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PALMER POOL PASSES

Palmer Pool season passes are available
at the Charles Chrin Community Center,
Opening weekend Saturday May 23rd,
Sunday May 24th, & Monday May 25th!



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**AUGUST
13TH-16TH
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HOLIDAY MUNICIPAL BUILDING CLOSINGS:

**Memorial Day –
Monday May 25, 2026**

**Juneteenth –
Thursday, June 19, 2026**

**4th of July –
Friday, July 3rd, 2026 - observed**



SENATOR LISA BOSCOLA

Today's Palmer

PA BUDGET TACKLES AFFORDABILITY AND IMPROVING THE PA ECONOMY

One issue that has most Pennsylvanians' attention is the proliferation of proposals to construct data centers not only here in the Lehigh Valley, but across the Commonwealth. And while there are real economic opportunities, these opportunities cannot come at the expense of families and small businesses. That is why I am introducing the Protecting Pennsylvanians' Power Act, a six-bill legislative package to ensure these projects pay their fair share and communities have a voice.

This package provides a balanced, reasonable framework to ensure that data center development does not raise electric bills or overwhelm local communities. It protects ratepayers from cost shifting, directs financial benefits back to the middle-class households in the affected grid-zones, and gives municipalities and the PUC the tools they need to manage reliability, noise, land use, and water impacts.

The Municipal Protections for Data Center Development Act will strengthen local authority over large data center siting. It requires disclosure of projected water use and infrastructure impacts, allows municipalities to consider water capacity and affordability during review, classifies large data centers as industrial uses, authorizes enforceable noise standards including low-frequency sound, and confirms municipal authority to impose setbacks, buffering, visual mitigation, and site-specific conditions.

The other five bills within this package address the need to protect ratepayers by prohibiting utilities from charging residential or small business customers for grid upgrades caused by large data centers and requires PUC approval of all large-load service agreements; creating a per MWh impact fee on large data centers, returned as bill credits to customers within the affected electric distribution grid-zone; giving the PUC explicit authority to delay or phase in service to large new loads when immediate service would threaten reliability or impose unreasonable costs on other customers; requiring large data centers to participate in PUC-approved demand response programs or demonstrate equivalent onsite resources; and ensuring the PUC prevents utilities from passing above-market costs onto ratepayers when purchasing excess generation from co-located data center generators which produce excess electricity that is sold back to the grid.

Together, these proposals form a responsible path forward for data center growth in Pennsylvania. They help attract investment while ensuring that families and local communities are protected from the rising costs and infrastructure impacts associated with these large new loads.

Finally, I was pleased to work towards securing two important state grants being awarded to Palmer: a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant for pedestrian improvements on Van Buren Road and a Local Share Account grant for the Bike Path Rehabilitation Project.

Lisa

Senator Lisa Boscola
18th Senatorial District



Attention History Buffs:

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

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

Interested? Please contact Stefanie Smith at 484-903-3916



PALMER TOWNSHIP - A PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY

A variety of recent videos about the City of Easton portray growth and a desire to live there and its surrounding area. What these videos fail to address are the various environmental issues created by the continued influx to and growth within the region. Some of the adverse considerations are population density resulting in concern about air quality, noise pollution, and a dire need for infrastructure improvement. Some would say that the primary concern raised by this population growth is its impact upon the environment of our neighborhoods, parks, streams and rivers.

We all noted the amount of trash, litter, abandoned household trash and automobile parts exposed by the snow melt. It takes all of us to keep our community environmentally safe and healthy. Similar to a family, not all the chores, wage earnings, and purchases are performed by a single individual. Reliance upon a few volunteers will not keep your roadways, parks, and streams clear of litter. It takes an entire community focused and exhibiting pride to keep your environment healthy. Removing litter starts by NOT littering in the first place. Along Palmer Township's trails Joggers use "energy packs" to maintain their regimen. Walkers use hard candy to boost their energy. Others drop coffee containers, dog waste bags and all sorts of litter (baby diapers, hygiene materials) along the trail. What they fail to do is to take their litter to the next trash receptacle. They all want to maintain their health yet fail to maintain the wellbeing of our environment.

We have become a society of "ME," contra to the wording of our Constitution, "We the people –" Your community asks that you consider our environment before you dispose of any item road/trail side. We are all dependent upon fresh air and water – which at the rate we are going will not remain fresh for long. Litter breaks down into micro-plastics, and a variety of chemicals which when blended create a witch's brew of hazardous materials that are ultimately found in your drinking water and food supply.

When a self-centered individual throws litter onto your lawn, sidewalk, gutter, quickly remove it for litter begets more litter. If you want to learn more about what you can do, or better yet, you, your family, friends, co-workers want to participate in community cleanup events, please go to earthstewardsofpalmer.com to see when and where our next scheduled event will take place or e-mail earthstewardsofpalmer@gmail.com.

If your community minded group would like a presentation by the Earth Stewards, we recently had a video produced by Amywolff.com (Wolff Creative) and henryhungphoto.com and will be pleased to present the video before your organization.

Your community consists of all ages, ethnic, religious groups. Community involvement boils down to, "IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO?"





NOMINATE A PALMER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CHAMPION!



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Help Us Recognize the Everyday Heroes of Palmer Township!

Do you know a neighbor or volunteer who goes above and beyond to make Palmer Township a better place to live?

The Palmer Township Board of Supervisors is looking for nominations for our **Community Champion Award** to honor outstanding individuals each quarter who make a positive impact in our community.

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SUPPORT PALMER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY WEEKEND, BECOME A SPONSOR!

Mark your calendars! The 42nd Annual Palmer Township Community Weekend returns August 13–16, 2026, and we are inviting YOU to be part of what makes this event so special.

Community Weekend is more than just an event; it is a celebration of everything that makes Palmer Township feel like home. For four days, families, friends, and neighbors come together to enjoy great food, live music, rides, and unforgettable moments. And none of it happens without the support of our community.

Whether you are a local business, nonprofit, or individual, your sponsorship truly makes a difference.

Not only do sponsors help make this event possible, but they also help make it better. Each year, your support allows us to expand the experience, add new attractions, and continue building a weekend that everyone can enjoy.

Get Your Message Seen

This year, sponsors will be featured on our vibrant 6.6 x 13 ft LED Video Wall, displayed throughout the event for thousands of attendees to see. Your name, logo, or personalized message will also appear on event signage, schedules, our website, and social media, giving you valuable visibility while supporting your community. We have sponsor options whether you are an individual or a large business.

Ready to Get Involved?

Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up to become a sponsor.



SAVE THE DATE!

**PALMER
COMMUNITY
WEEKEND**

AUGUST 13–16, 2026

Wednesday, Aug: 12th
Movies in the Park

Thursday, Aug: 13th, 6-10 PM

Friday, Aug: 14th, 6-11 PM

Saturday, Aug: 15th, 5-11 PM

Sunday, Aug: 16th, 1-7 PM

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The BIP held its annual "State of the Township" luncheon on January 28, 2026, at the Marblehead Chowder House. Palmer Township Manager, Bob Williams spoke about "State of the Township" providing key updates on Palmer Township's progress, priorities, and outlook for the year ahead.



2026 BIP President - Ken Marino

At the December Board of Directors meeting, Ken Marino was elected President of the Business, Industrial and Professional, Association of Palmer Township for 2026. Ken has been a dedicated member of the BIP Board for many years and has played an integral role in advancing several initiatives, including the organization's annual golf outing.

Ken is a seasoned leader at Orbel Corporation, located in the Palmer Township Industrial Park. As Chairman of the Board and past President, he has helped drive operational excellence, innovation, and long-term strategic growth. His professional expertise spans precision manufacturing across aerospace, defense, and electronics markets.

Ken is also highly engaged in community and industry leadership, having served as:

President, Palmer Kiwanis Club

President, Master Association of Metal Finishers

Board Member, Photo Chemical Milling Institute

Board Member, St. Joseph's College of Maine (Alma Mater)

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Mark your Calendars...

The 2026 BIP Golf Outing is confirmed for Monday, August 31, 2026, at the Southmoore Golf Course, 235 Moorestown Drive, Bath, PA.



SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Shade Tree Commission Plants 20 Native Trees in Keystone Park with TreePennsylvania Bare Root Grant

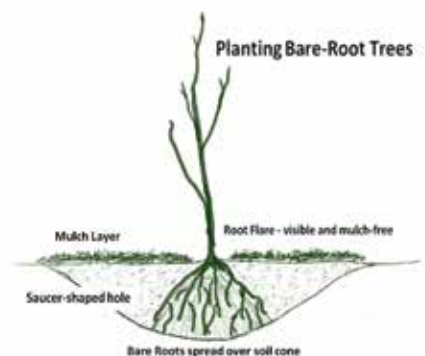


This Spring, TreePennsylvania, a statewide, private non-profit organization dedicated to increasing tree canopy, distributed over 1,000 trees to more than 40 communities through its Spring 2026 Bare Root Tree and Pennsylvania Environmental Justice Forest Grant Programs. We are pleased to announce that Palmer Township was one of the recipients! This marks our 4th award from TreePennsylvania.

This program provides communities with hardy, young trees that are easy to plant and establish, making it possible for municipalities and volunteers to maximize impact with limited budgets. Research consistently shows that tree canopies improve quality of life, lower summer temperatures, encourage outdoor activity, and even reduce energy costs for households. Increasing the tree canopy also supports biodiversity, restores ecosystem balance, and builds climate resilience across the state.

What is a bare root tree? A bare root tree is a deciduous tree that is harvested, sold, and transported without any soil or potting medium surrounding its roots. They are lifted from the ground during their dormant season (typically late fall to early spring) when they have no leaves and are not actively growing. They often look like a simple, dormant, twiggy, or leafless, stick-like plant, making them lightweight and easy to handle.

These native trees were planted in Keystone Park by our Public Works Department. Check them out! For more information about TreePennsylvania, visit www.treepennsylvania.org



Shade Tree Commission Website Resources

Check out our updated resource section on the Palmer Township Website for help in caring for your trees: <https://palmertwp.com/stc-resources.html>

The Shade Tree Commission meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building Meeting Room. We welcome you to attend!

The Hidden Environmental Cost of Throwing Away Clothes

By the Palmer Township Environmental Steering Committee

It's that time of year again, closet purge season. Some of us dread it, others love the feeling of a clean slate. Either way, once it's done, we rarely regret it. But what we don't always consider is the environmental impact of this twice-a-year ritual.

Cleaning out our closets feels refreshing, a fresh start, a lighter space. Yet few of us stop to think about what happens to the clothing we discard.

In the United States, millions of tons of textiles are sent to landfills each year. Clothing and other textiles are now **one of the fastest-growing waste streams in the country**. Synthetic fabrics like polyester, nylon, and acrylic can take decades, even centuries, to break down. As they slowly decompose, they release microplastics into soil and groundwater, contributing to long-term environmental pollution.

Even natural fibers like cotton come with a significant environmental footprint. Cotton production requires large amounts of water, energy, and pesticides. When garments are thrown away, all of those resources are wasted along with them. Before tossing items into the trash, consider alternatives such as **donating, reselling, swapping, or recycling textiles**. Small choices during our seasonal clean-outs can make a meaningful difference for our community and our planet.

The Environmental Impact of Fast Fashion

Over the past two decades, the rapid rise of "fast fashion" has significantly increased how much clothing we buy and how quickly we throw it away. Low prices and constantly changing trends encourage frequent purchases, often at the expense of durability and sustainability.

The environmental consequences are substantial:

- **High Water Usage:** Producing clothing requires enormous amounts of water. It takes approximately 700 gallons of water to make a single cotton shirt and nearly 2,000 gallons to produce one pair of jeans.
- **Chemical Pollution:** Textile dyes and fabric treatments release harmful chemicals into waterways. These processes often result in high Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), which reduces oxygen levels in water and can negatively impact aquatic life, ecosystems, and human health.
- **Carbon Emissions:** From raw material production to global manufacturing and shipping, the fashion industry is responsible for an estimated 8–10% of global carbon emissions — a significant contributor to climate change.
- **Microplastic Pollution:** Synthetic fabrics such as polyester, nylon, and acrylic shed microscopic plastic fibers during washing. These fibers account for roughly 35% of microplastics found in the ocean, posing risks to marine life and entering the food chain.

Fast fashion may offer convenience and affordability, but its environmental footprint is far-reaching, affecting water, air, and ecosystems around the world.

Why It Matters Locally

While clothing may be manufactured overseas, its disposal happens right here at home. When textiles enter our local waste stream in Palmer Township, they contribute to landfill volume and long-term environmental burden. Reducing textile waste helps conserve landfill space, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and support a more sustainable community.

Simple Actions To Take

There are practical steps we can all take:

1. Buy Less, Choose Wisely

Invest in durable, high-quality clothing that lasts longer.

2. Donate Thoughtfully

Clothing in good condition can be donated to local charities and thrift stores. However, only donate items that are clean and wearable.

3. Repair and Repurpose

Simple mending can extend the life of clothing. Old pieces can also be repurposed as cleaning rags or craft materials.

4. Recycle Textiles

Some organizations accept worn or damaged clothing for textile recycling. Look for certified textile recycling bins or programs.

5. Host or Participate in Clothing Swaps

Community swap events are a great way to refresh your wardrobe without increasing waste.

A Community Effort

Sustainability starts with awareness. By making mindful choices about clothing consumption and disposal, Palmer Township residents can reduce waste and protect our environment for future generations.

Small changes, multiplied across our community, can create meaningful impact.





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Palmer Days
August 13th-16th

National Night Out
August 4th 2026

Summer tips to keep you stay safe during the season:

- Stay hydrated, especially during hot days and outdoor events
- Don't forget sunscreen and take breaks in the shade
- Never leave children or pets in a parked car
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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 2nd, 2026 at 9:00am. Park rentals will become available to the general public on February 2nd, 2026 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 Only \$150.00**

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 \$100.00**



- **RIVERVIEW:** Permit for Riverview Park allows the responsible use of alcohol. Rental time 8:00am-10:00pm. **Residents \$150.00 & Non-Residents \$200.00**

- **BIP PAVILION, BRIARCLIFFE, FAIRVIEW, KEYSTONE, & MILL RACE** – Alcohol prohibited. Rental time 8:00am-10:00pm. **Residents \$125.00 & Non-Residents \$200.00**

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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.



Permit Office Assistance Hours Update



Starting April 1st, the Palmer Township Department will have designated hours for in-person assistance.



Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
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**SUMMER READING 2026****Unearth a Story this Summer at EAPL!**

Summer Reading kicks off this June at the Easton Area Public Library with this year's theme, Unearth a Story™, celebrating the joy of discovery and the stories waiting to be found in every book. Readers of all ages are invited to join the fun. Visit the library, read books, and earn prizes. Summer Reading isn't just for kids. Adults are also invited to read (or listen to!) books this summer and enter to win gift certificates from local businesses.

**Don't forget about our special summer events!****Magician Brian Richards**

Monday, June 15

11:00am at the Main Library

1:00pm at the Palmer Branch

NJ Snake Man: Reptiles and Amphibians

Monday, July 20

11:00am at the Main Library

1:00pm at the Palmer Branch

The Summer Reading Program is proudly supported by the Friends of the Library. For more information about Summer Reading and all of our programs, visit eastonpl.org.

Explore these great summer programs and many more!

Adult Coloring for Relaxation

Paint Night

Glow Paint Party

Weekly Storytimes

READY TO CELEBRATE AMERICA 250?

Visit the Marx Room at the Main Library to learn about local history, including county and municipal histories, Easton city directories, church histories and records, cemetery records and obituaries, family genealogies, and more! While you're there, be sure to see the historic Easton flag, permanently housed in the Marx Room. And stay tuned as EAPL and The Marx Room celebrate America 250 across our social media platforms!

Check out a Museum Pass from the Library

Want to visit local museums for free? Use your library card to gain free access to popular attractions across the Lehigh Valley and beyond. These Museum Passes are available to all EAPL cardholders.

Visit our website for more information about Museum Passes and other items we have that go beyond books!

Sign up for a library card!

This card provides access to both the Main Library located downtown and to the Palmer Branch. We have books, DVDs, magazines, ebooks, 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!

Upcoming Library Closures

Saturday, May 23 and Monday, May 25
(Memorial Day)

Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20
(Juneteenth)

Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4
(Independence Day)

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Lifetime fee: \$36.80



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Locate your county

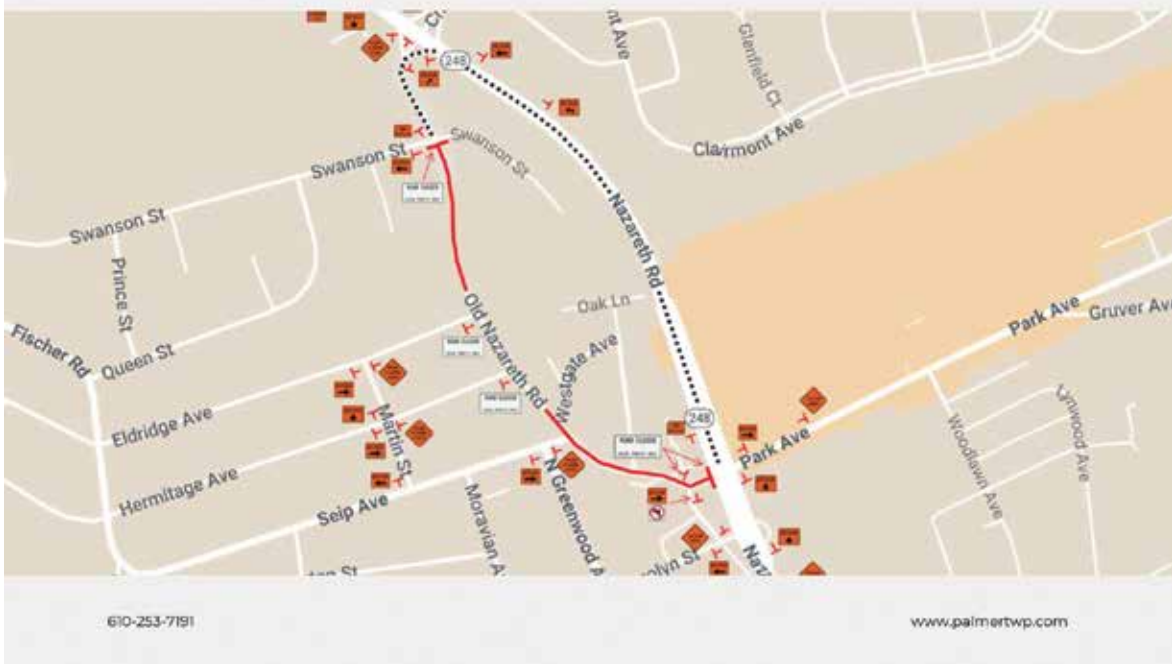
Cost of 2026 dog licenses
Annual licenses: \$10.80
Lifetime licenses: \$52.80
Senior citizens or residents with disabilities:
Annual fee: \$8.80
Lifetime fee: \$36.80

Fine range for no dog license
\$100-\$500 per dog



The Old Nazareth Road Drainage Improvements Project will be kicking off in April of 2026, with UGI beginning their work first. When UGI is finished with their work (roughly four weeks), Doli Construction will be on site for roughly 8 months completing the drainage improvements project. Please note that **ALL BUSINESSES** in the area will remain open throughout construction. If you travel this area, please make note of the accompanying detour plan to use while construction is ongoing. Please use the below guide as a simple reference for travel in the project area -

- Coming south on Route 248: Traffic is detoured south on 248 around the area.
- Coming east on Swanson St.: Traffic is detoured north on Old Nazareth to Route 248 south.
- Coming east from Eldridge Ave., Hermitage Ave., and Seip Ave.: Traffic is detoured down Greenwood Ave. to Carolyn St. then north on Old Nazareth Rd. to the traffic light at Route 248.



E-BIKES

The Palmer Township Board of Supervisors has approved some new E-Bike regulations in Palmer Township as of 4/15/2026.

1. E-Bikes are PROHIBITED on the grounds of The Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township and Palmer Athletic Complex adjacent to the Center. All E-Bikes are also prohibited on the path connecting and surrounding the facilities.
2. Class 1 PEDAL-ASSIST E-Bikes ONLY are allowed on the Palmer Bike Path. All other E-Bikes are PROHIBITED.

Thank you for supporting efforts to keep these spaces safe for all residents.



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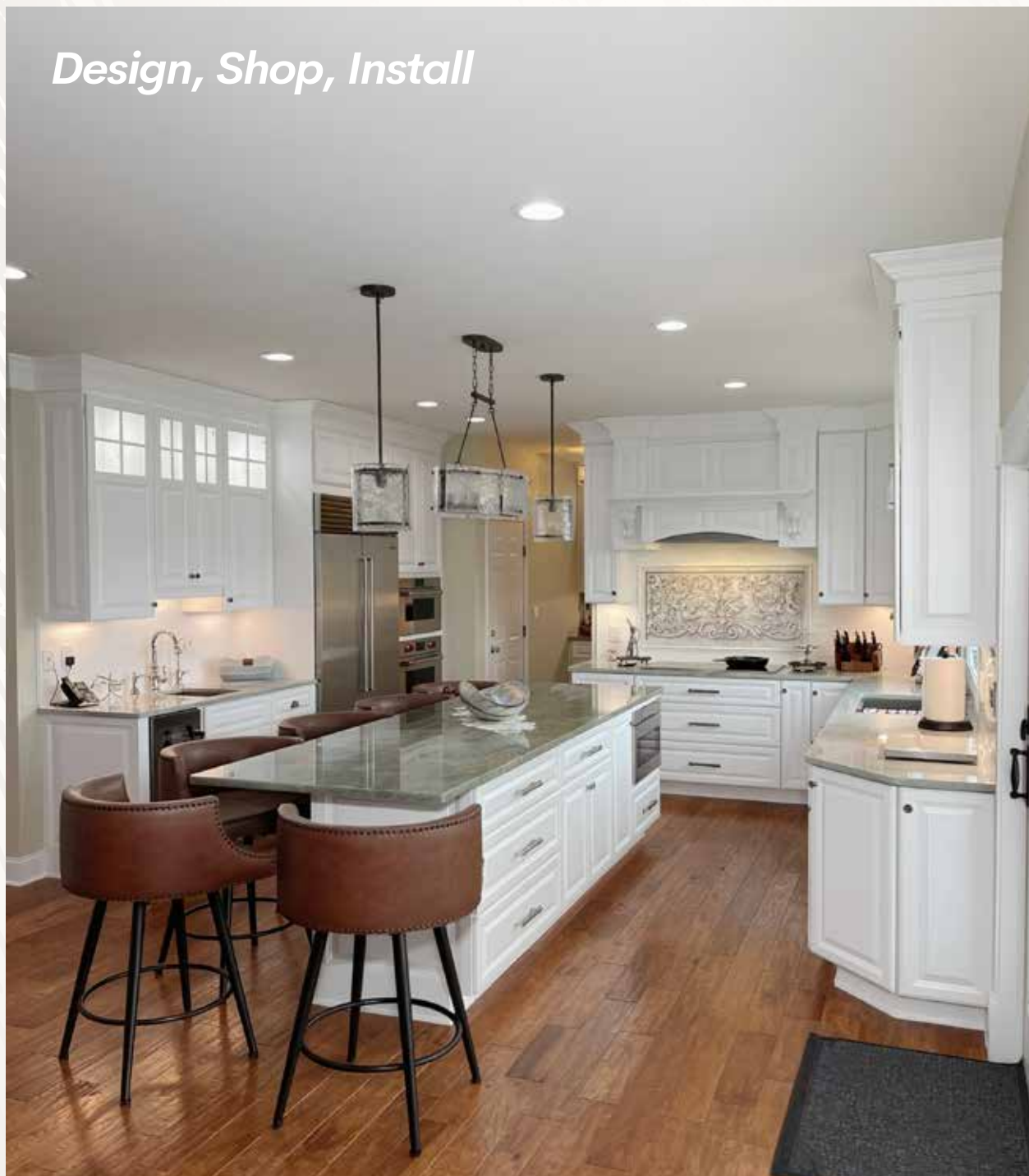
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PALMER TOWNSHIP EXPECTED TO GROW BY 2050

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, in partnership with the Workforce Board Lehigh Valley, recently released the **Lehigh Valley Employment & Population Projections** for our region. This document is a federally-required forecast that provides critical data for our municipalities, providing elected officials and planners guidance for updating transportation plans, infrastructure investments, and land-use strategies, all grounded in anticipated regional growth patterns.

By 2050, the Lehigh Valley is projected to increase its population by 18.6%, rising from 688,409 in 2022 to 816,287, with Lehigh County growing faster than Northampton County (21.7% versus 14.7%).

Employment across the Valley is projected to expand by approximately 24.9%, from 324,248 to 404,976 jobs, with Northampton County experiencing a slightly higher growth rate (25.5%) than Lehigh County (24.6%). This reflects Northampton's ability to expand across a broader range of industries and capitalize on fast-growing sectors, while Lehigh's growth remains concentrated in larger industries such as manufacturing, healthcare, logistics, wholesale trades and construction.

Demographically, the Valley will see growth across all age groups. The working-age population (25–64) is projected to increase from 350,469 to 426,320 (i.e., 21.6%), supporting the region's labor force and economic capacity. School-age populations (5–19) are projected to rise by 19.5%, while the 0–4 age group will grow by 13.2%, highlighting the continued need for K–12 and early childhood services.

The population aged 65 and older will increase by 12.4%, emphasizing demand for senior services, healthcare, and age-friendly infrastructure. In terms of racial and ethnic composition, minority populations are projected to grow substantially, with Hispanic, Black, and Asian populations collectively comprising over 43% of the region by 2050, up from 22% in 2010.

Locally, Palmer Township is projected to reach **29,428 residents by 2050**, an increase of 8,016 residents — a 37.44% rise from 2010. That makes Palmer the 3rd fastest growing community in the Lehigh Valley. Even more striking, **employment in Palmer is expected to grow to 12,607 workers**, an increase of 5,467 jobs — a remarkable 77% growth, making it the 6th largest employment area in the region.

The next 25 years will define how our community manages this growth. The Township will soon be preparing an update to its 2018 Comprehensive Plan. This vital plan sets forth a community-driven vision on how we can meet these needs, working on a regional level with our surrounding communities such as Forks and Easton. The Township will need the input of residents, employees, and every stakeholder involved in our community to collective plan for how we will manage this projected increase in population and jobs.

Short-term, Palmer Township is working on investing in its infrastructure to meet these needs. We have recently received state funding to upgrade several intersections, including Tatamy Road and Newlins Mill Road, as well as William Penn Highway and Greenwood Avenue, helping to relieve traffic and increase pedestrian/biking/transit access. Improvements are planned for the Palmer Bikeway to install safer crossings and expand our bike path system to make it easier to commute throughout Palmer. Guided by the recently adopted **Bushkill Creek Greenway Master Plan** and **Active Transportation Plan**, the Township is looking to improve accessibility and amenities at many of our most popular parks and trails.

Planning for growth and change is never an easy task, but Palmer is up to the task. Stay tuned for more announcements in the coming year on how you can participate on upcoming planning initiatives and make your voice heard.

To view the full document, please visit lvpc.org/dataLV



BEAUTIFICATION

May 2026 will be the one-year anniversary of the flower garden across the street from the Palmer Post Office. One of the exciting aspects of the garden is the number of bike path walkers who brought water and added them to the many plants. Multiple times I brought sixteen gallons of water in my car. Since the end of the 2025 growing season several hundred daffodil bulbs were planted on the hillside and in the open area next to the hibiscus and canna plants and along the street garden. The cannas are tropical, so they were dug up and are spending the winter in my basement. There were 5-gallon buckets of cannas tubers collected, only need about one gallon bucket to replace them at the garden in May. Call me for the extras in May for your garden. A big thank you to the man who planted the gladiolus bulbs. Unfortunately, none of them grew. At my house they did not grow either. Several varieties of milk weed, and cleomes will be added this season.

David Carr, Chairperson of the Palmer Township Beautification Project, a volunteer organization. 610-704-5868, d.carr@rcn.com

Looking Ahead

Be on the lookout!

Attention Palmer residents!

Beginning in May of 2026, Republic Services will be the new trash & recycling hauler for the Township. Not to worry, nothing on your end is changing except for the color of the vehicles collecting your waste!

Please stay tuned to the Township website, social media, and your mail for further information about special collection dates and general info about Republic Services.

How much money has Palmer received for its recycling efforts?

To date, Palmer Township has received a total of \$3,934,934 in grant money from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. This money is used to purchase equipment like trash and recycling totes, leaf collection machinery, and it is also used to fund the continued development of the new recycling center! A huge thank you to all the residents and businesses who continue to support and take part in Palmer's recycling program!



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Palmer Township Trash and Recycling Guide



Pictured above: Photo of a fleet of trash & recycling trucks for Republic Services.

Is your trash/recycling toter damaged?

Call the Municipal Building at (610) 253-7191 to report the damage and we will have a Public Works crew come out to your property to fix/replace the toter.

Our crews have processed over 1,600 work orders since March of 2024, so please be patient when awaiting your repair or replacement!

2026 Important Dates

Bulk Item Collection - Weeks of May 18, September 14, and November 16

Metal and Appliance Collection - Week of September 21

Yard Waste Collection - Weeks of June 8 and November 9

Leaf Collection - Eight weeks during the fall

Christmas Tree Collection - First three full weeks of January.

2026 Holiday Collection Delays - New Years Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day

Recycling Drop-Off Locations

Open to Palmer Township Residents & Businesses only

Hartley Avenue Recycling Center
3650 Hartley Avenue, Palmer, PA 18045

Hours of Operation:

Year round

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8am-4pm

Saturday, Sunday - 10am-4pm

Accepts paper, cardboard, plastic bottle & containers, glass, cans, scrap metals, and yard waste (no more than 3 small bundles, no larger than 3'x3' and not exceeding 40 lbs.) per visit.

Berks Street Yard Waste Facility
Berks Street, Palmer, PA 18045

Hours of Operation:

Dec., Jan., & Feb. - 1st Sunday of the month - 10am-4pm

March - Every Sunday - 10am-4pm

April-November - Wednesday - 8am-4pm

Saturday, Sunday - 10am-4pm

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

Questions or concerns? Reach out to the Municipal Building at (610) 253-7191 to have your question addressed

Charles Chrin Community Center News



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COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSINGS:

Memorial Day – Monday May 25, 2026

4th of July – Friday, July 3rd, 2026 - observed

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS:



Seniors Pinochle with a Twist: Join us Tuesdays 12:30 - 4:00 pm to play double-deck pinochle for fun with a few of our own special rules. No worries, the basics are all there, and we'll teach you the "twists." We prefer playing 4-handed but divide the group as needed, so sometimes you might be playing 3-, 5-, or 6-handed. Don't worry if it's been a while or if you only played one way; we will teach you. Come share in the fun and laughter; it's a great way to spend an afternoon! Questions? Email chrinpinochle@gmail.com.

Mah Jongg: Are you looking for a friendly game of American Mah Jongg? We play just for fun on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. Please bring your own game if you have one, but not necessarily needed. Join our Facebook group "Easton Pa One Bam Bird" for notifications of any schedule changes. Any questions, text El at 908-884-7066.

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 June, July and August*) 10:00am-1:00pm

Penn Rose Quilt Club: Meets 1st Wednesday of Each Month, 10:00am, (*No meetings January or February*)

Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, May 22nd - 12:00pm – 7:00pm

Red Cross Blood Drive: June 12th - 12:00pm – 7:00pm

Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, August 14th - 12:00pm – 7:00pm

Dollhouse Miniatures Show & Sale: Sunday, August 23rd – 10:00am-4:00pm – For more information go to www.lehighvalleyminiatures.com



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Fitness Class Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	The Works 9:15-10:00am August	Yoga 9:30-10:20am Becky	The Works 9:15-10:00am August	Yoga 9:30-10:20am Becky		
	Zumba 10:30-11:20am August	Zumba Toning 10:30-11:20am August	Zumba 10:30-11:20am August	Bootcamp 10:30-11:20am August	Zumba 10:30-11:20am August	
Silver Fitness Classes! ➡ <i>See full schedule for more details.</i>	Zumba Gold 1:00-1:45pm August <i>Silver Class</i>	Silver Core Stretch 1:00-1:45pm August <i>Silver Class</i>	Zumba Gold Toning 1:00-1:45pm August <i>Silver Class</i>	Silver Bootcamp 1:00-1:45pm August <i>Silver Class</i>	Silver Yoga 1:00-1:45pm Becky <i>Silver Class</i>	
	Zumba 7:00-7:50pm Lisa		Zumba 6:00-6:50pm Lisa			
						

FIT PASS: \$50.00/month

FP includes unlimited classes & use of the fitness center

FIT CARD: 10 Classes/\$70.00

Fit Card does not expire

SILVER PASS: \$30.00/month

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

WALK-INS: \$7.00/class

SILVER WALK-INS: \$5.00/class

•NO REGISTRATION FEES

•NO YEARLY CONTRACT

•MONTH-TO-MONTH PAYMENT

We also accept Silver Sneakers, Silver & Fit, Active & Fit, Renew & Fit, Healthways, Health Plan Partners with qualifying insurance. Contact your insurance provider to see if you are eligible.



*Watch for upcoming special events throughout the year!

"Like" us on Facebook to stay connected with our up to date information

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	Zumba Gold 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

Our Silver Pass is \$30/month

(includes access to the Fitness Center and all Silver Fitness Classes only)

Drop-in Fee is \$5/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

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. Silver Bootcamp 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.

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Birthday Parties

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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.

PARTY HOURS

All dates & Times vary based upon availability.

PRICING

Basic-up to 20 Children..... \$300.00/Resident
\$350.00/Non-Resident
Each additional child \$5.00
Additional Pizza \$15.00 each
Weekday birthday party \$275.00 (Monday-Friday—
Daytime parties based upon availability)



EMBROIDERY CLASSES

This session is available for both
Beginner and Intermediate learners

**AT THE CHARLES CHRIN COMMUNITY CENTER
OF PALMER TOWNSHIP**

DATES: JUNE 9TH - JULY 7TH
DAY: TUESDAY

BEGINNER: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

INTERMEDIATE: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

CLASSES: 5

TOTAL COST: \$35.00

ALL MATERIALS FOR THE EMBROIDERY CLASSES WILL BE PROVIDED

This class will discuss and guide you in the selection of appropriate fabric to be used in your project, as well as your selection of needles, thread and hooping. Transfer techniques will also be discussed and experimented with. The stem stitch, back stitch, out-line stitch, chain stitch, cross stitch and French knot will be taught and practiced.

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AT THE CHARLES CHRIN COMMUNITY CENTER OF PALMER TOWNSHIP

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February 23rd At
camppalmer.campbrainregistration.com

CAMP HOURS: 9AM - 4PM Monday through Friday
Before Care: 7AM - 9AM
After Care: 4PM - 6PM

Camp Palmer is open
to students entering
1st through 6th grade
in Fall 2026.

For more information on Camp Palmer,
please go to palmercommunitycenter.org
CHARLES CHRIN COMMUNITY CENTER
OF PALMER TOWNSHIP
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Community Yard Sale & Vendor Fair
At The Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township
October 10th, 2026
9:00AM – 2:00PM



Community Yard Sale

- Sellers will be set up in the CCCC parking lot.
- Each seller will receive **two** parking spaces.
- **Cost: \$10.00** per space

If you are interested in participating, please email palmercommunitycenter@rcn.com by **July 1st**

Craft & Vendor Fair

Crafters and vendors will be located **inside the building**.
Please bring your own table:
3 ft x 6 ft space (with 2 chairs): \$40.00
10 ft x 10 ft space (with 2 chairs): \$50.00
Tables are available to rent for **\$5.00** (limited quantity – first come, first served)
If you are interested in participating, please email: palmercommunitycenter@rcn.com by **July 1st**



Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township
4100 Green Pond Road, Easton, PA 18045

5th Annual PALMER TOWNSHIP TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL



The Charles Chrin Community Center will host an evening of thrills and adventure for the children of Palmer Township ages 8 and under!

Spooktacular invite to businesses, organizations and community members!

If you or your business/organization are interested in hosting a booth and providing some treats for the children of Palmer Township, please contact us **before September 5th** at palmercommunitycenter@rcn.com or **610-252-2098**

Date: Saturday, October 24th, 2026
Time: 4:30 – 6:30 PM

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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!

At Amazing Athletes, we empower children by using sports as a catalyst to engage their inner strengths and abilities so they can confidently pursue an active lifestyle through each stage of development.



Make Waves This Summer!

UNDER THE SEA DANCE CAMP

Ages 4-9

Dive into a magical ocean adventure filled with mermaids, sharks, pirates & island fun!

- ★ Dance & beginner tumbling
- 🐚 Storytelling & imaginative play
- 🌀 Ocean-themed crafts
- 🎭 End-of-week mini performance

\$200 per dancer

July 20, 22 & 24
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Charles Chrin Community Center News

ABOUT

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Join us, where the rhythm of passion meets the stage of possibility. Dream big, believe in yourself, and let your dance soar at Dream...Believe...Dance of Palmer Township!



Tuition Rates

Per 7 week session

30 min - \$101.50

45min - \$115.50

60 min - \$129.50

75 min - \$143.50

90 min - \$178.50

Unlimited - \$233.00

Private class rates available upon request



Registration opens May 1st



DREAM BELIEVE DANCE

of Palmer Township

Charles Chrin Community Center
4100 Green Pond Rd, Easton PA 18045

missjustine@dreambelievedance.com

TUESDAY

Fairytale Pre-Ballet

5:15 - 5:45pm

ages 2.5 - 5

Preschool Ballet, Tap and Tumble

5:50-6:35 pm

Level 1 -ages 4-7

BeginnerAcro-Tumbling

6:45-7:30 pm

ages 5-12

Intermediate Acro-Tumbling

7:30 - 8:15

Prerequisite of backbend and front
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THURSDAY

Ballet Lyrical - Jazz/Musical Theatre

5:15-6:00 pm

Level 1 -ages 6-10

Junior Competition Team

Choreography -6:00-6:45

Ballet Lyrical - Jazz/Musical Theatre

6:45-7:45pm

Level 2 -ages 10-16 **with some
experience**

Teen Competition Team

Choreography - 7:45- 8:30pm

Summer

June 15 - July 31

FOR MORE INFORMATION



Under the Sea Dance Camp



Ages 4-9

Dive into a magical ocean adventure filled
with mermaids, sharks, pirates, and island
fun inspired by The Little Mermaid and

Moana!

Dance & beginner tumbling
Storytelling & imaginative play
Ocean-themed crafts

End-of-week mini performance

July 20, 22 & 24

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

\$200 per dancer

Camp is drop-off only. Dancers must be
comfortable separating for the full 3 hours.
Families are invited to the final performance.



<https://www.palmercommunitycenter.org/dance>

Charles Chrin Community Center News



Learn to Play...
or Improve
your Current
Game



Summer Pickleball Lessons are Available at Mill Race Park

BEGINNER CLASSES: **SATURDAY MORNINGS –** **9:30-11:00AM**

*(includes: First 45-minute Instruction &
Second 45-minute Instructional Game Play)*

SUMMER SESSION 1
May 2nd – May 23rd

SUMMER SESSION 2:
June 6th – June 27th

SUMMER SESSION 3:
July 11th – August 1st

SUMMER SESSION 4:
August 8th – September 5th **(No 8/29)**

SUMMER SESSION 5:
September 12th – October 3rd

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES: **SATURDAY MORNINGS –** **8:00-9:30AM**

SUMMER SESSION 1
May 2nd – May 23rd

SUMMER SESSION 2:
June 6th – June 27th

SUMMER SESSION 3:
July 11th – August 1st

SUMMER SESSION 4:
August 8th – September 5th **(No 8/29)**

SUMMER SESSION 5:
September 12th – October 3rd

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.

\$100 (per 4 week session)

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2026 PALMER POOL

**The pool opens Memorial Day Weekend,
May 23rd, 24th, & 25th, 2026!**

- **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 email or in person at the community center. (Replacement key tags are \$10.00, 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, Friday-Sunday 11:00-7:00 (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 Residents: \$275.00

Non-Residents: \$475.00

Individual Membership

- * Must be 16 or older

Palmer Resident: \$150.00

Non-Resident: \$250.00

Senior (62+): Palmer Resident – \$20.00

Processing Fee - Must sign up at the Charles Chrin Community Center

Non-Resident: \$200.00

Children 2 & under are FREE

Adults are 18 and older

20% Military Discount

(Retired/Active) – Must Show ID

DAILY ADMISSION PRICES

Adult

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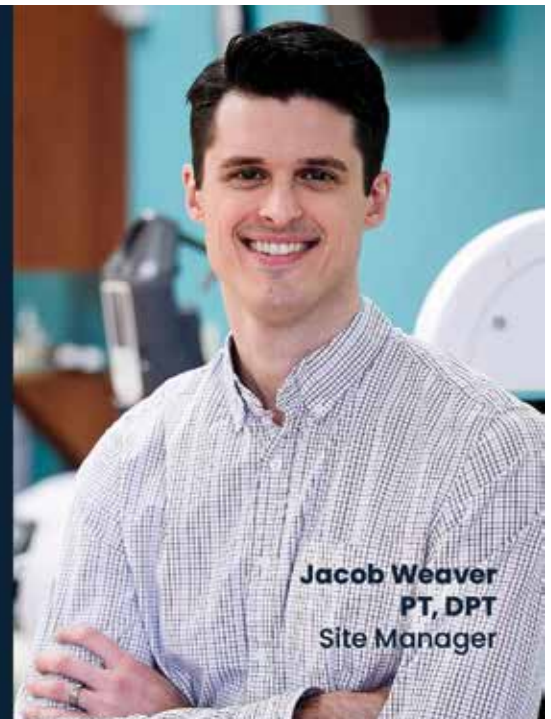
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