia, Ian Espinola, Brenan Kantor, Jonathon Morello, Anthony Morsillo, Grant Nowery, Mason Nowery, Logan Parkhurst, Dat Pham, Micheal Phillips, Theodore Protyniak, Hunter Radowitch-Ambearle and Lucca Scomillio

COACHES: Hoa Pham, Eric Nowery and George Correia

CONGRATULATIONS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON..... GREAT TEAMWORK & DEDICATION BY ALL!! RECORD FOR REGULAR SEASON 8-0-0, RECORD FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY 10-0-0 "GO PTU!!!"

Palmer Sixth Grader Wrestlers Have Sleepover

Thank you to all the wrestlers and their parents.

This year's team won the VEWL Southwest Division and will be competing in the first place league quad.



Craig Correll, Michael Vasquez, Dede Rhodes, Luke Betancourt, Ian McCauley, Connor Duffy

Every Child Deserves the Chance to Play Baseball

America has a rich sports history, but no sport is more intricately woven into our nations fabric than baseball. Baseball's roots go back to 1845 when the first recorded game was played in New Jersey. One hundred and sixty seven years later baseball remains "America's pastime."

Many of us grew up playing baseball and softball. We played in organized leagues or pick-up games in the "sand lot." We ran in the grass outfield to catch a fly ball and darted across the base paths trying to "touch them all." What an exhilarating feeling that was! Unfortunately, there are those who have yet to enjoy those special feelings of joy, pride, and accomplishment. Children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities cannot enjoy playing the game of baseball because of the barriers a normal field presents. All of that is about to change.

There are thousands of children in greater Northampton County who are not disabled who enjoy the game on fields in every community. However, there is not one field in the county that is designed for children and adults with disabilities. After hearing a presentation by the Miracle League of Northampton County, Joe Olah, President of the Palmer Township Athletic Association, realized that there are children in our community that are missing from our playing fields and stated: "I thought that we, as an Athletic Association, were providing an opportunity for every child in the township to play a sport. After hearing this presentation, I found out that I was wrong." The Palmer Township Athletic Association will be a significant partner with The Miracle League.

The Miracle League of Northampton County was formed to build a facility that will be a custom-designed, totally flat, barrier-free rubber turf field that will accommodate those who use walkers, wheelchairs, and other assistive devices. It will be constructed with safety in mind to prevent any type of injury. This field will be centrally located at the Charles Chrin Community Center complex. The location is easily accessible for residents of Northampton County, Monroe County and Warren County New Jersey. Also, the site was selected because the field will be part of a recreational site where children of all ability levels will be playing side-by-side with their siblings, friends and classmates in the truly integrated recreational facility.

Please visit our web site at www.miracleleagueofnc.org and take a few moments to find out how you can become part of this special experience. Please strongly consider helping us create a "Miracle" for those with intellectual and physical disabilities to play baseball for the very first time at a facility that meets the unique needs of the players and their families! We are targeting late summer or early fall of 2012 for our "Opening Day."



Palmer Township Beautification Project

Palmer Township Beautification Project finished planting 4,300 perennial bulbs in December, in the Fairview Park garden. In seven hours, seven members filled a 220 yard trench along the bike path. Thank you to the Netherland Bulb Company, located in the Palmer Industrial Park, for donating the bulbs.

In early January, Palmer Township Parks department employees applied many truck loads of leaf compost on the 250 yard long slope.

The spring flowering bulbs will flower this March and April. During the springtime other plants will be added by community members.

Many people from the Eastern Pennsylvania area enjoy the treasure that is the multi-community bike path. With additional assistance the new flower garden will be spectacular.

Anyone who would like to help, should contact Dave Carr at d.carr@rcn.com.

Palmer Township Beautification Project members are extremely thrilled with the compost added to the bike path by Palmer's very skilled Parks Department employees.



Take Pride in Palmer and Keep it Beautiful!

Please don't litter!

The majority of litter comes from pedestrians, motorists, uncovered trucks, household trash collection areas like curbside bags that get opened by animals, and/or open or spilled containers, and business trash collection areas.

Litter Can Take Many, Many Years to Decompose or Disintegrate

- Cigarette butts can take anywhere from 5 to 30 years to break down, but they will never entirely decompose or disintegrate (because the filters are made of a cellulose acetate – plastic – and contain over 165 chemicals)!
- Styrofoam, glass, and car tires can take over 1 million years to break down or decompose!
- Banana and orange peels, apple cores, half-eaten sandwiches, etc. (things people litter because they think they're doing a good thing by feeding birds or little animals) can actually take up to 5 weeks to decompose if they're NOT eaten. During those weeks, bacteria builds up from flies and other insects so that if birds and animals eat the food in its rotting stage, the animals will often get very sick and ultimately die.
- Aluminum cans take 200-500 years to decompose, while tin cans take up to 100 years to decompose.
- Plastic 6-pack holders take up to 600 years to decompose.
- Plastic sandwich bags can take up to 400 years to break down.



Litter Is Expensive. Not only is it costly to clean up, but we pay the price of lowered property values since littered neighborhoods typically don't get the best sale prices for their homes. Also, fires started by dumped litter (cigarettes and toxic materials) cause millions of dollars in damage every year.

Litter Is Illegal. Section 3709 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code provides for a fine of up to \$300.00, and Palmer has an ordinance as well. If you are caught littering in Palmer, you will be fined!

Litter is UGLY.

Litter CAN Be Controlled!

All of us can take responsibility to educate people, especially our family and friends, about the awful effects of littering. Hopefully, they will make more of an effort to put their trash in the correct place, and help spread the word to others about litter prevention. Our example is the best way to educate others, so first and foremost - don't litter!



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

BIP News

Annual Civic Trust Awards Banquet



BIP check presentation to the MLNC. Ric Agretto and Mike Smull

On November 3, 2011, the BIP held its 35th Annual Civic Trust Awards Banquet to honor one individual, one organization and three township businesses for their accomplishments in the township. The Booster Award is presented for outstanding contributions to the Palmer Township community to the person who has exhibited service to others. This year, the BIP recognized David Carr for the Palmer Beautification Project. This project has begun along the Bike/Walking Path in the vicinity of Fairview Park. Mr. Carr is spearheading this project to transform the sides of the path from an area overgrown with vegetation to an area of beautiful flowers.

The recipient of the Community Service Award is Pierce Memorial Gardens, which is the result of a generous bequest given to Palmer Township from the estate of Pauline Pat Pierce. Mrs. Pierce will be remembered as “Peggy Lynn” by her loyal audience from WEST’s Listen and Win with Peggy Lynn. She became a local legend, beginning her career in 1939 as a woman on-the-air and dominating the airwaves for 29 years. These gardens are located at the southwest corner of the Charles Chrin Community Center park. The gardens were designed by Landscape Architect Jamie Collins and built by the Palmer Township Public Works Department.



Awards banquet picture. In the picture from left to right are: David Carr, Carrie Krouse, Debra Young, Awards Chairwomen, Mike Smull, BIP President, Dr. Hayman Salib, Jamie Collins and Vangie Sewetzer.

The Civic Trust Award is presented to businesses in the township to recognize significant physical improvements to existing properties, as well as new structures, which through the free-enterprise system in turn make an outstanding contribution to the business climate of the township. The Oieni Center is one of the Civic Trust Award winners. Frank Oieni purchased 601 Stones Crossing in 1988 and made some improvements on the building. This past year, Mr. Oieni made significant enhancements on both the interior and exterior. Inside there is office space for a law firm, an abstract company, a real estate office and his office, Oieni Construction Company.



Pride in Palmer presentation to Dr. Brian Stahl by Chad Palank.

The new Pizza Hut at 2527 Freemansburg Avenue is also a Civic Trust recipient. Their previous location in Palmer Township was at the 25th Street Shopping Center. That building was over 30 years old and had fallen below Pizza Hut corporate standards. Keystone Pizza Partners, LLC, owner of the franchise decided to relocate to its new location. The history of that building includes a bank and two previous restaurants. It was totally gutted and rebuilt. There is now a welcoming interior providing seating for up to 65 people and three flat screen TV’s. The improvements can be seen from the outside with a colorful, inviting façade.

The next Civic Trust Award was presented to Dr. Hayman Salib. Dr. Salib is recognized for his new office building called Crossroads of Nazareth which is located on Route 248 between Van Buren Road and Kingston Road. Dr. Salib relocated from 1901 Fairview Avenue where he held his practice for eleven years and moved to Palmer Township in December of 2010.

The BIP has recognized businesses in Palmer Township who have used Palmer Township in their advertising thus showing their Pride in Palmer. Recently, Chad Palank, Chairman of the PIP committee presented Dr. Brian Stahl of Stahl Foot and Ankle with the award.

BIP Presentation to the Miracle League of Northampton County

During the banquet, the president of the BIP, Mike Smull, proudly presented a check of \$15,000.00 to Ric Agretto, President of the Miracle League of Northampton County for the development of a special regional baseball field for children with physical and intellectual disabilities. This field, to be located at the Charles Chrin Community Center, will be used by children throughout Northampton County extending into Warren and Monroe Counties. The BIP has made a pledge of \$30,000.00 to this very important project.

New Officers

At a recent business luncheon, the new officers and board of directors were installed. The new officers for 2012 will be Chad Palank, President; Debra Young, Treasurer and Virginia Rickert, Secretary. Three new members to the Board of Directors are Past President Mike Smull, Sue Trinchere and Jeffrey Kiscka.

Kiwanis Club of Palmer Township

For many years, the Palmer Township Kiwanis Club and the Easton Area High School Key Club have worked on a very important and satisfying project....filling and distributing holiday boxes of food to the needy in the Easton Area. During this past holiday season, the food boxes were distributed to 35 families. Members of the Kiwanis Club delivered 35 boxes of food including hams, peanut butter, cereals and other assorted canned goods to families, with a total of 103 children who are truly in need. The Key Club held a food drive to fill the boxes, and the Kiwanis members donated to finance the buying of the hams. The Club thanks all of those who were part of this yearly project.

The new officers of the Club were installed in the Fall and include: Kimberly Rose, President; Carry Gerber, President-Elect; Betsy Walker, Treasurer and Ernie Hoeflein, Secretary.

The Kiwanis Club and the Palmer Township Kiwanis Foundation donated \$3,500.00 to the Miracle League of Northampton County for the development of a special regional baseball field for children with physical and intellectual disabilities. This field to be located at the Charles Chrin Community Center will be used by children throughout Northampton County extending into Warren and Monroe Counties.

If you want to join a service club where Fellowship, Friendship, Caring, and Sharing is its main focus, then the Palmer Kiwanis Club is where you need to be. Please attend one of our breakfasts or contact Chuck Lewis at 610- 258-4970 for more information. We meet every Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. at Williams Restaurant on William Penn Highway.



Kiwanis presentation to MLNC - from left to right area club president Elaine Arnts, MLNC president Ric Agretto and Kiwanis Foundation member Jack Corcoran.



PALMER TOWNSHIP Recycles!

Recycling - What can it do for our economy?

EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson was named one of Newsweek's "Most Important People in 2010," and featured on Time Magazine's 2010 and 2011 lists of the "100 Most Influential People in the World." As a scientist herself, Jackson has vowed that the EPA's efforts will follow the best science, using it as "the backbone for EPA programs." Yet when asked what her greatest environmental wish was, she stated:



"It's actually much lower tech than anyone might think. You know, we recycle about 39% of our waste on average—of the 250 million tons we generate every day. If we would bring that number up, if we would insist on a recycling rate in our country at 80, 85, or 90 percent we would do a bunch of things: Certainly, we would have a cleaner environment. We would save a tremendous amount of water and energy. We would create millions of jobs, because recycling, in and of itself, would become a supply chain in our country—a very domestic one. So although it sounds simple, when you see those recycling bins—when people start to talk about recycling—think of it as a homegrown jobs program and an environmental program and an energy program and a water program all in one."

Special Collection Events

Northampton County will be hosting the following events in 2012:

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event – October 6, 2012, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Northampton Community College Main Campus Parking Area, Bethlehem Township

Recycling Events

No longer any charge for electronics! Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, Freezers and Dehumidifiers (with or without Freon) will be collected for FREE!

These events are sponsored in part by the Two River Council of Governments and the Nazareth Council of Governments.

Saturday, May 19, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Easton High School Parking Lot

Saturday, June 9, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Moore Twp. Municipal Building, 2491 Community Drive

Saturday, June 23, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. FRCA, 6701 Weaversville Road

Saturday, September 22, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Nazareth Intermediate School Parking Lot, Tatamy Road

For more information on these events, contact Tom Dittmar, Environmental Conservation Coordinator, Northampton County, at tdittmar@northampton-county.org or 610-559-3200.



Our Upcoming Waste and Recycling Contract.... where do we want to go from here?

Palmer's current waste and recycling contract will end May 2013.

1. How can we improve?
2. Can we be more cost efficient and save our residents more money?
3. Could we improve our services?
4. How can we achieve our recycling goals?

These are the questions we hope to answer in the months ahead as we begin the process of putting this contract out to bid in the spring or summer of 2012.

Aside from industry price fluctuations, reducing the amount of waste we put in our landfills is the best way to keep our costs in check. Increasing our recycling, taking grass and yard waste out of the waste stream, and reducing our packaging are all ways to help. We anticipate bidding this contract in a way that will position us for the best possible price for both now and the future. This will include considering the implementation of a curbside, automated waste and/or recycling collection and would include the use of residential toter-type containers. The cost of the new containers would be amortized over the term of the contract and would be owned by us long after the contract ended. Automation is considered the wave of the future because of increased safety for the workers and reduced cost.

Comparatively speaking, Palmer Township has a great, weekly waste and recycling service, but can it be improved? Another reason for considering automated collection is because the toters have lids that keep trash from blowing throughout our neighborhoods and wheels that make the cans easier for our residents to maneuver to the curb. Our streets would have a far cleaner and neater appearance both on trash day and beyond.

Recycling saves our township money. This is because of the cost avoidance of not having to landfill the materials. Also, the state awards recycling grant funds, the amount of which is determined by our recycling performance. Increasing recycling in Palmer is not only good for the environment; it is good for our wallets as well!

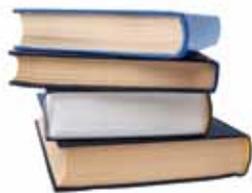
Watch this newsletter for more information on this upcoming contract in the months ahead and come give us your thoughts at one of the March, April or May Environmental Steering Committee Meetings, held the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Palmer Library from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Palmer's Upcoming Waste and Recycling Contract – Come and learn about our options!

The Palmer Environmental Steering Committee has been assigned the task of researching, evaluating, and seeking public feedback regarding various trash and recycling options for the upcoming waste and recycling contract bid. The specifications for this bid will go out during the spring or summer of 2012, with the new contract beginning May, 2013. While all ESC meetings are open to the public, the first hour of the upcoming meetings listed below will have special information for Palmer residents on new collection technology, financial considerations, and other factors affecting the waste and recycling collection service in our township.

March 28, April 25 and May 23

Join us from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Palmer Library Meeting Room and be part of the process!



Palmer Branch Library News

Boys & Girls

Get ready to join us for a Starry Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is

Dream Big...Read!

The program will run from June 18 – August 10
Sign-ups will begin June 11.

Stories, Crafts, Prizes and lots of fun await your child this summer at the Palmer Library!

Our summer reading program is also open to adults. If you enjoy reading, why not sign up to win gift certificates to local food stores and restaurants?

BIG BIG BIG NEWS for kids ages 10 through 18.

The Palmer Branch will be hosting the first ever YA Book Fest on Saturday, August 4 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars today!

Authors of young adult books will be present along with their newest titles! Book signings, prizes, raffles and lots of surprises are being planned. Workshops will be offered (free of charge) and led by Young Adult authors! Mark your calendar to be part of this exciting day!

Story Time:

Spring Story & Craft session will begin the week of March 5. Pre-registration is required. This session will run from March 5 – April 11.

Sew Others May Be Warm, a knitting/crocheting for charity group that has been meeting weekly in our library for the last 3 years donated over 800 items to local organizations this past year. Items such as afghans, scarves, hats, mittens and shawls were distributed throughout the year. The group is in need of worsted weight yarn and will gladly accept donations. They meet every Thursday in the library from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. New members are always welcomed.

Book Groups:

Palmer Adult Book Group meets the 4th Tuesday of

every month except December. Upcoming titles are:

March 27...Loving Frank by Nancy Horan

April 24....Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

May 22.....Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks

June 26.....The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo by Steig Larsson

July 24.....The Dream by Harry Bernstein

Palmer Young Adult (ages 11-15) meets every other month on chosen Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. Led by Miss Ashley, the group chooses the titles they would like to read and discuss.



The next meeting will be April 14, 2:00 p.m. in the library. The group will discuss Michael Scott's, The Alchemyst. On June 9 discussion will be Heist Society #1 by

Ally Carter.

Mother/Daughter Book Group meets every other month, at 2:00 p.m. on selected Saturdays. Daughters ages 10-15 are welcomed with their mother/grandmother/caregiver. Call the library at 610-258-7492 for the next title to be discussed.

Thank you to all who gave to our Giving Tree this past December. Because of your generosity, two local families were given memorable holidays.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IS April 9 – 14

The Palmer Branch will be "Popping with Programs!"

You have asked....we have heard.....E-Readers! They are coming to our library!!!

This spring you will be able to use your e-reader and download books from our library.

Watch our website for the latest news as to their arrival at www.eastonpl.org.



Sew Others May Be Warm knitting/crocheting group donated over 800 items in 2011.



Robert Daws, President of the Palmer Township Historical Society speaking on the 25th anniversary of the Palmer Memorial Library building.



Santa (Mr. James Finnen) with Matthew Delaney.



The Auxiliary of the Children's Home of Easton

The Ladies Auxiliary of The Children's Home of Easton announces the date for the 2012 Annual Pink Ball. The Pink Ball is one of the area's oldest charity balls and is the sole fund-raising event for the Auxiliary. Proceeds of the evening benefit the Auxiliary of The Children's Home of Easton which goes back to the children of the home for different activities throughout the year. The Pink Ball will be held on April 14 at The Blue in Bethlehem. It will be an evening of dancing and socializing, including entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and cash bar.

We are actively looking for volunteers to join the Auxiliary and help make a difference in the lives of so many children. If interested, please contact us at the number below.

We are asking that anyone wishing to be considered as a corporate sponsor or anyone interested in having an invitation sent to them please contact the Auxiliary President, Susanne Correia, at 610-653-1468 or send an email to susanne.correia@merck.com.

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Township Community Weekend at Fairview Park.

August 16, 17, 18 & 19

Movies in the Park

Wednesday, August 15, 2012



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