

Whitemarsh

Living

Winter 2008

ANNUAL REPORT

2007 Township Year in Review — a look back, a look ahead

SINGLE-STREAM

RecycleBank now in effect in Whitemarsh

NEW PROGRAMS

Parks & Recreation has something for everyone

LOCAL FOCAL

A COMMUNITY MIND

McNeil aids in reducing rush-hour traffic

TASTE of the TOWNSHIP

Caspian Grille has the recipe for you

GIVING BACK

Meet the latest of your neighbors to join our Boards and Committees



PROGRESSIVE MOVES

Rep. Mike Gerber gets funding for Broad Axe intersection

Community Art Center Holds Annual Craft Market

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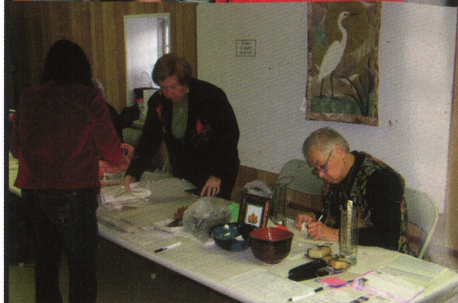
A Hidden Gem in the Community

In the fall of 1964 the Whitemarsh Community Art Center began a series of Saturday morning classes for young people. Over the years, interest in classes grew and class offerings expanded. The Art Center moved to the farmhouse in Cedar Grove Park in 1969 and continues to offer a multitude of classes for adults and children with varying interests.

Whitemarsh Community Art Center

WhitemarshArts.org
(610) 825-0917

PHOTOS THESE PAGES: The annual Craft Market featured great local art, crafts and artisan foods, and drew hundreds of visitors before the holidays who came to shop and partake in one of Whitemarsh Township's many important cultural events.



Come **Discover the Arts** at The Whitemarsh Community Art Center. Visit WhitemarshArts.org for up-to-date information on classes, workshops and special events, or call (610) 825-0917.

Adult Programs

Adult studio classes include ceramics (handbuilding and/or throwing), oil painting, jewelry and watercolor. In addition, workshops are available in related arts. This spring they include: art bookmaking, printmaking, polaroid image and emulsion transfer and Raku.

Youth & Teen Programs

Children's classes are offered for Parents + 3 year olds through grade 5. Two ten week sessions are offered each year exploring multimedia (clay, painting, drawing and printmaking). During January and May, popular four week "Clay Adventures" classes allow students to focus on three dimensional form and color.

The Art Center has specialized programs for teens. The "Creating in Clay" and "Drawing and Painting" classes offer maturing young artists the opportunity to express themselves.

WCAC provides approximately 20 art scholarships for students in the Colonial School District.

Art Camp

During the summer, the Art Center offers four weeks of Art Camp (students can choose from one or all four weeks) for children in grades K through 5. This program allows students to explore a variety of art mediums including clay, painting, drawing and printmaking. New this year, is a one week camp, for grades 5-7. The focus is "Fun with Paper."

Outreach Programs

WCAC offers outreach programs which, over the years, have included Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Montgomery County, the Colonial School District, Girl/Boy Scouts troops and local churches and synagogues.

Other special programs include enriching bus trips to art galleries, craft shows, and museums.

"First Friday"

"First Friday," now in its second year, offers free art experiences to senior citizens in the community.

Craft Market

The Craft Market began in the early 1970s and is held annually in early December in the Cedar Grove Barn. It is a juried craft show of local artist's work. Over 60 crafters exhibit and sell their work. Works include textiles, glass works, pottery and wood plus artisan baked goods. Photos on this and the previous page are from the 2007 Market held in November.

Art in the Park

This event, held the first week in May, showcases our students and faculty artwork produced during the year. The public is welcome to visit the Art Center which is transformed into a gallery and works are on display for the viewing pleasure of the students and the community. Along with the exhibition, families are encouraged to take part in hands-on art activities, eat lunch on our lawn while listening to live music.

New Oil Painting Instructor

Local artist Maura Matthews has joined the Whitemarsh Art Center as the new oil painting instructor. A Bethesda, MD native, Maura Matthews received a 1993 Maryland Artists Equity Award and in 2003 participated in a juried Artists Equity Exhibition at the Walters Art Museum.

As a college senior, she received the 1997 John Paul Reardon Award for excellence in studio art from the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.

Maura spent her junior year abroad at Oxford University and after college moved to Japan to teach English through the Japan Exchange and Teaching program.

Photographs taken during her travels are the subject matter for her paintings.

Maura moved to Philadelphia in 2000 to be nearer her boyfriend, Steve, whom she married in 2001. After their honeymoon in Indonesia, the couple settled in the Fairmount neighborhood, where Maura rode her bike to work at Penn's School of Design. In 2005 the couple moved to Wyndmoor. When not chasing her toddler daughter and pursuing painting, Maura's freelance business, MCM Communications, keeps her busy.

Oil painting classes are offered on **Wednesdays** from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Whitemarsh Community Art Center, in the farmhouse at Cedar Grove Park. Call (610) 825-0917 for more information.

Welcome to *Whitemarsh Living*

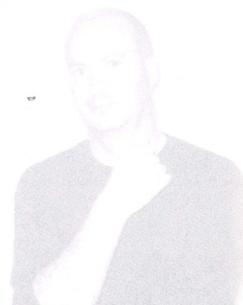
To keep you up to date on the latest news and information about your community and the local government of Whitemarsh Township, we introduce Whitemarsh Living — a magazine that residents will receive at home three times a year—free of charge.

Whitemarsh is a great place to live and work, and it's also the center of progressive innovation and continuous improvement. Whitemarsh is a Township At Your Service—preserving open space, rebuilding infrastructure, protecting against crime, collecting your trash and recyclables, plowing snow, turning leaves into mulch, aiding the elderly with programs that include free smoke detector installation and the File of Life, offering recreational programs for every age group at our many park facilities, putting out fires and training local facility staff members to operate fire extinguishers, filling potholes, facilitating Being Green initiatives from litter prevention and clean-up to free fluorescent light bulb give-aways, managing and monitoring the budget, guiding and inspecting construction, working with neighboring government entities, planning for the future, and so much more.

Above all, Whitemarsh Living offers you a standing invitation to be a part of your community, to participate in all that Whitemarsh has to offer. We'll bring you stories about local business, recipes from area restaurants, and the news and features that will keep you informed.

Bob Borzotta, Editor

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Whitemarsh Living

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Justice McCaffery swears-in new BOS members

At the January 7 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors, the three newly-elected members were sworn in to office and a new chair and vice-chair were elected.

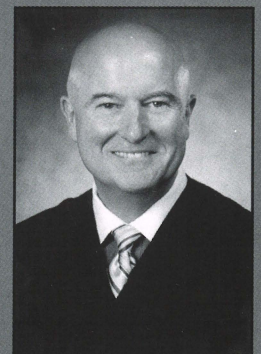
Leslie Richards was elected Chair, and Sara Erlbaum Vice-Chair of the Board. Each was sworn in, along with David Brooke, in a Lafayette Hill ceremony overseen by Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Seamus McCaffery (right). Incumbent Board members are Jean McLenigan and Kelly Wall. Richards became a Board member in December to fill a vacancy.

Along with other appointments, Township Manager Christopher R. van de Velde was re-appointed, and the Board appointed Sean Kilkenny, Esq. Solicitor.

The Board announced its new meeting schedule for 2008; it will generally meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m. Visit WhitemarshTwp.org for the most current meeting schedules, and minutes from past meetings.

The Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors (left-to-right):

Jean McLenigan, Kelly Wall, Chair Leslie Richards, David Brooke and Vice-Chair Sara Erlbaum.



McNeil Consumer Healthcare calms traffic *and tempers*

Innovation at an area office complex meets the Being Green initiatives of Whitmarsh Township, and helps keep the traffic moving at rush hour. That's a win-win.

McNeil Consumer Healthcare's Fort Washington campus employs 1,300 people, which means about that many cars are in an out of Camp Hill Road and using the surrounding roadways several times each day.

Since most roads in the area offer two lanes — one in each direction — vehicular traffic could easily snarl during the morning and evening rushes, so McNeil developed a plan to ease volumes.

Stagger the hours. The staff at McNeil (a division of Johnson & Johnson, and sponsor of numerous Whitmarsh Township programs) begins and ends the work day at varied times, so that not everyone is showing up at once and leaving at once. By staggering the staff's coming and going times in three shifts, the volume of vehicles in the area is reduced, at given times during the typical rush hours, by more than half.

Aside from shaving off commuting time for the staff and area residents, this move is great for the environment. Traffic jams result in idling engines that pollute the area much more than moving engines. Today's suburban traffic jam is the quintessence of a vicious cycle — a small jam becomes a major jam in virtually no time during the morning and evening commutes.

McNeil is known for giving to Whitmarsh, and now it's known for taking something away.



McNeil's Fort Washington campus

Modernization & BEAUTIFICATION



State Rep. Mike Gerber delivered \$20,000 in state grants to Whitmarsh and Whitpain Township officials in January and announced the completion of a joint traffic and planning study to enhance the intersection of Skippack and Butler pikes, locally known as Broad Axe. The intersection, which is shared by Whitpain and Whitmarsh townships, is infamous for its problematic traffic congestion and nonexistent pedestrian access.

"The Broad Axe intersection is one of several projects that I took on soon after being elected, I am very pleased it is progressing," Gerber said. "It's been my pleasure to secure the money needed to get the ball rolling for our first inter-municipal project between these two municipalities."

Gerber presented two \$5,000 grants to township officials that helped fund the joint traffic study and another \$10,000 to Whitmarsh Township for future improvements to the southeast corner of the intersection.

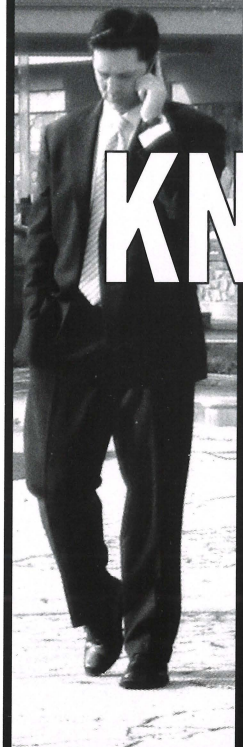
The traffic and planning study was presented to local officials in late 2007, presenting strategies to revitalize the area around the intersection. Gerber said the project has three principal priorities: improve traffic flow, beautify the intersection and provide safe pedestrian walkways.

Gerber also secured \$500,000 in the state budget for future development projects at the intersection, and \$750,000 more for open space preservation to be used just west of the intersection.

With the study completed, Gerber said the next step is figuring out the costs of improvements outlined by the study and how to finance them. Frustrated with the slow progress of the private development at the intersection, Gerber said he is committed to continuing to push for state funds to see the project through but is hopeful the funding already secured will motivate private developers to get moving more quickly with their projects.

Board of Supervisors members Jean McLenigan, Kelly Wall, and Chair Leslie Richards accept funding secured by State Rep. Mike Gerber to improve the Broad Axe intersection where Whitmarsh Township meets Whitpain Township.

Did you? KNOW!



State Rep. Mike Gerber works to obtain hundreds of thousands of dollars each year for necessary improvements throughout his district, including Whitmarsh Township.

2007

Looking Back, Looking Ahead

This issue of *Whitemarsh Living* replaces the 2007 Annual Report, in order to keep you informed more frequently of what's happening in Whitemarsh Township.

Board of Supervisors Chair Leslie Richards pitches in at the December litter clean-up event, "Max's Mission."



Whitemarsh Township ANNUAL REPORT

In 2008, Whitemarsh Township will continue its commitment to serving the Whitemarsh community.

We can look forward to seeing many improvement projects developed by our former Board of Supervisors and staff. In January, we started our new single stream recycling program with incentive rewards. In the spring, we will have new bathroom facilities and a snack bar at Miles Park. In the fall, we will begin to see streetscape improvements along Germantown Pike.

Exciting projects now in development include the expansion plans of the William Jeanes Library, the set up of a cable television programming station, and the creation of a site plan to make Leeland Park a true neighborhood park.

We encourage you to actively engage in our community. Attend Township Day. March in our 4th of July parade. Register for one of our many Parks and Recreation programs. Enroll in the Citizens' Police Academy. Come to a Board of Supervisors meeting and let us hear your ideas and concerns.

We hope you continue to take advantage of all that Whitemarsh Township has to offer. Join us in building on our accomplishments and moving the township forward in 2008.

Leslie Richards, Chair
WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



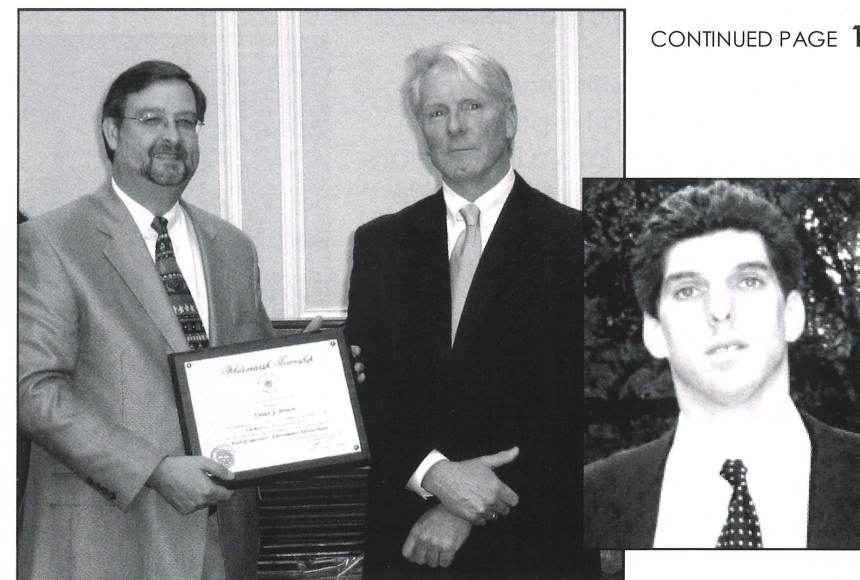
Three leaders look back on their terms

The terms of Chairman Joseph P. Corcoran, III, and Board of Supervisors members Steve Brown and Jon Weiss ended as 2007 drew to a close, with each offering heart-felt remarks after serving in a rewarding albeit difficult role.

"I very much appreciate having the opportunity to serve the citizens of Whitemarsh Township," said Steve Brown. "It has been a privilege and honor. I am proud of many things that have been accomplished over the past 4 years. It has been both a difficult and beneficial period of change and advancement for Whitemarsh. I am thankful for encouragement shown to me by those who have watched closely - members of the public, volunteers on various committees, and employees of the Township. Whitemarsh is fortunate to have competent and honest professionals on staff. They have earned and deserve trust and support. Finally, I am very grateful to my family for giving up so much of my time."

Jon Weiss discussed the issues the Board faced during his tenure, which he anticipates will continue to remain priorities: open space preservation, controlled growth, and infrastructure investment. Other issues included riverside development, revitalization of Germantown Pike, and expanded park and library services. He also emphasized the need to provide transparency and accessibility for residents, quality service, and cost containment within a township that continues to grow and improve. "Whitemarsh is and will remain a vibrant community," he said, "and I want to thank all of you who gave me your confidence and support over the years."

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Messrs. Brown and Corcoran presented each other with recognition awards at their final meeting as BOS members; Mr. Weiss and his family moved out of the Township, so he stepped down a few weeks before the end of his term.

Whitemarsh Living

Joseph P. Corcoran, III
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
2005 - 2007
(Supervisor since 2004)



2007 Mileposts

DEVELOPMENTS THAT MARK 2007 PROGRESS IN WHITEMARSH

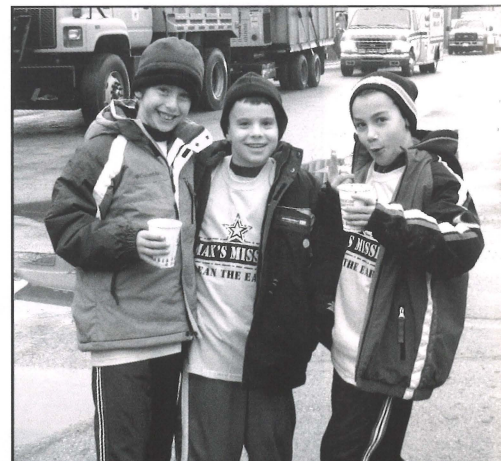
Jerry "The Innovator" Breitmayer is Whitemarsh Township's Director of Public Works — the department that handles, among other things, leaf collection.

In past years, residents put their fallen leaves in piles at curbside for scheduled pick-ups a couple times during the autumn season. Jerry devised a method for weekly collection of leaves on every street throughout Whitemarsh in 2006, including the addition of more equipment being put into use on the roadways in 2007. It took some adjustment, as most people in the area were used to a rather structured schedule for leaf pick-up. But the new method meant people didn't have to wait for scheduled pick-ups — each weekend's worth of leaves was picked up before the chore could resume the following weekend.

Meanwhile, Community Services Coordinator Mike Zeock — the person you call with questions, concerns and complaints — brought Whitemarsh Township's elderly population a life-saving program called the File of Life. Simply put, it's free, and gives first responders advance information when on the way to an emergency call. Seniors supply vital information on a simple form that hangs within the home and is provided to local medics and police officers.

Mike also worked with grade-schooler Max Kesselman and his parents to build Max's Mission into a litter clean-up event — part of the Keep Whitemarsh Beautiful campaign. Max had approached Mike about spending his birthday with his friends in the effort, and Mike set it up with co-sponsor McNeil Consumer Products in Fort Washington.

Improving life throughout Whitemarsh Township requires collaborative efforts, an inventive spirit, and the dedication of the staff and residents. Call Mike with your ideas at his direct line — (484) 533-2214.



(L-R): Max Kesselman and his friends Evan Berman and Matthew Kodish enjoy hot cocoa after a job well done.

The 2008 Budget

Revenue and Income

FUND BALANCE	\$ 5,820,000	20.6%
R.E. TAX	\$ 2,986,686	10.6%
EARNED INCOME TAX	\$ 4,000,000	14.2%
OPEN SPACE EIT	\$ 1,000,000	3.5%
R.E. TRANSFER TAX	\$ 400,000	1.4%
BUSINESS TAXES	\$ 2,301,000	8.1%
PERMITS & LICENSES FEES	\$ 256,500	0.9%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 437,200	1.5%
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 200,000	0.7%
RENT INCOME	\$ 292,000	1.0%
STATE REVENUES	\$ 553,500	2.0%
REFUSE FEES, LIGHT & HYDRANT FEES	\$ 1,950,400	6.9%
PA. LIQUID FUELS TAX ALLOCATION	\$ 750,000	2.7%
PARKS & RECREATION USER FEES	\$ 887,858	3.1%
SEWER SERVICES USER FEES	\$ 2,418,893	8.6%
BORROWINGS & OTHER FUNDING SOURCES	\$ 4,002,500	14.2%
Total	\$ 28,256,537	100.0%

Expenditure

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE	2,125,343	7.52%
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	935,962	3.31%
POLICE PROTECTION	4,019,117	14.22%
FIRE PROTECTION	808,094	2.86%
REFUSE & RECYCLING	1,739,388	6.16%
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	2,205,073	7.80%
LIBRARY	375,143	1.33%
PUBLIC RELATIONS & INFORMATION	157,500	0.56%
DEBT SERVICE	130,000	0.46%
INSURANCE	2,791,544	9.88%
OTHER FINANCING USES	322,222	1.14%
SEWER SERVICES	2,418,893	8.56%
PARKS & RECREATION	887,858	3.14%
LIGHT & HYDRANT	490,400	1.74%
CAPITAL PROJECTS	6,873,000	24.32%
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION	1,977,000	7.00%
Total	28,256,537	100.00%

A new, better way to collect fall leaves.

A potentially life-saving program gives first responders critical information when they arrive on the scene. Call (610) 825-3535 for more information.





Andrea Wellman

Sponsorship and Grant Coordinator

2008 Sponsorships are still available for your company or organization to be a part of the Whitemarsh community!

If you have any questions about the upcoming events or sponsorship opportunities, please contact me at (610) 828-7276, ext. 105 or via email at awellman@whitemarshwp.org.

Whitemarsh Township Day April 26, 2008

Silver Sponsor \$5,000

This sponsorship is a mid-range sponsorship level and is limited to three organizations. The sponsor's name will appear:

- In all promotional publications (flyers, newspapers, brochures, posters and at Township Day)
- Announced during the event
- Company name placement to be determined
- Township newsletter and website

Bronze Sponsor \$2,000

This sponsorship is designed for those organizations that are unable to spend large amounts of money on events but still want to take part. The Bronze Sponsorship is designated to only five sponsors. The sponsor's name will also appear in the following:

- In all promotional publications (flyers, newspapers, brochures and posters)
- Announced during the event
- Company name placement to be determined

Movies in the Park

Golden Globe Sponsorship \$500

This sponsorship is available to five sponsors. This will be considered a mid-range sponsorship. Your name will appear:

- Company name listed on the screen before the movie
- In all promotional publications (flyers, newspapers, brochures and posters)
- Announced before the movie
- Your company's name on our Thank you page in our brochure

Summer Concerts in the Park

Entertainer Sponsor \$300

The Concerts in the Park Series has been offered for nine years now and has grown over the years. The genres of music range from Jazz, Celtic, Blues, Pops and many more with audiences averaging 500 to 2,000 people for each performance. You may choose which concert you wish to sponsor. This program has been a summer favorite for years. This sponsorship is available to five sponsors. The organization's name will appear:

- Your choice of the entertainer to sponsor
- In all promotional publications (flyers, newspapers, brochures and posters)
- Announced at the concert chosen for sponsorship

Golden Breath American Tai Chi is a meditation in motion to help eliminate stress, restore health and release emotion, and it's among the senior programs offered by the Whitemarsh Township Parks & Recreation Department.

Join teacher Rochelle Shakti as she leads you in the "Dance of Life" and shares her spiritual journey. This class will include stretching, Tai Chi, and Chi Gong. Wear sneakers and loose comfortable clothing!

For registration information, call Suzanne Guirate at (610) 828-7276, ext. 106.



Parks & Recreation brings
NEW PROGRAMS TO FOREFRONT

Ages 2-3

Mini Spring-Fling — Usher in Spring with art-sand crafts, games, snacks and lots of fun for young pre-schoolers. Prime-Time volunteers will be on hand to help the little party-goers.

Ages 3-6

Ooey-Gooey Messy Camp lets little ones get down and dirty with nature, as they make a big mess at the Cedar Grove Park and Barn.

Ages 4-5

Curiosity Club is a hands-on class for older pre-schoolers to participate in experiments, crafts, and projects with a science or nature related theme.

Ages 5-10

Shake It Up! This chemistry program, presented by Mad Science, takes common household items and mixes them up. What will happen? Kids will test acids and bases, and make their own soda, plus much more.

Ages 5-12

U.S. Sports Institute Basketball Camp lets kids develop their skills in a relaxed and fun environment, improving techniques through challenges and drills, teaching dribbling, passing, shooting and movement.

Ages 8-14

Madcap Theater Camp — Attention all able-bodied Rovers and Incorrigibles! If you have a hankerin' for a bit of piratical know-how, this theater camp is for you. Kids will play games, write and perform their own plays, and design their sets and create their props.

Ages 9-12

Patriot Baseball Academy — Join coaches from Colonial School District for an exhilarating week of baseball designed to improve hitting, running and fielding skills.

Ages 9-13

Softball Camp — Join coach Steph Aurello for a fun week of softball for players at all levels to improve their skills in throwing, fielding and hitting.

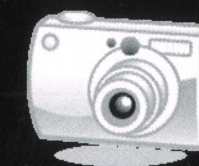
Ages 18+

Adult Swimming Lessons — Learn to swim or refine your strokes. It's a great form of exercise.

Greenhouse — This free program for adults is extremely popular and books up fast. Love gardening? This six-week course is for you!



Visit WhitemarshParks.org
or call (610) 828-7276 for
more information on
dates, times, pricing
and registration.



Take Your Best Shot!

Whitemarsh Township Parks & Recreation Department will be holding its first ever amateur photo contest capturing seasonal play in the parks or Township facilities and/or enjoyment during a recreation program.

Take your best shot and submit for fun and awards. The deadline is April 1, 2008. The winner's will be announced at Township Day, April 26, 2008. For an entry form or more information, call Cindy Queen at (610) 828-7276, ext. 102.

Tai-Chi for Seniors
(age 50+)



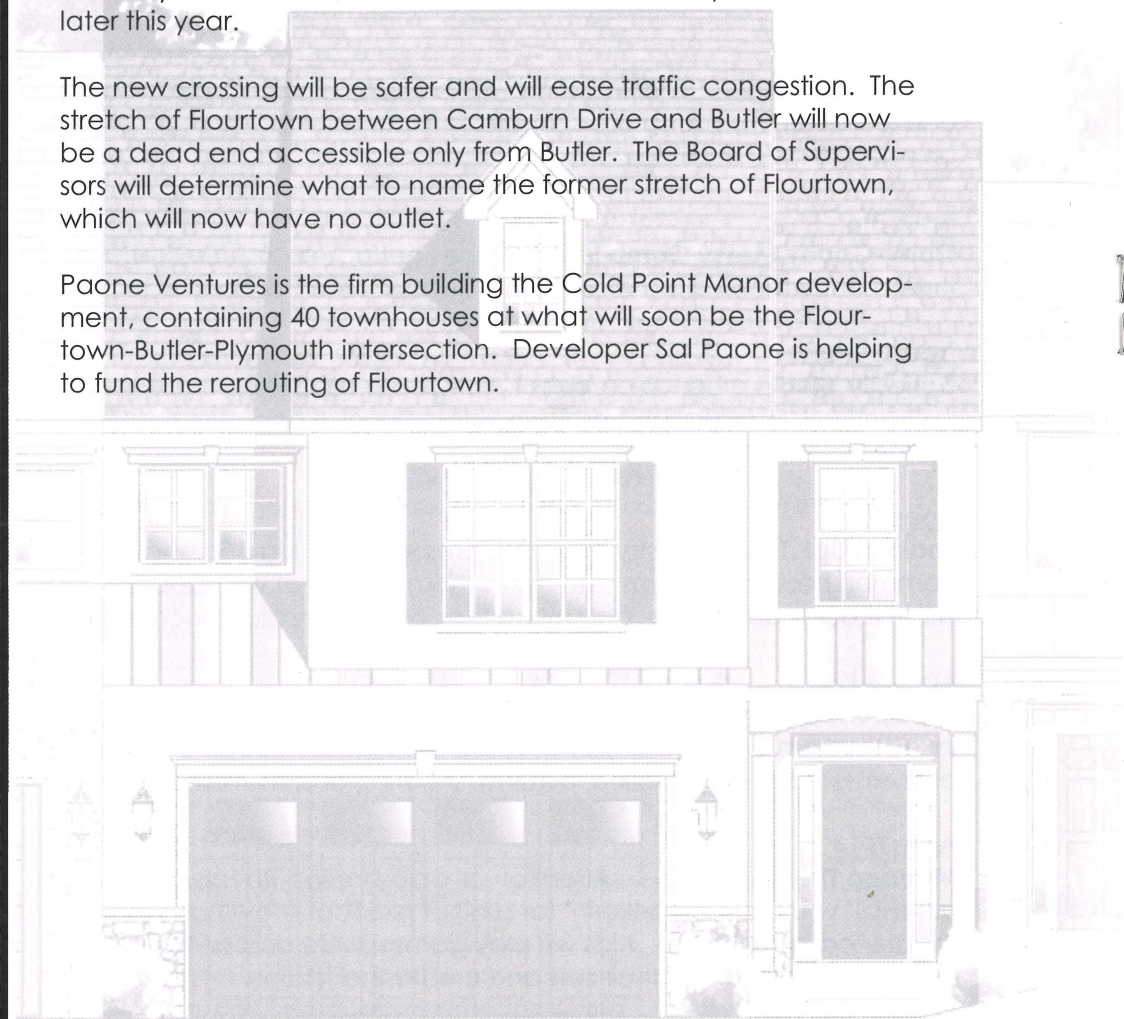
Thursday mornings never
felt so relaxing yet
invigorating.

40 townhouses and a new intersection

A new housing development called Cold Point Manor in Whitemarsh Township is near the site where Flourtown Road used to meet Butler Pike at a "T," but Flourtown Road is being rerouted to meet Plymouth Road, at a new Butler Pike four-way intersection later this year.

The new crossing will be safer and will ease traffic congestion. The stretch of Flourtown between Camburn Drive and Butler will now be a dead end accessible only from Butler. The Board of Supervisors will determine what to name the former stretch of Flourtown, which will now have no outlet.

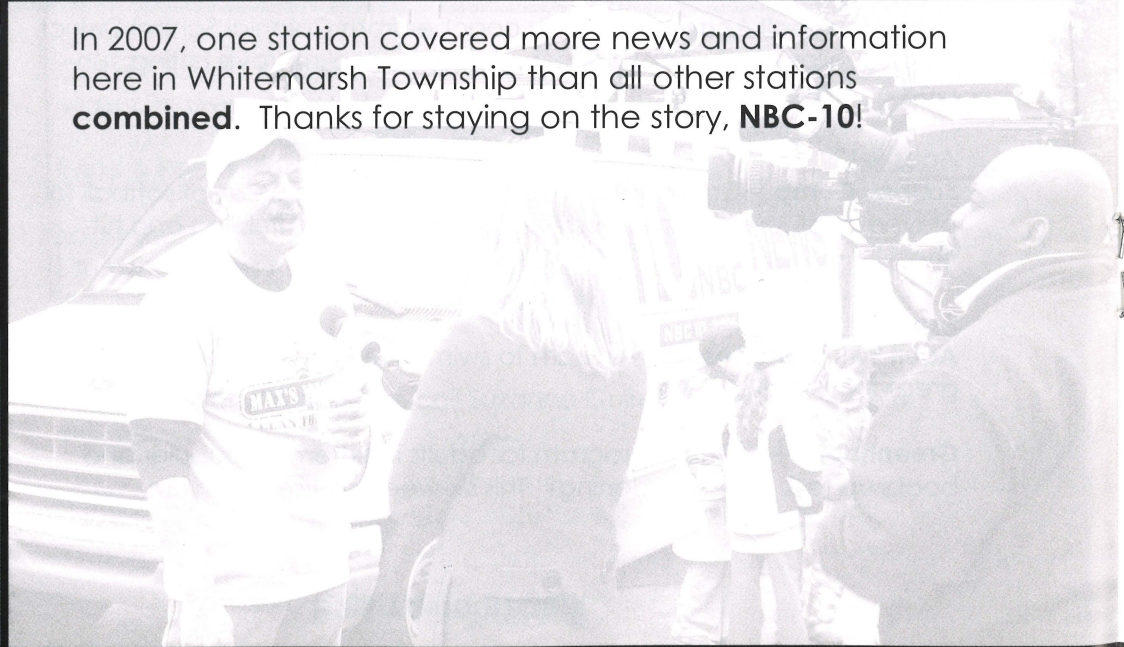
Paone Ventures is the firm building the Cold Point Manor development, containing 40 townhouses at what will soon be the Flourtown-Butler-Plymouth intersection. Developer Sal Paone is helping to fund the rerouting of Flourtown.



Calvin Bonenberger (above), Fire Marshal and Director of Building and Codes for Whitemarsh Township, inspects the site where the new, safer intersection is being built.

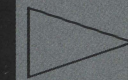


In 2007, one station covered more news and information here in Whitemarsh Township than all other stations combined. Thanks for staying on the story, **NBC-10!**



jeaneslibrary.org

Turning the Page Toward The Future



By Sydelle Zove
Vice-President

William Jeanes Memorial Library Board

Two years ago, the William Jeanes Memorial Library Board of Directors took its first step toward reinventing the Jeanes Library by conducting a Community Needs Assessment. That analysis confirmed that the building is undersized, that the collection needs to grow, and that patrons are eager to find a broader array of services. In the spring of 2007, the Board hired CICADA Architecture/Planning, Inc. to quantify the space and collection needs, assess current building conditions, and produce a conceptual plan for achieving the added square footage. Over the course of five months, township residents demonstrated their interest in this project by filling the Library's Community Room for a series of planning meetings and design charrettes. Early in January, CICADA delivered its recommendations and conceptual drawings.

Based on comments from patrons, Board members, staff, and Friends of the Library, the CICADA team defined design parameters to accomplish the following:

- Expansion from 11,000 to 25,000 square feet
- Additional on-site parking in a surface lot
- Interior space designed for flexibility of use
- A Young Adult Collection located away from the Children's Collection
- "Social" spaces that include a café, with tables and chairs
- Preservation of key landscape features
- Retention and major renovation of the existing building, with the additional square footage achieved through the construction of attached space

With these broad guidelines in place, CICADA developed a conceptual drawing that places the building addition parallel to Joshua Road, flips the parking from the north to the south side of the site, and integrates the thoughtfully designed but under-used rear "yard."

In April 2008, the Jeanes Library will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding. From a borrowed space at a private residence at Germantown and Butler Pikes, to a small stone structure on the grounds of Plymouth Monthly Meeting of Friends, to its current home on Joshua Road, the Library has consistently welcomed patrons and sought to keep services and collections current. During the early months of 2008, the Board of Directors will be reviewing the conceptual plan, assessing costs, determining fundraising capacity, and finalizing expansion plans.

This is an especially exciting period in the life of the Library, and the Board is doing its best to make informed decisions. It invites members of the public to attend its meetings, held monthly on the second Wednesday. Visit jeaneslibrary.org for updates on the planning process, to check the Calendar of Events, and to learn more about how you can access library services from your home.



The Library Board of Directors – standing at the rear (L-R) Stan Finegold – Secretary, Donald Mattson – President, Adele Boyd, David Contosta; seated (L-R) Nancy O'Brien, Sydelle Zove – Vice President

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Allyson Schwartz
U.S. Representative

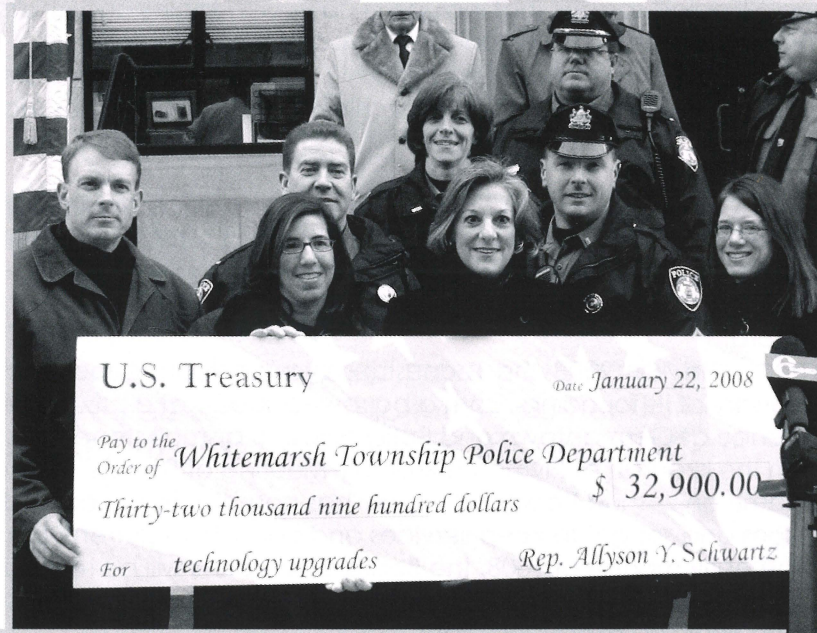
Rep. Schwartz delivers \$33k FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT TECHNOLOGY

U.S. Representative Allyson Y. Schwartz presented a \$32,900 check to Whitemarsh Township in January as part of a federal technology appropriation that will put video cameras, specialized equipment and software in police patrol vehicles.

In-car cameras increase officer safety and provide evidence in traffic violation and DUI cases, while helping to ensure proper police procedures are followed. The video is then used in future officer training programs.

Police Chief Eileen Behr says the systems, including server software, antennas and wireless cards, will be installed in seven marked patrol cars and one unmarked car used for daily patrol, traffic enforcement and surveillance. "I am personally grateful to Rep. Schwartz and her staff for securing this appropriation, and her assistance in preparing the application in 2007," she said. "Sgt. Greg Keenan and Sgt. Fran Wheatley were instrumental in the application preparation."

Schwartz secured funding for Montgomery County law enforcement agencies in the omnibus spending bill that was signed into law by President Bush in December.



L-R: (top) Lt. Chris Ward, Chief Eileen Behr and Lt. Mike Beaty of the Whitemarsh Twp. Police Department; (bottom) David Brooke and Chair Leslie Richards of the Board of Supervisors (BOS), Rep. Schwartz, PD Sgt. Greg Keenan, and BOS Vice-Chair Sara Erlbaum.

Introducing Whitemarsh Wellness Wednesday!

Beginning May 14, monthly workshops focused on enhancing the township's health through education will be offered FREE of charge.

Township officials and local community experts have joined forces to bring to you Whitemarsh Wellness Wednesday, sponsored by the members of the Whitemarsh Business Association. You'll get the latest and greatest advice on how to keep you and your family as healthy as possible. Topics will be timely — we will keep you informed of our progress through Whitemarsh Living, the Recreator, and WhitemarshTwp.org.

**Whitemarsh Wellness Wednesday
MAY 14 - 7 p.m.**

Fit Food ... Fit Body

How to use nutrition and exercise to be your better self.

Whitemarsh Township Building
616 Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA



Guest Columnist
Dr. Kim Woudsma
Chiropractor—Wellness Advisor
WBA MEMBER

Join us for our **Fourth Annual 5K Run/Walk** event. All participants must pre-register with a registration fee of \$10.00. In order to run/walk that day, participants must raise a minimum of \$100.00. Check-in the day of the race starts at 8 a.m. All registrants must be checked in by 8:45 a.m. Donations will be taken online, and prior to the race. Your contribution will be distributed between a local charity and a **NEW sensory playground for Miles Park**. The sensory playground is an **ADA accessible play structure** for children to enjoy and learn from.

First Annual
5K
Run/Walk
MAY 17

For Registration Form, contact
Cindy Queen

Whitemarsh Township Parks & Recreation,
(610) 828-7276 x102
cqueen@whitemarshTwp.org

service awards

Whitemarsh Township employees and volunteers were recognized at the final 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting for their years of service.

STAFF

Barbara Beaty	More than 20
Lieutenant T. Michael Beaty	More than 20
Calvin Bonenberger, Sr.	More than 15
Marcy Brownstein	More than 20
Timothy Christman	More than 30
Detective Sergeant James J. Cotter	More than 20
Corporal Stephen P. Dolan	More than 15
Geraldine Donohue	More than 20
John J. Fields	More than 15
William Gauger	More than 20
Charles Gehringer	More than 15
George Kobi, Jr.	More than 30
Edward Mscisz	More than 30
Thomas Mullin	More than 15
Joseph Onufer	More than 15
Patrick Sarro, Sr.	More than 30
Sergeant Charles H. Swan	More than 15
Robert Sztubinski	More than 20
Lieutenant Christopher P. Ward	More than 15
Chief Eileen Whalon-Behr	More than 30
Michael Whalon	More than 20
Sergeant Francis X. Wheatley	More than 20
Sandra V. White	More than 15

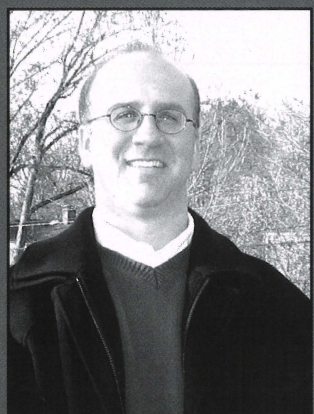
VOLUNTEERS

Robert A. Bacine PENSION COMMITTEE PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING HEARING BOARD	25 or more
James F. Behr PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING HEARING BOARD	5 or more
Steven S. Brown BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD	5 or more
Celine Childs SHADE TREE COMMISSION	5 or more
Joseph P. Corcoran III BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING COMMISSION	5 or more
Helen Desher TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PLANNING COMMISSION	10 or more
James P. Dodrill, Jr HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD	5 or more
Christopher Gubeno PLANNING COMMISSION OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	5 or more
William E. Kramer ZONING HEARING BOARD VACANCY BOARD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING COMMISSION	10 or more
John Loughridge HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD	25 or more
William F. O'Donnell PLANNING COMMISSION	10 or more
Kenneth A. Parsons PLANNING COMMISSION	17 or more
Deborah Shreero ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD	5 or more
Jonathan D. Weiss BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD	5 or more

Congratulations to the honorees,
from the
Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors!



Joanne Crawford



Jonathan Picker



Brian Rosenthal

Three join Parks & Recreation Board

The Whitemarsh Township Parks & Recreation Board welcomes three area residents, who joined the Board during 2007.

Joanne Crawford is Technology Coordinator/Computer Teacher at Epiphany of our Lord School in Plymouth Meeting, and joined the Board in December. She has lived in Whitemarsh Township with her husband and daughter (currently a student at Ursinus College in Collegeville) for 16 years. Joanne is presently serving as Coordinator for the Youth Respect Life group at her school, and as a member of the Adult Respect Life group. She is a member of the Plymouth Purple Princesses and the Ursinus College Parent Association. Previously, she had served with St. Matthew's Catholic Home and School Association in Conshohocken, Epiphany of Our Lord Home and School Association and Dance (as coordinator), and the Archbishop John Carroll Home and School Association/Auction for Education Committee/Dance Coordinator. She has also served on the West Conshohocken Borough Council and West Conshohocken Recreation Board, and volunteered for the Whitemarsh Township Recreation Department when it was just starting out; she later was part of the Master Plan Committee for Parks & Recreation.

Jonathan Picker is a Licensed Social Worker, and serves as Senior Care Manager with Aetna Behavioral Health in King of Prussia. He joined the Board in November and has lived in Whitemarsh Township for 10 years with his wife and two sons. He is Vice President of the Men's Club at Beth Tikvah - B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue in Erdenheim. His interest in Parks and Recreation stems from living in the community, and spending a great deal of time at Miles and Cedar Grove parks. He and his family play baseball and use the playground, and Jonathan coached one of his son's baseball team in the instructional league last year. "I am very thankful for the opportunity to be on the Board and I'm looking forward to working with the residents of Whitemarsh Township," he said.

Brian Rosenthal is an attorney with the Center City law firm of Saltz, Mongeluzzi, Barrett & Bendesky, P.C. and also practices in Montgomery County. Before joining the firm as Counsel, he was senior partner at the firm of Rosenthal & Weisberg, P.C., and had served as a Homicide Prosecutor in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. He is an Adjunct Professor at Peirce College where he teaches history and legal courses. He has lived in Whitemarsh Township since last year, and has long been involved in community and government affairs. He is a member of Congregation Or Ami and is married to Amy Jo Rosenthal, with whom he shares six children. He is a former elected member of the Lower Merion Township Board of Commissioners, where he also chaired the Recreation Committee, where he is credited with revitalizing the program, as well as the Police Committee. He founded Lower Merion Little League, which he served as President for nine years. Lower Merion Little League later created the Brian D. Rosenthal Award, presented annually to Outstanding Community Volunteers, to honor Brian's tireless civic efforts and dedication to being the consummate "good neighbor."

Corcoran, Brown, Weiss depart

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All three ran on a platform of open government and changing the way business is conducted in Whitemarsh Township. They sought greater open space preservation, and the adoption of master plans.

"As a guy who grew up here, it has been a distinct privilege to serve for the past three years as chairman of the Whitemarsh Board of Supervisors," said Joe Corcoran. "We came into office talking about dreams rather than complaints, and we pledged to work for an even better Whitemarsh. As we leave, resident services are mostly improved and the public infrastructure better maintained. Our police, staff and non-uniformed employees are more fairly compensated. Our protection services - police, fire and ambulance - have begun to receive the support they need and the recognition they deserve. Whitemarsh renewed its investment in our park system, and we began creating the network of sidewalks and trails that will make walking and bike riding safe again.

"I believe we fulfilled our commitment to deliver an open and responsive government, to respect individuals and their opinions, and to serve all the citizens of Whitemarsh.

"To the future, we hand off fiscal strength, lower property taxes, and a 'rainy day' fund. We leave better laws for dealing with growth, as well as the plans and, in many cases, the funding to successfully address our major issues of traffic, open space preservation, flood management, and commercial redevelopment. If future Boards follow through on these plans, I feel confident Whitemarsh will remain a great place to live and work.

"Any success we enjoyed was made possible by the work and cooperation of many, including my fellow Supervisors, Township Staff, Solicitor, and volunteers. Above all, I wish to thank the citizens of Whitemarsh for your trust, your votes, and your support."



"It has been both a difficult and beneficial period of change and advancement for Whitemarsh."

Steve Brown
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2004-2007

Joe Corcoran (center) presides over his final Board of Supervisors meeting, December 20, 2007, surrounded by (L-R) Steve Brown, Leslie Richards, Kelly Wall and Jean McLenigan.

BEING GREEN...

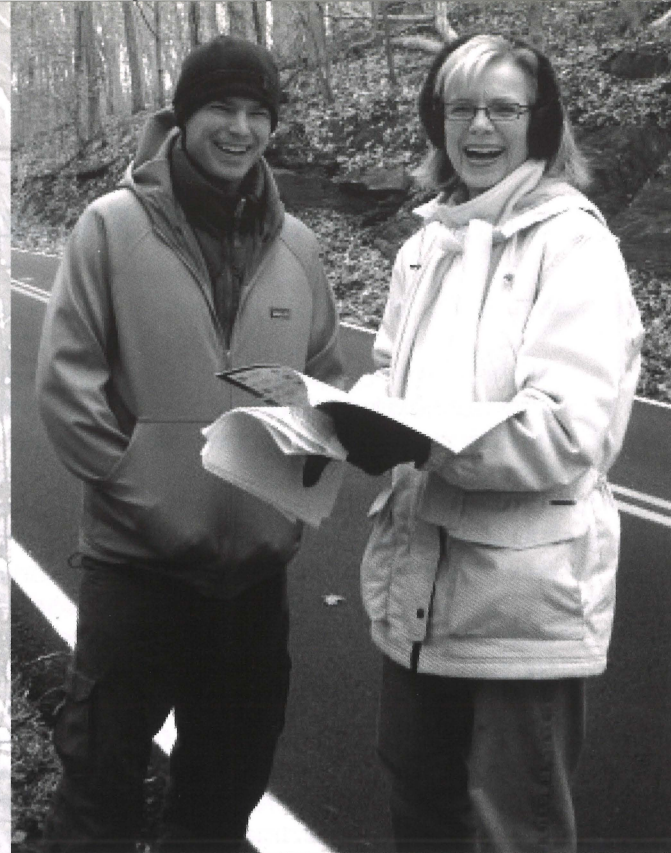
Township-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Network Plan moves forward



Visit WhitemarshTwp.org to read the feasibility study and map graphics for the Township-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Network, which includes side-paths, sidewalks, trails, bike lanes and other appropriate facilities to restore the ease and safety of walking and bicycling in Whitemarsh Township.

ABOVE: Residents, staff, study consultants and outgoing Board Chairman Joe Corcoran (foreground) came together in October to review and discuss the plan during its development.

See the Plans NOW on WhitemarshTwp.org



Whitemarsh Living

As part of the continuing efforts in Whitemarsh Township to preserve and restore open space, the Township, in conjunction with the Lafayette Hill company Native Return, LLC, secured a grant for \$29,500 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to improve the Manor Creek streamside habitat. More than 1,000 trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants were planted along the riparian zone of Manor Creek near Manor Road between Ridge Pike and Hagy's Mill Road as part of the Tree Vitalize program.

Christina Binder, president of Native Return, noted that, "My goal with this project, as it is with all my projects, is to teach people the importance of maintaining balance in our landscapes by removing invasive plants and replacing them with native plant communities. When you do this you set the stage for the return of the wildlife such as wood thrush, pileated woodpecker, meadow larks and others dependent on the woodlands, shrublands and grasslands we have lost."

Ms. Binder served as on-site Project Manager, specifying the plant material and coordinating its placement and protection. She incorporated methods to construct habitat supportive of wildlife, such as leaving dead trees to serve as snags (which provide habitat for many species), creating brush piles and choosing native seed-grown berry and shelter producing plants to encourage breeding. She also specified that the plant material be individually fenced in, to allow for the pass through of the local deer population, as opposed to excluding them from the area.

Native Return works with corporations, public entities and individuals to create and manage native plant and animal habitat. For more information, contact Native Return at 610-834-7848 or e-mail Ms. Binder directly at christina@nativereturn.com.

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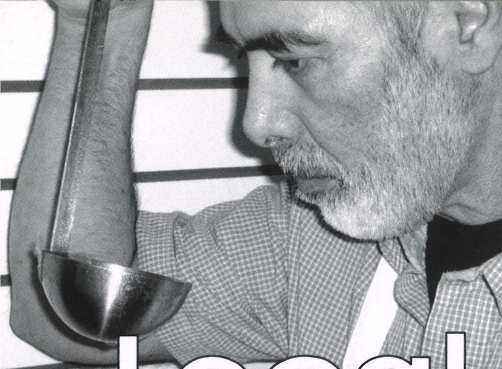
\$29,500 grant for Whitemarsh Township helps restore the Manor Creek streamside habitat

FEATURE AND PHOTOS

By Kelly Brown
for Native Return

Christina Binder, president of Native Return, LLC, inspects recently planted trees along Manor Creek in Whitemarsh.





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Mediterranean, Middle-Eastern and Mexican Fare

539 Germantown Pike
(in the Shopper's World shopping center)

Dine-in, take-out, catering

No liquor license

Major cards accepted

(610) 834-7660

Ali Rashidian may be the busiest chef-owner in Whitmarsh Township, shopping for the finest ingredients, preparing restaurant-quality foods all day, taking catering orders, and serving his customers at Caspian Grille with good humor and good information.

He is hell bent on turnips being excellent sources of calcium, lacking the fat that potatoes offer, and why he uses turnips in his vegetable soup — with its tomato base and cabbage prevalence.

Turnips? Don't knock 'em — Turnips are making a big comeback in modern American cuisine. Combined with the sweetness of carrots and tomatoes and the strength of cabbage, turnips provide the mass that makes soup more of a meal.

But soup is merely an appetizer for most of us, and Caspian Grille offers dozens more—from the freshest guacamole and black bean dip to home-roasted peppers and Greek imported olives. Ali brings the East here to the West with hummus, spanokopita, Indian samosas, Persian spinach and yogurt, and Armenian pizza.

On to the main course. Caspian Grille's well-lit cases offer stuffed lamb, mousaka, barbecued chicken, meatloaf, and a big favorite — Chicken Phyllo. Delicate French pastry dough wraps around chicken breast and a savory sauce to turn fast-food take-out into an elegant meal you'll put on your china and serve with a crisp white wine.

Whether you want a gyro platter or a tuna salad roll-up, stuffed crab or a vegetarian lasagna, chances are good that Ali and his staff made it earlier today, and it's waiting for you in the case. Special orders don't upset them, either.

Caspian Grille also sells gelato — a premium Italian treat similar to ice cream (but with premium ingredients and a higher price tag), plus middle-eastern groceries, fine beverages and gourmet snacks.

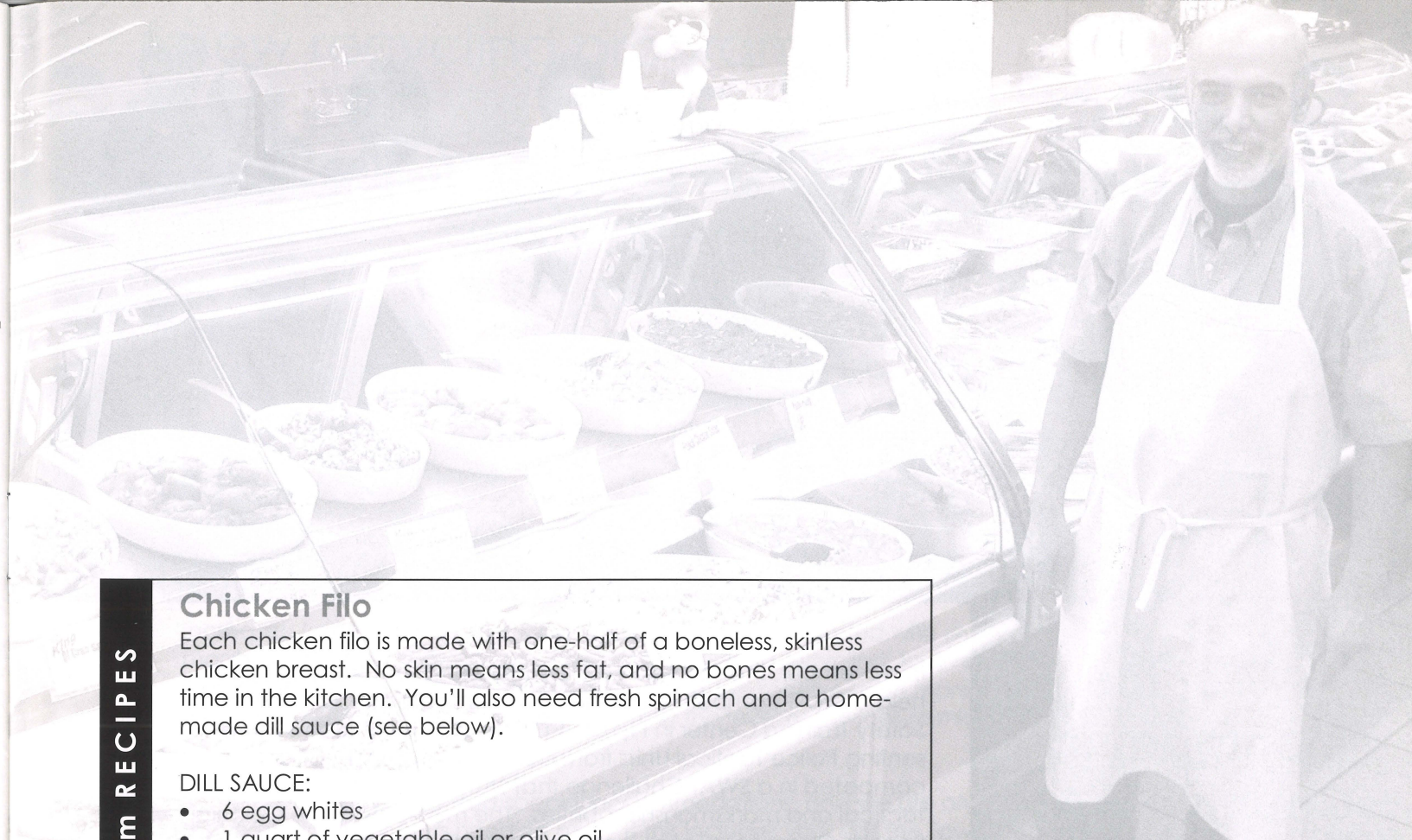
It's a nightly stop for many Whitmarsh residents.

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Promoting business in the Whitmarsh, Plymouth and Conshohocken communities.

Whitmarsh Living



Chicken Filo

Each chicken fillo is made with one-half of a boneless, skinless chicken breast. No skin means less fat, and no bones means less time in the kitchen. You'll also need fresh spinach and a home-made dill sauce (see below).

DILL SAUCE:

- 6 egg whites
- 1 quart of vegetable oil or olive oil

Blend egg whites in blender and slowly add oil until thickening begins. Add garlic, salt, pepper, and your choice of fresh or dried dill. Store excess for 2-3 days in the refrigerator.

CHICKEN FILO:

- boneless, skinless chicken breasts — one-half per serving
- 3 or 4 sheets of fillo for each breast half (generally, 16 sheets come to a box)

Marinate the chicken in the sauce for 15-20 minutes. Wrap the chicken with fresh spinach to taste, then into the fillo pastry sheets. Brush a little bit of the sauce on the top and bake at 375-400 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

Healthy Vegetarian Vegetable Soup

This is a no-salt, no-oil recipe. Use quantities of ingredients as you like, being sure to use enough tomatoes to keep it a soup and not a stew.

- 1/2 head green cabbage
- 2 large or 3 small white turnips, peeled
- 4 stalks celery
- 3 carrots, peeled
- 4 fresh tomatoes, skin and seeds removed (blanch in boiling water, refresh in cold water, to remove skin)

Chop all the vegetables, combine ingredients, add water to cover, and cook for 30-40 minutes.

Popular Item RECIPES



Chef-owner **Ali Rashidian** stands in front of the prepared food bounty that defines **Caspian Grille**.

ATTENTION SHOPPERS:
Filo is a flaky French pastry sheet available at Caspian Grille and other fine food stores.

ATTENTION SCRABBLE FANS:
Another spelling of FILO is PHYLLO.



Whitmarsh Living



Meet the Montgomery County SWAT Challenge Champions!

In November, the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office held a SWAT competition at the new Montgomery County Public Safety Training Center in Plymouth Township. Eight teams representing Police Tactical Units from across Montgomery County competed in a SWAT Challenge that tested the teams physical, tactical and marksmanship abilities. The members of the Colonial Special Operations Team won one of the four events and took the overall championship for this First Annual Competition.

The competition consisted of an obstacle course run, team room entry with a hostage rescue (live fire), three gun shoot after traversing an obstacle course (shotgun, sub-gun and pistol), and a sniper event in which the snipers had to run, crawl and then shoot targets at distances up to 100 yards.

The Tactical Officers were given the opportunity to prepare for the events starting in late September, but due to the constant training and dedication by every member of the CSOT, this team members were in a state of readiness allowing them to excel during the competition.

Congratulations to those who competed and the entire team on a job well done. The Colonial Special Operations Team will always be the Champions of the "1st Annual Montgomery County SWAT Challenge."

Above:

Supervisor Jean McLenigan stands with the county SWAT champs



New recycling program brings POSITIVE CHANGE TO WHITEMARSH

Yes, it has been a bit of a cultural shift — there's no denying it. A change of this sort takes some adjustment.

But single-stream recycling with RecycleBank encourages people to recycle — that's good for the environment. And more recyclable tonnage means more funding and grant money to Whitemarsh Township — that's good for all of us.

It's called a 904 grant, but what it means is that local municipalities receive funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection based on how much they recycle, considering how many people live in a given area. Whitemarsh Township receives greater funding when it recycles more, because we're helping the environment by not adding so much to landfills. The DEP likes this.

Increased funding off-sets our initial costs, like those associated with giving everyone in Whitemarsh a "smart cart" that tracks individual household recycling, to give us rewards based on weight. When you further increase this funding, we receive even more money, and that contributes to keeping taxes low while providing the level of services municipalities increasingly need.

Some people have required special accommodations, and we are always willing to work with the disabled and others needing help. If this includes you, call the Township at (610) 825-3535.

The single-stream process makes for almost mindless recycling, and the rewards program encourages participation while promoting area businesses.

— Sydelle Zove, resident
Vice-President, William Jeanes Memorial Library Board



SURVEY

Please take a moment to tell the Board of Supervisors and staff of Whitemarsh Township what you think.

Do you prefer to receive the standard annual report yearly, or three yearly issues of Whitemarsh Living with current news and information? Circle one.

Annual Report

Whitemarsh Living

What news and feature topics would you suggest for future issues?

Please submit any township concerns you have that you would like to see addressed by the Board of Supervisors in 2008.

Please drop or mail this completed survey to
Whitemarsh Township Communications
616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

mark your calendar

mar 29

9 a.m.
Township Building
616 Germantown Pike

Join us for our Community Services program:

The Joy of Backyard Composting

Discover an easy way to turn yard waste into valuable soil. Free program provides composting bin for first 20 people. Pre-register by calling Community Services Coordinator Mike Zeock at (484) 533-2214. Upcoming programs will include global warming, roadside beautification, and a rain barrel workshop.

Shredding Day is



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Rain or Shine

9 a.m.—12 Noon
East Cafe
Germantown Pike
and Colonial Drive

Bring up to 2 grocery bags or one copy-paper size box of personal documents, pay a \$10 donation to the Jeanes Library expansion fund, and Pro-Shred will protect your identity by turning your materials into confetti. Sponsored by Vice President - Financial Consultant Liz Barker with RBC Dain Rauscher in Conshohocken, who recommends shredding to protect against identity theft. It's being held at the East Café, Germantown Pike and Colonial Drive, 9 a.m.—12 noon. Call Mike Zeock with questions at (484) 533-2214. Pick up free boxes to fill with paper at the Township Building in advance.



Conshohocken-based financial consultant Liz Barker invites you to protect your identity — shred those documents!



Township Day is

12—5 p.m.
Miles Park

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We'll see you in Miles Park, 12-5. The rain date is April 27. Want to volunteer? Call Parks & Recreation at (610)828-7276.

Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors meetings are now held on the **2nd** and **4th Thursday** each month, at **7 p.m.** The public is encouraged to attend.

Whitemarsh Living

NEXT ISSUE:

- Jeanes Library—why expansion is needed and how you'll benefit
- Miles Park pavilions open—get your hotdogs here!
- Whitemarsh Business Association in your community