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### **MS4 NEWS**

## **MS4 Homeowner Best Management Practices- Rain Gardens**

Many homeowners use gardens for different purposes and get great benefits. Some may think that gardening is relaxing and helps relieve their stress from the day. Some people think that it adds beauty or even practicality depending on what you are growing. But did you know that there is another kind of functioning garden that can reduce stormwater runoff? These are called rain gardens and they are designed to soak up excess stormwater runoff from your house roof, driveway, patio, and other paved areas¹. Rain gardens work by being lower in the ground than a regular garden and act as a hole for rain to recharge groundwater. Without rain gardens, this rapidly moving water can carry pollutants like fertilizer, eroded soil, pesticides, anti-freeze, grass clippings and pet waste directly to our streams like the Bushkill Creek¹. However, once a homeowner adds a rain garden, up to 30% more water can be absorbed by the ground than equivalent yard space!

If you are looking for a summer project this year or want to add more plant life to your yard, a rain garden would be a great option to consider! Here are a few things to think about before starting to plant your rain garden:

- 1. Size of your roof<sup>1</sup>
  - a. While this may seem inconsequential, the size of your roof determines how much water will run off your property during a rainstorm. Determining the size of your roof and how much water runs off the roof will help determine the size and depth of your rain garden.
- 2. Type of soil<sup>1</sup>
  - a. The type of soil you have in your yard plays a major role in planning your rain garden. Different soils have different rates that they absorb water. Clay absorbs water more slowly than sand, so if you have clay, it would be best to add compost or dead leaves to loosen the soil<sup>1</sup>.
- 3. How deep the rain garden will be1
  - a. Keep in mind how deep you want to make your rain garden for drainage and what type of plants would be best suited to the rain garden.

Other aspects to consider are the placement of your rain garden. You want to avoid putting the rain garden directly over any septic systems so that if you have any problems down the road, you will not need to dig up your rain garden to fix it. You also want to choose a spot in your yard that is not always wet because the rain garden should drain within 24 hours. If water does not drain within 24 hours, the standing water can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes1, and no homeowner wants mosquitoes in their yard. It is also suggested that plants with a variety of colors, shapes, and bloom times should be chosen for your rain garden to encourage pollinators, as well as semi-evergreen plants that will control erosion in the wintertime. For more information on how to establish your own rain garden, visit the source below. To find out what you can do for Palmer, visit palmertwp.com/stormwater.

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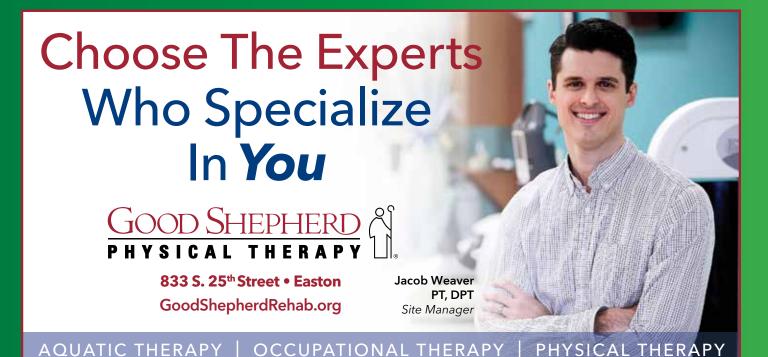
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# BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PALMER TOWNSHIP NEWS - BIP

# **Business, Industrial and Professional Association News**



The BIP held its annual "State of the Township" luncheon on January 18, 2023, at the Marblehead Chowder House. Palmer Township Board of Supervisors Chairman, Michael Brett, and Township Manager, Bob Williams, spoke about the changing demographics and current developments under review. They also spoke about the townships MS4 Program and that the township partnered with Herbert, Rowland, and Grubic, Inc. (HRG), an engineering firm that specializes in stormwater management. Township committees have been established with resident and business owners to begin reviewing stormwater management improvement projects that will benefit through the townships MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) Program.

The Today's Palmer newsletter will continue to educate our residents about the MS4 Program. Check your Table of Contents in the newsletter quarterly for updated information.





#### Welcome to our new BIP Members:

The BIP would also like to welcome our newest members: Thomas Beauduy of the Charles Chrin Companies and William Koch of Spectrum of Floors.

### Mark your Calendars...

The 2023 BIP Golf Outing is confirmed for Friday, September 15, 2023, at the Southmoore Golf Course, 235 Moorestown Drive, Bath, PA.

### PALMER TOWNSHIP TREE PLANTINGS

Over the past few months, the Palmer Township Shade Tree Commission (STC) has been working with the Public Works and Parks Departments to assess street and park trees throughout the Township. A list of trees was created from this inventory to be removed due to death and disease. This large removal was needed due to outbreaks of Emerald Ash Borer, Dutch Elm Disease, and other diseases.

Dutch Elm Disease and Emerald Ash Borer are devastating to trees because there is no medicine or natural predators to control the populations. To reduce the number of dead street trees, Township staff coordinated the removal of street trees in the public right-of-way. The removal of these trees started in October 2022, and is projected to finish in April or May of 2023.

Although the Township has removed many street trees, they will be replanted during the proper growing season near the same area where they were removed. Some tree species survive better when planted in the fall versus the spring.

During early 2023, the Palmer Township Public Works and Parks Departments worked together to plant 13 trees along the bike path. These plantings were an early initiative to start planning for Earth Day and Arbor Day. The Township also had an Arbor Day Celebration where six (6) trees were planted at the Charles Chrin Community Center site.

The STC continues to coordinate with Township departments to ensure the long-term health of shade trees in Palmer Township. To find out more about how you can get involved with the STC, please visit https://palmertwp.com/shade-tree-comm.html.





#### PALMER TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION LOOKING FOR MEMBERS



Do you have a passion for trees and our environment? Are you interested in learning more about how you can make a difference in your community? Join Palmer Township Shade Tree Commission to plant and protect our street trees in Palmer Township! Must be a resident of Palmer Township to join, please contact the Palmer Township Municipal Building at 610-253-7191 ext 1130, or email pstrasko@palmertwp.com.

## **EDUCATION:**

Suburban EMS is dedicated to providing educational opportunities to our employees that enrich and enhance their abilities and knowledge in emergency medical care & transportation. These classes focus specifically on our staff and surrounding emergency responders. Our in-house instructors can now teach EMR and EMT certification classes in addition to EVOC/EVDT and AHA CPR. Students perform clinicals on our ambulances every week with defined assignments related to the week's classroom material.

Becoming an EMT has never been easier, and the best part is that you can earn while you learn. Suburban EMS is offering a PA Bureau of EMS-approved EMT-Basic Certification Course. Train for a rewarding Prehospital Emergency Medical Services career and get paid while you earn your certification.

We offer Competitive Salaries, Vacation, Sick Time, Medical, Dental, Vision Insurance, 401k Retirement plans, and other benefits. For more information about our program please email rbruce@suburbanems.org.

**CLASS DATES FOR 2023:** 

Spring - April 3 - May 25 Summer - June 26 - Aug 17 Fall - Sept 25 - Nov 16

#### **EMPLOYMENT:**

Here at Suburban EMS, we always look for quality Paramedics, EMTs, Dispatchers, and Volunteers to enhance our workforce. If you want to become part of a winning team and work in a rewarding field, contact us to learn more.

#### **STARTING PAY RATES:**

**EMT:** \$18/hr

Advanced EMT: \$22/hr

Medic: \$26/hr Dispatch: \$20/hr

Wheelchair driver: \$15.25/hr Stretcher van driver: \$16/hr

Suburban EMS follows a strict policy that we do not discriminate in providing services and care to the patients we serve, or in the terms and conditions of employment or membership for our staff. We will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, age, disability, political belief, military service, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other protected class. It is at all times, the intent of Suburban EMS to comply with State Human Relations Act provisions and all federal discrimination and employment laws.

## **ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

The PA CDRA Law made it illegal to dispose of electronic waste in landfills and requires these items to be recycled. Electronics can be taken to the following locations:

## Einfalt Recycling and Salvage 221 Bushkill St, Stockertown, PA

Flat screens, wiring and computer towers

WEBSITE: www.einfaltinc.com PHONE: 610-759-7998

DROP-OFF: Mon - Fri; 7:30 am to 4:00 pm; Sat 8 am to 12 pm

## GER Solutions, LLC 635 S. Tenth St., Unit 600, Allentown, PA 18103

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WEBSITE: www.gersolutions.net

PHONE: 610-443-1776

DROP-OFF: Mon, Wed and Fri; 9:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

# Clean Earth, (formerly AERC), 2591 Mitchell Avenue, #6609, Allentown, PA

Accepts most electronics

WEBSITE: www.cleanearthinc.com

PHONE: 610-797-7608

DROP-OFF:2nd Friday of the month from 9:00am – 3:00pm

Due to frequent market changes, it is strongly suggested you call and confirm pricing, hours, days, and items you wish to drop-off.



# **Attention History Buffs:**

The Palmer Historical Society invites your membership and attendance at their informative and educational meetings featuring local and area subjects of interest.

Meetings are held in the Palmer Library 10:00AM to Noon February – May and September – November.

Membership is \$5.00 per year and includes invitation to all events.

Interested? Please contact Ed Dean at 610-253-2281

# **CURBSIDE RECYCLING**

All carts should be placed curbside by 5:00am. Materials placed outside of the carts will not be collected. Lids need to be closed and not overflowing to prevent litter and cart lid breakage.

**PAPER** – office and school paper, newsprint, junk mail, paper bags, phone books, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, wrapping paper (no metallic paper or bows.) Shredded paper should be bagged and placed in the trash cart.

**CARDBOARD** – paper towel rolls, cereal, cracker, and pasta boxes, shipping and shoe boxes, manila folders, etc. No wax-coated, pizza or other food, paint or oil contaminated boxes. Flatten and/or cut up to release from the cart easily.

**PLASTIC BOTTLES OR CONTAINERS** – Rinsed household tubs and bottles (such as soda, water, milk, juice, shampoo, detergent, condiments, yogurt, margarine, to-go containers, pet food, etc.) No plastic bags or Styrofoam. Look for the recycling triangle on the bottom with these numbers inside #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7. Lids attached.

**FLEXIBLE (NOT RIGID) PLASTICS** – these are <u>able to flex or wrap and are rinsed clean of food contamination.</u> Acceptable items include plastic shopping bags, potato chip and snack bags, produce bags including salad and carrot bags, shredded cheese packages, pet treat pouches, case wrap, shrink film, bread bags, bubble wrap, cereal bags, drink pouches, paper towel and toilet paper overwraps, detergent pouches, shipping bags.

**GLASS** - Rinsed clear, brown, and green bottles and jars. Discard lids.

**CANS** – Rinsed aluminum, bi-metal, and tin cans as well as empty aerosol cans.

#### METAL POTS AND PANS

**CARTONS** – Rinsed food cartons that contain milk, juice, broth, cream, egg substitutes, soup, soy milk, and wine boxes.

No food contaminated items, electronics, textiles, construction debris, or yard waste.

# 2023 HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

Waste and recycling collections will be delayed by one day following these holidays:
Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor
Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

## **CURBSIDE TRASH**

- All trash goes into your green cart with the green lid. Materials outside the cart will not be collected.
- Trash should be bagged before being placed in the cart. Bagging helps keep your cart clean and reduces windblown litter.
- <u>Prohibited items include recyclables</u> (see left), tires, hazardous waste, liquid paint, motor oil, electronics, yard waste, construction debris (wood, concrete, window panes, etc.), dirt, rock, and car parts.
- Overfilled carts or carts containing prohibited items will not be collected.

# RECYCLING DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Open to Palmer Residents & Businesses Only

## **Hartley Avenue Recycling Center**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00am- 4:00pm Saturday, 10:00am-3:00pm Sunday, 12:00pm-4:00pm

Accepts paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and containers, glass, cans, scrap metals, and yard waste (no more than 3 small bundles of yard waste (no larger than 3' x 3' and not exceeding 40 lbs.) per visit. Free to Palmer residents and businesses.

# Berks Street Yard Waste Composting Center

April through November Saturday - 10 AM to 4 PM Sunday - 12 Noon to 4 PM Wednesdays - 9 AM to 3 PM

Accepts large amounts of yard waste for a small fee. NO plastic rope, bags, or twine; grass clippings, tree stumps, soil or dirt, sod, wood, animal excrement, or noxious weeds including bamboo of any kind. Tree limbs must be less than 12" inches in diameter.

Speed limit within the center is 5 MPH at all times.

Up-to-date and more comprehensive information is always available at www.palmertwp.com.

# **UPCOMING SPECIAL CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS**

Place curbside on your scheduled collection day, but will be collected that week by a separate vehicle.

## BULK ITEM COLLECTION: Weeks of May 8, September 11, & November 27

One item per collection. Bulk items are defined as items too large to fit into the trash cart; with the general rule of thumb being an item the approximate dimensions and weight of a standard size sofa, and that can be carried by two (2) men. Acceptable items include plastic dishwashers, furniture, mattresses and box springs (wrapped in plastic), rugs rolled up and tied and no larger than 3' x 6'. Unacceptable items include, but are not limited to, electronics, construction debris (i.e. wood, sinks, toilets, doors, windows, siding, roofing shingles, etc.), large glass items (i.e. glass tables, china cabinets, or window panes), hazardous materials, tires, yard waste, grass clippings, or additional household trash. If you can't wait for a bulk item collection, you may request a special bulk item collection by contacting Waste Management Customer Service at 800.621.2100. Identify yourself as a resident of Palmer Township, PA to receive the Township's \$40 per item pickup price. Be sure to get the confirmation number in the event follow-up is needed.

### METAL AND APPLIANCES COLLECTION: Week of September 25

One item per collection. Appliances such as microwaves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators and freezers (remove doors; FREON does not need to be removed); washers, dryers, metal dishwashers, steel or aluminum tire rims (w/o tires), hot water heaters, metal swing sets (taken apart and tied up), bicycles, BBQ grills (gas, propane, and/or charcoal removed), and push-behind lawnmowers (oil and gas removed). No electronics or plastic dishwashers. Metal items and appliances, as described here, can be taken to the Palmer Township Recycling Center, 3600 Hartley Avenue, year-round.

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION: June 5 and November 6

Unlimited amounts of yard waste (leaves, branches, twigs, flowers, roots, bushes, and garden clippings) will be collected curbside. Tree limbs must be less than 4" inches in diameter. NO plastic rope, bags, or twine, grass clippings, tree stumps, loose soils, sod, or any wood or tree limbs over four (4) inches in diameter, animal excrement, noxious weeds, or bamboo of any kind or soil.

LEAF COLLECTION: Eight weeks in the Fall (typically mid-October to second week of December)

Residents must rake their leaves into the street and close to the curb. This collection is highly dependent on weather conditions.

#### CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION - First three (3) full weeks in January

Remove any transport bags, tinsel, ornaments, lights, and tree stands.

It is the Parks & Recreation Department's goal to provide citizens with a safe environment in which recreational opportunity can be maximized. Due to the wide variety of patron needs and use of Township property, it is necessary to establish the following rules and regulations.

# EVENT REPRESENTATIVE MUST HAVE PERMIT WITH THEM FOR DURATION OF THE EVENT.

**Reservations:** Will be available to Palmer residents only for the month of January, beginning on January 4th, 2023 at 9:00am. Park rentals will become available to the general public on February 1st, 2023 at 9:00am. All reservations must be completed in person at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township, located at 4100 Green Pond Road Palmer, PA 18045, Phone: 610-252-2098



\*Pavilion rentals are prohibited during Palmer Community Weekend.

#### **FEES:**

- **PENN PUMP:** There are 2 permits available per day at Penn Pump Park. Penn Pump permits allow the consumption of alcohol and access to restrooms. Rental time 8:00am–10:00pm
  - 1. Penn Pump Pavilion Permit \*Not to exceed 150 people. Allows parking near the pavilion and pavilion access. **Residents \$100.00**
  - 2. Penn Pump Picnic Permit \*Not to exceed 50 people, required for 10 or more people. Picnic permit for Penn Pump allows access to tables outside of the pavilion. **Residents \$50.00**
- **RIVERVIEW**: Permit for Riverview Park allows the responsible use of alcohol. Rental time 8:00am-10:00pm. **Residents \$100.00 & Non-Residents \$175.00**
- BIP PAVILION, BRIARCLIFFE, FAIRVIEW, KEYSTONE, & MILL RACE Alcohol prohibited. Rental time 8:00am-10:00pm

Residents \$75.00 & Non-Residents \$150.00

\*Briarcliffe is unavailable for rent on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day



# LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES SAFETY TIPS

Lithium-ion batteries are used in various devices. These batteries are commonly used in cell phones, laptops, tablets, electric cars, e-bikes, and cordless power tools and vacuums. Lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy and can pose a threat if not treated properly. Lika any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode leading to a violent fire.

Within recent years there has been an increase in serious fires that have resulted from improper storage, charging, and disposal of rechargeable and lithium-ion batteries or devices that use them.

Be smart when using any devices powered by lithium-ion batteries:

• When purchasing devices, be sure the equipment has tested and listed by a qualified testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories. The UL mark shows that the product has been safety tested.



• Follow the manufacturer's instructions for charging and storage.

- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or your couch.
- Always use the manufacturer's cord and power adaptor made specifically for the device.
- Keep batteries/devices at room temperature. Do not place in direct sunlight.
- Store batteries away from anything flammable.

If a battery overheats or you notice an odor, change in shape/color of the battery compartment, leaking, or odd noises from the device discontinue use immediately. If safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire and call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal:

- Do not dispose of batteries in the household trash or recycling bins.
- Recycle batteries by taking them to a battery recycling location or visiting Call2Recycle.org or contacting 1-877-273-2925 for a site location.
- Recycle batteries on one of Pennsylvania's Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates.
- When preparing batteries for recycling, always cover the electrical contacts or battery ends with non-conductive tape such as electrical or vinyl tape, or seal individually in separate plastic bags like Ziploc bags.



# **HELP US FIND YOU; POST YOUR ADDRESS NUMBERS**

During an emergency, minutes, even seconds matter. When you call 9-1-1, you expect and deserve a quick response. You can assist Fire, Police, and EMS agencies with providing the service you deserve by posting your address numbers.

Navigation systems like Google Maps and Waze assist us getting to you, but there are limitations. Once we are on your street, or in the general area, we look for address numbers. In



Palmer Township, each residential property posts their address numbers in differing methods – some have no address numbers posted or are obstructed from view. A uniform system is the best approach in assisting emergency responder to respond to your emergency safely and swiftly.

Palmer Township codes require new and existing buildings be provided with approved address identification that is legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. The numbers are to be a minimum of 4 inches high with a ½ inch stroke width. Where access to the residence is by means of a private roadway and the building is not visible from the public way, a monument or pole must be used to identify the structure. Address numbers must be maintained clear from obstructions.

To assist emergency responders, we ask that reflective address numbers to be placed in one of the following locations:

- On the property's mailbox
- On the building or structure front entrance door if such is located within 30 feet of the roadway.
- On a front porch post of the building or structure if such location is within 30 feet of the adjacent roadway.

Mounted on a stand-alone post or pole in the front yard.

Approved address numbers and/or signs may be purchased from any local hardware store or online from multiple vendors. Please contact the Fire Commissioner with any questions at 610-559-9809.

# **EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY - PALMER BRANCH**

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## **SUMMER READING 2023**

Connect with the Easton Area Public Library for Summer Reading 2023 from June 12 to August 14! This summer's theme is "All Together Now," celebrating friendship, unity, and diversity. Special performers for this summer include Kit's Interactive Theater, Eyes of the Wild, and Grins & Grins. Watch out for pop-up

storytimes around Easton!

Readers of all ages are invited to join in the fun! Visit the library, read books, and earn prizes. New this year, kids can earn a chance to pie a librarian in the face! Adults are also invited to read (or listen to!) books this summer and enter to win gift certificates from local businesses. Registration opens June 1. For more information, visit eastonpl.org.



### NEW EVENT CALENDAR

Keep up to date with all of the Library's programs by visiting our new calendar and registration portal. Finding and registering for programs is a breeze! Visit our website at eastonpl.org or the calendar directly by scanning the code or visiting bit.ly/eastoncal

Questions about the calendar? Chat with any of our library staff for assistance.



## **GET A LIBRARY CARD**

Sign up for a library card from the Easton Area Public Library! This card provides access to both the Palmer Branch and the Main Library located downtown. We have books, DVDs, magazines, e-books, board games, wireless hotspots, museum passes, and more! All permanent residents of the Easton Area School District may obtain cards at no charge. All you need is a photo ID or Driver's License with your current address!

Main Library 515 Church Street 610-258-2917

Palmer Branch 1 Weller Place 610-258-7492

# Upcoming Library Closures

Saturday, May 27 and Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day)
Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day)

### PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS

## **PALS (Palmer Adult Library Support)**

The Palmer Branch invites adults with developmental disabilities to be an integral part of our library community. We offer daily opportunities for learning, creativity, fun, and friendship. Activities include art/crafts, games and puzzles, and simple STEM activities. Visit the Palmer Branch anytime to participate in PALS!

### **Mah-Jongg for Beginners**

Want to learn something new? Try mah-jongg! Learn the setup of the game, rules and basic strategy from Darrell Ann Murphy, a professional mah-jongg instructor. Once learned, this game is not only "brain food" but an ongoing joy for life! Class runs for eight weeks. Registration is required.

Friday afternoons beginning May 5 1:30 – 3:00

## **Getting Started with Genealogy**

Monday, June 26 at 11:00am: Learn the basics of genealogy with professional genealogist Elyse Ross of Last Leaf Genealogy! Her presentation will give an overview of what genealogy is, why people do it, where you can create a family tree, and how to get started with research. Registration is not required but an RSVP is appreciated.

## **Monthly Book Groups for Adults**

Forever Young Adult Book Group - meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6pm

Adult Book Group – meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6pm

Diverse Voices - meets virtually the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm

#### TWEEN AND TEEN PROGRAMMING



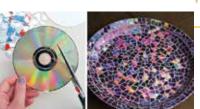
## Teen Writers Workshop

Ages 12 and up. Meets the first Saturday of the month @ 1pm. No registration required.

**Chocolate Party** Ages 10-13 Tuesday, August 1 @ 1pm



## Disney+ Trivia Ages 9-12 Saturday, July 8 @ 11am



**CD Mosaics** Ages 13-17 Wednesday, July 12 @ 5:30pm

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### CHILDRENS PROGRAMMING

## Visit bit.ly/eastoncal for our full program schedule!

## Join us for programs with community helpers!

Lois Prytherch – local beekeeper

Victoria Alercia - Licensed Professional Counselor

Jenna Mauder - Agriculture and Food Program Manager at The Cooperage Project

Cathy Bednar - local author

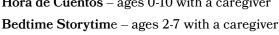
### **Storytimes**

Little Storvtime – ages 0-2 with a caregiver

Big Storytime – ages 3-5 with a caregiver

Sensory Friendly Storytime – ages 2-6 with a caregiver

Hora de Cuentos – ages 0-10 with a caregiver



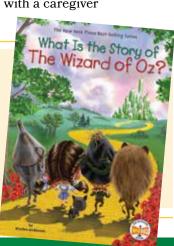


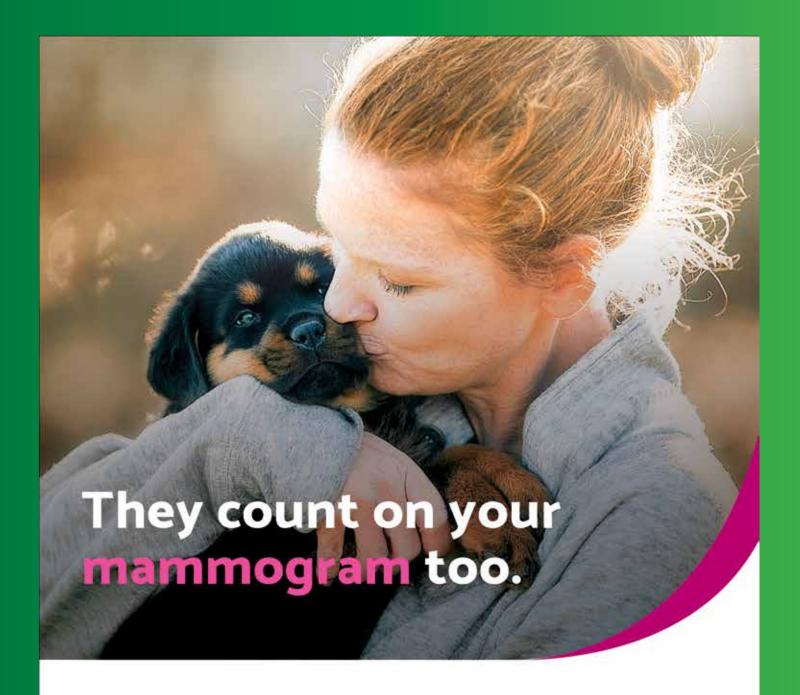
#### **Book Discussions for Kids**

Wednesday, May 17 at 4:00pm: I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake

Wednesday, July 19 at 4:00pm: What is the Story of the Wizard of Oz

Wednesday, August 2 at 11:00am: I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens





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# 7 PALMER OFFICERS RECEIVE LETTERS OF RECOGNITION

Seven Palmer Township Police Officers were recognized by the Board of Supervisors during a Board of Supervisor's Meeting on March 7, 2023.

The Officers are:

**Detective Sergeant Taylor** Officer Border

**Detective Lembach** Officer Gallas

Officer Pagan **Detective Strong** 

**Investigator Santo** 

These Officers were invited to attend an Awards Ceremony hosted by the New Jersey State Police, recently held on February 22, 2023. Each officer was honored for their involvement in stopping and investigating a Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Case, which initially was started in New Jersey by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office in August 2022.

This incident involved a Palmer Township resident transporting underaged girls from New Jersey to his home for sexual purposes. Palmer Officers intercepted this suspect with 3 juvenile females in his vehicle, on his way home. Suspect was arrested by Palmer Police and additionally charged in Warren County, NJ.

Each of our Officers were presented a Letter of Recognition by Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police.

The Warren County Prosecutor's Office and Palmer Township Police Department were awarded the Title of "New Jersey Crimes Against Children Task Force Affiliate of the Year," for their "Commendable and outstanding actions."

Congratulations to all involved.

Great TEAM WORK by BOTH Agencies!

# INTRODUCING PALMER TOWNSHIP POLICE **DEPARTMENT'S NEWEST K9 TEAM**

Say hello to Officer Kyle Kromer's new partner, K9 KENZO. Both were formally introduced to the Board of Supervisors and to our community during a Board of Supervisor's Meeting. In January 2023, Officer Kromer travelled to High Drive K9, located in Belton, SC. Kromer and Kenzo spent 6 weeks training together in patrol and narcotics detection work. They graduated on February 24th, returning home to serve the Township. They bring the department's K9 Unit to four strong. Each Team is assigned to one of our four Patrol Platoons, bringing to Palmer residents and businesses 24-hour K9 coverage. We welcome our newest officer, K9 Kenzo, to his new Kromer family and to ours. We wish them many years of Team success!



# PALMER TOWNSHIP POLICE OBTAIN RE-ACCREDITATION

The Palmer Township Police Department successfully received Re-accreditation status on March 10, 2023.

The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association introduced the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program to the Commonwealth in July 2001. Since then, over 375 agencies have enrolled and 149 agencies currently maintain accredited status.

Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. The cornerstone of this strategy lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating administrators then conduct a thorough analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives. When the procedures are in place, a team of independent professionals is assigned to verify that all applicable standards have been successfully implemented. The process culminates with a decision by an authoritative body that the institution is worthy of accreditation.

This is our fourth re-accreditation.

The original Accreditation status was obtained July 16, 2014 from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

The department was re-accredited in 2017, 2020 and again in 2023.







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## **CODES AND PERMITS**

### **TEMPORARY POOLS**

All temporary pools capable of holding more than 24 inches of water DO require a permit and inspection each year the pool is erected. The permit must be obtained before installation occurs. Use of the pool shall be prohibited until an inspection is obtained and approval has been issued by the Building Department.

Please be aware that pools with heights between 24 inches and 48 inches will require a permanent barrier in accordance with the 2015 International Residential Code/2015 International Pool & Spa Code. Also, overhead power lines, grade slopes and zoning setbacks will have an impact as to the allowable location of a pool. Call the Building Code Department with any questions at 610-253-7191.



## **GRASS/NOXIOUS VEGETATION AND SIDEWALK CLEARANCE**

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

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



### EARTH STEWARDS OF PALMER TOWNSHIP

During the past year the Earth Stewards of Palmer have drafted articles for Today's Palmer Newsletter that have outlined the importance of and adverse impact upon our local waterways and their respective drain basins by population and industrial growth factors within Palmer Township and adjacent communities, for our local drain basins extend beyond the geopolitical boundaries of Palmer. Through outreach and constant communication with our neighboring communities we can endeavor to reduce any adverse impact upon our residents and businesses resulting from additional creation of impervious surfaces and resultant stormwater flow from adjacent development.

Palmer Township has created an MS4 Citizens Advisory Committee to review and recommend what steps Palmer must take to ensure the health and safety of our community's stormwater environment. Various members of this committee have been longstanding advocates for the control of stormwater flow and preservation of greenways adjacent to our streams. In furtherance of preservation of our waterways "Wildlands Conservancy" has planted native plants along the Bushkill Stream within the riparian area to preserve the shorelines of the stream. The "Bushkill Stream Conservancy" has advocated the removal of various dams along the Bushkill and has successfully sought funds to remove these dams. These actions have enhanced the streams habitat for fish, deer, migratory creatures and birds.

There remain several major adverse impacts upon our streams: Roadside litter, runoff chemicals, oils and solvents all of which ultimately flow downstream and adversely impact the quality of downstream water and its habitability and to sustain both the need for fresh water for human and nature's consumption. So what has to be the action plan to preserve our waterways?

Prevent litter and chemicals from entering our waterways.

How? By not throwing everything imaginable out of your car, truck, SUV window. Carry the item(s) to be discarded to a readily available trash can at home, gas station, car wash, Township Park with their multitude of trash cans. Once at a trash can ensure that all of your item are placed inside the can and not on the ground.

Reduce the amount of water that runs off of your property via usage of downspout water barrels and use of the collected water for your garden, shrubs, plantings.

To help clean the water runoff, plant native shrubs, placement of stones and other means of slowing the rate of dissipated water while simultaneously removing hazardous materials/chemicals from the runoff.

You can adopt a storm drain curbside to your residence/business and remove any and all litter from entering the stormwater system!

Past Today's Palmer Newsletter articles have asked the question, "IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO?" This question is raised to ask each of you to ensure that Palmer Township remains a desirable community within which to live, work and play. How? All actions begin at home - remove all litter strewn onto your property by others, for litter begets more litter. Ensure that the lid is closed on your trash and recycling bins curbside. Reduce the amount of chemicals and detergents used to feed your lawn, wash your vehicles, or the exterior of your home/business.

We all live, work and play within Palmer so let's keep our community's environment one that enhances our lives not only today but well into the future of your children and grandchildren!

If you want to join the Earth Stewards of Palmer in their efforts to improve the quality of life and enhancement of your environment, email: earthstewardsofpalmer@gmail.com

IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO!!



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# **Community Center Closings:**

Memorial Day, Monday May 29, 2023 & 4th of July, Monday July 4, 2023

# **UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS:**

- **SENIORS PINOCHLE: Pinochle Players Needed:** Tuesday Afternoons 12:30 4:00pm. Join them as they play 3, 4, 5 or even 6 handed pinochle! Don't worry if it's been awhile, or if you only ever played one way. They will teach you. Come share the fun and laughter. It's a great way to spend an afternoon. Any questions, call Marj at 610-252-7964 or email to paulm1@rcn.com
- Ambassador Club: Meets every 3rd Monday of the month at 1:00pm (No Meetings in July, August, or December)
- Greater Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Sewing Guild 2nd Thursday of Each Month (No Meeting July and August) 10:00am-1:00pm
- Penn Rose Quilt Club: Meets 1st Wednesday of Each Month, 10:00am
- **URW:** Meets third Tuesday of each month, 9:00am, no May, September or December meetings
- Dream...Believe...Dance Recital: Sunday May 21st
- **Blood Drive** Friday, June 2nd 12:00pm 7:00pm
- Great Dane Dog Show Friday August 4th Saturday August 5th



OPEN GYM BASED ON AVAILABILITY, PLEASE CALL. \$5.00 WALK-IN FEE

# **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. We provide pizza, juice, all paper products.\*Birthday Cake is not provided. Children will have the opportunity to play on different gymnastics equipment; including bars, beam, trampoline and the air trak, along with games and the parachute! Or you may have a child that is into sports, we can also incorporate the sports theme into your child's special day! After one hour of play time the party coordinators will escort the children to the food area, they will serve the children pizza and juice. Don't worry about clean up the coordinators take care of that also. In addition to bagging all the birthday gifts to take home! Please contact Brenda at 610-252-2098 for more information.

#### **PRICING**

# PARTY HOURS

All Dates & Times vary based upon availability.

Basic-up to 20 Children.....\$275.00/Resident

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Each additional child ......\$5.00

Additional Pizza.....\$15.00 each

Weekday birthday party ......... \$250.00 (Monday-Friday—

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# Learn to play... or Improve your Current Game

# Summer Pickleball Lessons are Available at Mill Race Park

# Beginner Classes - Wednesday Evenings

(includes: First Hour Instruction & Second Hour Instructional Game Play)

Summer Session 1: June 7th - June 28th (5:30-7:30pm)

Summer Session 2: July 5th - July 26th (6:00-8:00pm)

Summer Session 3: August 2nd - August 23rd (6:00-8:00pm)

Summer Session 4: August 30th - September 20th (5:30-7:30pm)

# <u>Intermediate Classes - Monday Mornings</u>

Summer Session 1: June 5th - June 26th (8:00-10:00am)

Summer Session 2: July 3rd - July 24th (8:00-10:00am)

Summer Session 3: July 31st - August 21st (8:00-10:00am)

Summer Session 4: August 28th - September 25th (8:30-10:30am)

Minimum of 4 people to run session but will take up to 8 people.....

Register early by calling the Charles Chrin Community Center at 610-252-2098.

Payment is due the first day of the session by cash or check.

\$80 (per 4 week session)



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# 2023 PALMER POOL

# The pool opens Memorial Day Weekend, May 27th, 28th, & 29th, 2023!

- New Season Passes must be purchased at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township, 4100 Green Pond Road, Palmer, PA 18045.
- Season Pass Renewals may be processed through your annual invoice mailer or in person at the community center. (Replacement key tags are \$5.00, if needed)
- Day Passes can be purchased at the pool. Proof of residency must be provided.
- \* For questions, please email pool@palmertwp.com
- \* Pool Location: 3001 Farmersville Road Palmer, PA 18045
- \* Pool Hours: 12:00pm 7:00pm (Weather permitting)
- \* Pool phone (only accessible during summer): 610-258-4576

## MEMBERSHIP RATES

## Family Membership

- \* Includes 2 adults & 4 children
- \* \$20 for each additional child

Palmer Resident: \$275.00

## **Individual Membership**

\* Must be 16 or older

Palmer Resident: \$150.00

Senior (62+): Free for Palmer Residents – Must sign up at the Charles Chrin Community Center

Children 2 & under are FREE Adults are 18 and older

20% Military Discount (Retired/Active) – Must Show ID

## DAILY ADMISSION PRICES

### Adult

Palmer Residents Only: \$15.00

# Child (3-17 years old): \$10.00 Children ages 3-12 must be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian -Palmer Residents Only

\*\*Proof of residency must be provided for Day Passes\*\*

# Charles Chrin Community Center Fitness Class Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Yoga 9:30-10:20am Becky		Yoga 9:30-10:20am Becky		
64	Zumba 10:45-11:30am August	Zumba Toning 10:45-11:30am August	Zumba 10:45-11:30am August	Bootcamp 10:45-11:30am August	Zumba 10:45-11:30am August	
Silver Fitness Classes!  See full schedule for more details.	Zumba Gold 1:00-1:45pm August Silver Class	Silver Core Stretch 1:00-1:45pm August Silver Class	Zumba Gold Toning 1:00-1:45pm August Silver Class	Silver Bootcamp 1:00-1:45pm August Silver Class	Silver Yoga 1:00-1:45pm Becky Silver Class	
	Zumba 7:00-7:50pm Lisa		Zumba 6:00-6:50pm Lisa			
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FIT PASS: \$40.00/month

FP includes unlimited classes & use of the fitness center

FIT CARD: 10 Classes/\$50.00

Fit Card does not expire

SILVER PASS: \$20/month

SP includes unlimited silver classes & use of the fitness center.

WALK-INS: \$5.00/class

SILVER WALK-INS: \$3.00/class

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\*Watch for upcoming special events throughout the year!

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including cancellations and class changes!

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# **Silver Fitness Schedule**

Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township, 4100 Green Pond Rd., Palmer, PA 18045



Monday	1:00pm-1:45pm	<b>Zumba Gold</b> August	
Tuesday	1:00pm-1:45pm	Silver Core Stretch August	
Wednesday	1:00pm-1:45pm	Zumba Gold Toning August	
Thursday	1:00pm-1:45pm	Silver Bootcamp August	
Friday	1:00pm-1:45pm	Silver Yoga Becky	

**Zumba Gold** – Latin-inspired, dance fitness program designed for the active older adult, beginner participant, pregnant women, those who need modifications, arthritis sufferers, and those recovering from injury. This is a fun, feel-good, party-like class.

**Silver Bootcamp** – This is a great way to increase strength, flexibility, balance & coordination. Pilates is regarded as an ideal exercise regimen for people in or over their 50's due to low-impact exercise. Benefits are improved posture, stamina, and strength.

**Zumba Gold Toning** – "Muscle Toning for the Young at Heart", combines the cardio element of Zumba Gold with strength training techniques.

**Silver Core Stretch** – A full body stretch using movements that flow smoothly to increase flexibility, decrease muscle tension, develop core strength, and improve muscular balance.

Silver Yoga — This class will begin with a short breath practice and then work up to a mindful flow ending in a relaxing shivasana. Participants will explore getting into and out of different yoga postures and how to make adjustments when necessary. This class will use props, explore variations, and work on balance while increasing both strength and flexibility. No prior yoga experience necessary - all levels welcome! Come explore the beautiful blend of breath and movement to open up the body and enhance mobility.

## **OUR SILVER PASS IS \$20/MONTH**

(includes access to the Fitness Center and all Silver Fitness Classes <u>only</u>) **Drop-in Fee is \$3/class** 

\*Check eligibility through your insurance for Silver & Fit, Active & Fit, Renew Active, Silver Sneakers, or Healthways.

\*\*\*We also offer FREE quarterly social events!\*\*\*

You can find more information at www.palmercommunitycenter.org or call 610-252-2098



# **DREAM...BELIEVE...DANCE**

## Of Palmer Township Would Like To Welcome You!

With over 30 years of teaching experience, we take pride in our program and dancers. A variety of dance and tumble classes are available for ages 3 and up. We offer both recreational dance and competition classes.

### **SUMMER SESSION 1**

Registration opens 5/1/23.

6 WEEKS 6/19/23- 8/4/23 No class 7/3 through 7/7

### **TUITION RATES**

Cost per 6-week session

30 minutes	\$84.00
45 minutes	\$96.00
60 minutes	\$108.00
75 minutes	\$120.00
90 minutes	\$150.00
Unlimited	\$195.00

Our all-inclusive rate entitles dancers to take any or all classes for their age group/level. No additional discounts given. Private classes/ workshops/special events excluded.

Adults who have a child enrolled in class will receive a discount for their adult class.

We accept cash, check, ACH

If you have any questions, please email Miss Justine at MissJustine@dreambelievedance.com

## Instructor approval required for all classes

#### PRIVATE CLASSES AVAILABLE

30 min......\$10.00 plus Instructor fee 45 min......\$15.00 plus Instructor fee

Please see Miss Justine for each instructor's fees.



#### PLEASE FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AT:

www.facebook.com/missjustines danceclasses ig @dreambelievedanceofpalmer

please register at: dancestudiopro.com/online/dbd

#### **SUMMER DANCE SCHEDULE 2023**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
	PRESCHOOL BALLET, TAP AND TUMBLE Level 1 5:15-6:15 Ages 3-5	TAP DANCE BEG/INTERMEDIATE 5:00-5:30 Ages 8 and up Miss Kayla	ACRO/GYMNASTICS 5:00-6:00 Ages 6-18 Miss Kayla/Miss Justine	
PERFORMANCE TEAM	TEEN COMP **CHOREOGRAPHY 6:20-7:20	HIP HOP BEGINNER 5:30-6 Ages 6 and up Miss Kayla	KIDS LYRICAL BALLET* 6:10 - 6:55 AGES 5-10 Miss Justine	
	JAZZ/MUSICAL** THEATRE Level 2-3 7:30-8:15 Ages 10 and up Miss Justine	BALLET FOR TECHNIQUE* ** BEG/INTERMEDIATE 6:10-7:10 Ages 8 and up Miss Kayla	JAZZ* 7:00 -7:45 AGES 5-10 Miss Justine	
		LEAPS, TURN AND*  **TRICKS  (TECHNIQUE)  7:15- 8:00  Ages 8 and up  Miss Kayla		

# **DREAM...BELIEVE...DANCE**







# New!!!

## Dream...Believe...Dance!!! Performance team

DBD Performance Teams are geared towards children aged 3 and up! These teams are for children who love to perform and have a lot of fun but don't want to compete.

DBD will have 3-4 local performances, with options to do more if you choose.

Teams will be based on age and experience.

Performance team will be practicing bi-weekly on Monday nights beginning June 2023.

The fee is \$20 per class or \$15 if currently enrolled in other classes with DBD.

# **Currently Scheduled performances:**

August 17th: Palmer Days @CCCC

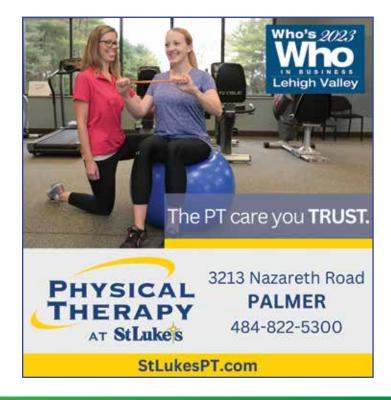
December 9: Tree Lighting Ceremony @CCCC

If interested contact MissJustine@dreambelievedance.com for more information

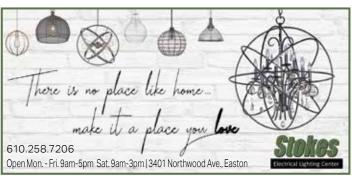
\*\*\* We will also be accepting new competition team members in June.

Please see Miss Justine if interested.











Registration opens May 1. Dream...Believe... Dance of Palmer Township Palmer Township 4100 GreenPond Rd Easton, PA 18045 July 19th and 20th, 2023 9:30 AM to 1:30PM Ages 6-12 \$120.00



Dancers will learn jazz, hip hop, lyrical ballet Register at:

https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/dbd and tumbling for dance.

They will creation opens May 1. their own pop video.



# Princess Dance camp



by DREAM ... BELIEVE ... DANCE!!!

Our princesses in training will enjoy 2 days of all things Fairy Tale and Princess. The camp includes a princess themed craft each day as well as dance, tumble, and creative movement. Dancers will learn a routine that will be performed for our visiting princess. Our princesses are encouraged to bring their favorite princess outfit on Thursday to meet the princess and take photos with her.





Our Princess by The professional singing princess https://www.professionalsingingprincess.com/

July 12th and 13th, 2023

9:30 AM to 1:00PM

2-day camp \$110

Princess Ariel
will meet our
princesses July
13th at noon, to
give them their
final princess
lesson and take
photos with them
and their families.

Registration opens. May 1st.

Register at:

https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/dbd

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https://www.facebook.com/ MissJustinesDanceClasses



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## To register, go to the following website: www.amazingathletes.com/lehighvalley

Click on classes and then scroll down to find your Charles Chrin day and time!







- Tumble Time is held weekly at Charles Chrin Community Center every Monday and Thursday.
   Time slots are 9:30am to 10:15am and 10:30am to 11:15am. NO SHOES on the mats.
- Cost is \$10.00 cash, paid at the front desk each week, or you can pay \$90.00 for a 10 visit
  punch card! Unstructured class where kids can roam free and explore, play and meet friends!
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- Sports equipment for parents and children to play with at their own leisure (soccer balls/nets, footballs and basketballs)
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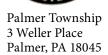




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