

Automated Recycling Has Begun

On March 20, the Board of Commissioners adopted a Sustainability Plan, a Township-wide, multi-year guide to the community to become more environmentally friendly and resilient. On April 1, Cheltenham's residential recycling program went automated, a change expected to significantly increase the Township's total recycling tonnage collected.

What's New

Since April 1, participating households must use the new blue automated recycling carts that were delivered in February or March to recycle all of their glass, cans, plastics, paper and cardboard recyclables. (See page 3 for more details.) **The carts are for recycling only, NOT TRASH.** The old recycling bins or buckets can NOT be used in the new program.

The new carts have wheels so they can be rolled to the curb instead of carried. When placing the new cart at the curb for pickup, position it at least 3 feet from any surrounding obstacles, including trash cans or bags, vehicles, poles, hydrants or landscaping. Carts should be placed with their wheels backed against the grass, curb or end of the driveway. Use the location of the emptied cart as a guide to a good placement.



AUTOMATED RECYCLING IN ACTION

The Township's residential recycling program features new recycling trucks with mechanical arms on each side to empty the new recycling carts distributed to households earlier this year. Both the trucks and the carts feature the "Sustainable Cheltenham" logo, since the increased recycling tonnage collected as a result of automated recycling supports the Sustainable Cheltenham goal to reduce waste disposal and maximize re-use of waste products.

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While all recyclables can be placed in the same cart, oversized cardboard needs to be cut down so the lid can close. The lid helps keep out rain and animals. Cardboard left outside of the recycling cart will NOT be collected for refuse or recycling. Oversize cardboard may be dropped off at the Public Works and Waverly Road Compost Facilities.

New trucks with mechanical arms on each side can lift and empty recycling carts from both sides of the street in one pass. The collection crew size has been reduced to two: one to drive and one who can line up the recycling carts, if necessary. However, the collection schedule remains the same. And as in the past, recycling should not be placed at the curb more than 12 hours before scheduled collection and must be removed from the curb 12 hours afterward.

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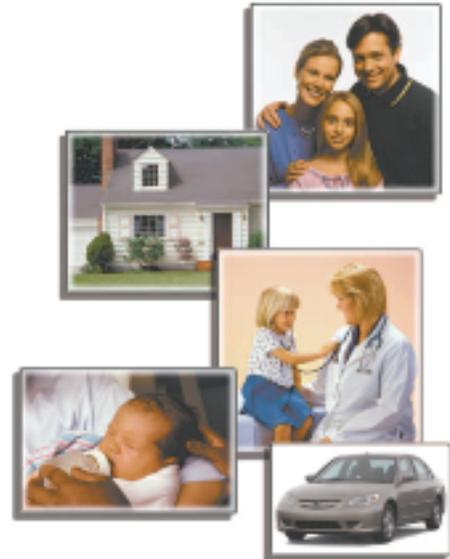
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When not out for pickup, the carts should ideally be stored in a shed or garage or in side or back yards. Storage in front yards or beyond the front building line is discouraged.

Three recycling cart sizes are available. Residents received the middle 65-gallon cart size, unless they requested the 35- or 95-gallon size last year. Everyone should give their current cart a trial run for at least three months. After July 1, residents who decide they want a different size can call the Public Works Department at 215-635-4600 to arrange a switch. Note: The carts are Township property that are assigned to specific addresses and should not be removed by home sellers.

Residents who don't want to keep their old recycling containers for storage or other uses may recycle them via the new carts or drop them off at the Public Works Facility for reuse or recycling. The facility, located at 8101 Old York Road in Elkins Park, is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., unless affected by a holiday. Material may not be dropped off when the facility is closed.

Automated Win-Win

Automated recycling will be both a fiscal and environmental win. First, reducing the crew size lowers personnel costs without triggering any layoffs. In addition, the program typically increases recycling collection totals, which reduces trash disposal fees while increasing recycling revenues. In total, automated recycling will save over \$200,000 in Township operating costs per year, recouping upfront costs in less than six years. The program received an additional financial boost earlier this year thanks to a \$250,000 recycling grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, which awarded the maximum allowable amount.

Even better, increasing the total recycling tonnage collected from households will help achieve "Waste Reduction," one of the ten goals of "Sustainable Cheltenham," the Township's new wide-reaching campaign to ensure a vital, healthy community well into the future. See page 4 for more information on Sustainable Cheltenham.

Information about automated recycling is available online at www.cheltenhamtownship.org or from the Public Works Department at 215-635-4600. Thank you for continuing to make Cheltenham's recycling program a success.



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- Paint, Pesticides Or Oil
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Sustainable Cheltenham



“Sustainable Cheltenham” is officially launched. In March 2013, the Board of Commissioners adopted an ambitious, multi-year, Township-wide plan designed to guide the community to become more environmentally friendly and resilient. A first of its kind in Montgomery County, the plan establishes ten goals and objectives that are applicable to all organizations, institutions or individuals in the community. But the plan’s core is the Municipal Action Plan, which outlines steps the municipality can take to function more sustainably and serve as a leader and model for others.

A dedicated group of volunteer residents, Township officials and representatives of businesses and major community institutions worked for nearly two years to develop the Sustainability Plan, which was reviewed and amended at several public meetings.

SUSTAINABILITY GOALS

1. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Engage and educate all Cheltenham residents and stakeholders to unite behind a shared set of goals to build a sustainable future.

2. ENERGY: Maximize energy efficiency, minimize energy demand and emissions, and shift all community electricity consumption to renewably-sourced energy generated within the Township and the region.

3. MOBILITY: Minimize vehicular travel and emissions, increase use of alternative modes of transportation, and make it desirable, safe, and convenient to walk and bike throughout the Township and connect to the region.

4. WASTE REDUCTION: Minimize solid and hazardous waste disposal, and maximize the re-use of waste products as a resource.

5. WATER MANAGEMENT: Minimize stormwater hazards, reduce wastewater flows, increase natural absorption of rainwater, and maximize the utility of rainwater as a resource.

- 6. ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP:** Protect and improve the overall health and ecological diversity of the Township’s habitats, waterways, and soils, both on public and private lands.
- 7. HEALTHY LIVING FOR ALL:** Promote healthy living in Cheltenham through equitable, affordable and safe access to information, education, recreation, natural areas, car-free transportation, fresh local foods, health care services, clean air and clean water.
- 8. LOCAL ECONOMY:** Encourage and support local and regional agriculture, artisans, businesses, institutions, and industry by strengthening connections to, and markets for, local goods and services.
- 9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:** Promote building, site development and landscaping that respects the natural environment and maximizes clean and efficient use of resources, and ensure that all permitting, codes, and regulations support the community’s sustainability goals.
- 10. MONITOR PROGRESS:** Track and report the progress of measurable implementation strategies; re-evaluate and update goals and targets as needed.

ALREADY STARTED

Achieving all of the Sustainable Cheltenham goals will take many years, but the Township has already made progress on several fronts:

 The Township has earned three annual Sustainability Awards (2010-2012) from the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association for outstanding achievement in implementing programs that provide and promote commuting alternatives for their employees and community.

 Energy-efficiency upgrades at municipal facilities in the past few years have included a new high-efficiency boiler at the Rowland Community Center; window replacements at Curtis Hall, Cheltenham Center for the Arts and Glenside Hall; and lighting upgrades at numerous sites.

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ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP



HEALTHY LIVING FOR ALL



LOCAL ECONOMY



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



MONITOR PROGRESS



WATER MANAGEMENT



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



ENERGY



MOBILITY



WASTE REDUCTION

Sustainable Cheltenham (continued from page 4)

ALREADY STARTED (continued)

-  The Township's expanded curbside recycling program includes plastics numbered 1 - 7 and a new drop-off program for electronics that is open to both residents and small businesses (see page 9). The convenience of single-stream recycling (glass, cans, plastic, paper and cardboard in one container) and larger automated recycling carts should help increase recycling tonnage.
-  Steady progress is underway in both the Township-wide U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Tookany Creek Feasibility Flood Study and the Glenside Floor Control Project (see page 7).
-  Streambank restoration, riparian buffer plantings, and eradicating invasive plants to restore native vegetation in Township parks began more than a decade ago and will continue. In fact, the Township was just recognized as a municipal leader for these efforts by the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership. In addition, the Board of Commissioners recently adopted a Riparian Corridor Conservation District Ordinance to regulate uses along streambanks to promote health and protect water bodies in the Township.
-  Thanks to support from the Township, the community enjoys a farmers' market in Glenside and the new CreekSide Co-op in Elkins Park, which both sell locally grown produce.

Sustainable Cheltenham calls upon everyone – residents, businesses, institutions and government – to reshape their behaviors to chart a path towards a brighter future. The Township Environmental Advisory Council has adopted Sustainable Cheltenham as part of its mission. It will monitor the Township's progress as well as encourage and report participation by residents, institutions and businesses and post the information online at www.cheltenhamtownship.org.



CREEKSIDE GRAND OPENING

Commissioner Morton J. Simon, Jr., Ward 6, (above) congratulated the member-owned CreekSide Co-op in Elkins Park during an official grand opening in January. A full-service grocery store, the co-op offers an extensive selection of local products produced within 100 miles, which supports the Sustainable Cheltenham goal to promote healthy living through access to fresh, local foods.



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THINGS TO DO THIS

Spring!



FISHING FUN

For more than 50 years, community youngsters and their parents have tested their skill and luck at the Annual Fishing Derby at Kleinheinz Pond on Tookany Creek Parkway. This year's event, sponsored in conjunction with the Cheltenham/Rockledge Rotary Club, is slated for Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Sundays in the Park

Sundays, May 19 – June 9 • 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., fair weather only • Tookany Creek Parkway, between Central Avenue and Jenkintown Road, Cheltenham

Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy the roadway without vehicle traffic for biking, skating, jogging, rollerblading and more. Information: 215-887-6200, ext. 227.

Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 1 • 9:00 a.m. – Noon • Kleinheinz Pond on Tookany Creek Parkway, Cheltenham

A \$2 entrance fee entitles youngsters up to age 15 to the use of a pole and line, one hot dog, one soda and a chance to win great prizes. Participants must bring their own bait. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Information: 215-379-2233.

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Sustainable Cheltenham Festival

Saturday, June 1 • Noon – 3:00 p.m. • Cedarbrook Middle School, 300 Longfellow Avenue, Wyncote

Learn about Cheltenham's new Sustainability Plan, a first of its kind in Montgomery County, through student projects, presentations, products, demonstrations and more. Information: 215-885-1506.

Arts in the Park

Sunday, June 2 (rain date June 9) • 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. • High School Park, High School Road & Montgomery Avenue, Elkins Park

High-quality wares from 50 juried artisans draw thousands to this annual event, which also features live music, children's hands-on arts and crafts, a plant sale, moonbounce, hayrides, refreshments and more. Information: 215-782-8082.

Cop Camp

June 24 – 28 • 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. • Elkins Park School, 8149 New Second Street, Elkins Park

The Police Department offers this free program to Cheltenham youngsters ages 10 to 12 to encourage children to respect the law, to stand up to peer pressure and to avoid the many temptations affecting this impressionable age group. Cop Camp cadets learn about the Police Department and many of the day-to-day duties that officers perform. Information: 215-885-1600, ext. 487.

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Flood Control Progress

The Tookany Creek Flood Damage Reduction Feasibility Study underway by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) achieved some major milestones earlier this year. Authorized by the Board of Commissioners in April 2012, the two-phase study encompasses the entire Tookany Creek Watershed because flows from Abington, Jenkintown, Rockledge and Springfield in Montgomery County contribute to portions of flooding issues in Cheltenham.

At a January 2013 public meeting, USACE presented a hydrologic and hydraulic model that accurately represents existing conditions within the study area. The model was created and validated by extensive research into past rainfall events, stormwater management systems and water runoff patterns, including surveys from recent flood victims. It represents a vital achievement because it enables USACE to predict the impact potential solutions would have in areas affected by flooding, a crucial tool for evaluating options.

Formulating those flood mitigation options is the next phase of the study. That process began in February when Township Commissioners, officials and residents along with experts from numerous federal, state and local agencies joined the USACE in a workshop at Glenside Hall. The participants combined their expertise to brainstorm all reasonable solutions to address the complex flooding issue. The USACE team is now analyzing those potential solutions in depth.

Options could include structural measures like raising or building levees and floodwalls, bridge modifications, bio-swales and bio-retention basins. Non-structural solutions might entail property acquisitions and floodplain land-use controls. Because many factors contribute to flooding, multiple approaches in combination may be needed to effectively combat it. A detailed screening of alternative plans is anticipated for this July.

Federal funds are covering approximately \$472,500 for the study. The Township's contributions will total approximately \$330,000 in funds and in-kind contributions, such as Township Staff support for the study. Federal



FLOOD WORKSHOP

Township Commissioners and administrators, local officials and residents along with experts from numerous federal, state and local agencies joined representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in a February workshop at Glenside Hall to address community flooding. The participants combined their expertise to brainstorm best-management solutions as part of the USACE Tookany Creek Flood Damage Reduction Feasibility Study.

funding is also available for the design and construction of structural remedies that could be implemented as a result of the study, which is scheduled for completion in mid 2014.

Glenside Flood Control

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) already has \$4 million earmarked for the Glenside Flood Control Phase II Project, which was stalled for years because several large property owners critical to the DEP design refused to grant easements.

A brand new concept, excluding those problematic properties, has revived the project. The new design entails:

- acquiring two flood-prone commercial properties on North Avenue to remove the structures to create vegetated detention ponds.
- acquiring the parking lot at the corner Rices Mill Road and Glenside Avenue to remove the asphalt and regrade the property as a bio-detention basin.
- acquiring a residence on Rices Mill Road that will be subject to greater flooding as a result of other project work.

- raising the existing earthen levee by 3 feet along the Keswick channel behind Brookdale Avenue properties.
- replacing the existing levee from near the pumping station to the Rices Mill Road bridge with a new flood wall.
- installing a second culvert under Glenside Avenue to parallel the existing culvert.

In April, the Commissioners adopted the concept plan, so DEP has begun to work on construction plans and bid documents. Meanwhile, Township Staff will obtain appraisals on the properties to be acquired for the project. Ultimately, the Glenside project will be incorporated in the USACE feasibility study.

Information about the flood control efforts are available online at www.cheltenhamtownship.org > Departments & Services > Flood Control.



From the Commissioner's Desk

Dear Neighbor,

2013 is the year to commemorate a nationally historic milestone that traces to our own community. The U.S. Civil War (1861-1865) was undoubtedly pivotal in shaping our present-day country. But do you know the vital role Cheltenham played in the conflict? Not in battles ... none were fought here, although there were some in the area. Cheltenham was the site of the first and largest training camp dedicated to African-American troops who enlisted in the U.S. Army during the American Civil War.

Camp William Penn

The Emancipation Proclamation, which declared slaves in the areas in rebellion to be "henceforth and forever free," also enabled African Americans to enlist in the army for the first time. Camp William Penn, which operated from the summer of 1863 until the end of the war in 1865, trained 11 regiments of black troops who went on to fight in some of the most important battles of the conflict. The camp was located in the neighborhood now called La Mott – so named for Lucretia Mott, the well-known women's rights' advocate and abolitionist whose family leased the land for the camp to the government. A stone monument at the La Mott Community Center, located at Willow and Sycamore Avenues, stands to commemorate the camp, and wrought iron gates to the camp entrance stand on Sycamore Avenue, commemorated by a Pennsylvania Historical Marker.

Even the country's most popular abolitionist, Frederick Douglass, realized the national importance of the 13-acre Camp William Penn and its soldiers as some of America's first black federal warriors. Nearly 11,000 men were trained there, more soldiers than fought on both sides combined in the Battle of Gettysburg, and several earned the Medal of Honor for exceptional valor in combat. Douglass spoke to the camp's first regiment, the 3rd United States Colored Troops (USCT), on July 4, 1863.

William Still, known as the "father of the Underground Railroad," was an active recruiter for Camp William Penn. He also operated a supply enterprise on its grounds, while advocating for the civil rights of such soldiers and black Philadelphians in general. In fact, many of the country's greatest anti-slavery abolitionists and Underground Railroad operatives would congregate at or near the camp, as well as Lucretia Mott's nearby "Roadside" residence, which fronted on Old York Road on what is today Latham Parkway.

No other single factor contributed more to securing the ultimate victory than the addition of the USCT to the armed forces of the United States. I encourage everyone to take part in the Sesquicentennial – the 150th Anniversary – Commemoration of Camp William Penn on Saturday, September 21. Festivities in historic La Mott will include lectures, films, music, exhibits, walking tours and a parade with Civil War re-enactor regiments. For more event information, visit www.usct.org/events or call Joyce Workman at 215-885-2258.

I'd like to gratefully acknowledge Don Scott, well-known historian and *Times Chronicle* columnist, and Professor James Paradise of Arcadia University for their assistance with historical information about the camp.

Current Events

A more recent milestone in the Township's history is the appointment of a new Township Manager. Bryan T. Havir, who previously served 14 years as Assistant Township Manager and as a grant writer who acquired millions of dollars for the Township, assumed the role of Acting Township Manager in June 2012, after former Manager David Kravnik resigned. Havir was formally appointed Township Manager in January 2013. I hope you will all join me in wishing him great success in his new top role.

Other notable recent achievements include:

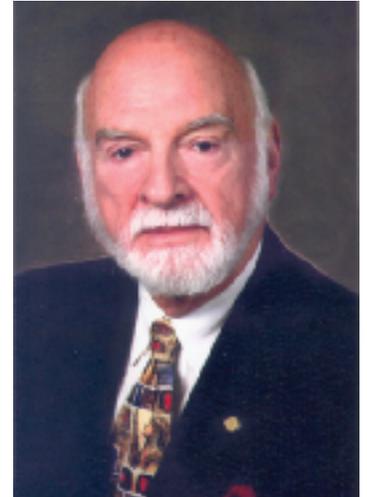
- Electronics Drop-Off Recycling began January 1, 2013. Another expansion of the Township's already extensive recycling offerings, electronics recycling is open to both residents and small businesses. See page 9 for more information.
- The Cheltenham Sustainability Plan was adopted in March 2013. This Township-wide plan includes inspiring goals to foster Cheltenham's continuing vitality far into the future. See page 4 for more information.
- Automated Recycling began April 1, 2013. The program will lower Township operating costs in the long run, thanks to reduced personnel costs and increased recycling totals. The Township also received a \$250,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, which offset the purchase of one of two new recycling trucks for the automated program. See pages 1-3 for more details.

An easy way to stay informed about current Township programs and events is via E-Notifications. Anyone with an email address is encouraged to sign up. Just click E-Notifications on the Township's website www.cheltenhamtownship.org. If you don't have email but do have a television, you can watch the Township's cable access channels 42 (Comcast) or 1960 (Verizon) for updates.

Sincerely,



Harvey Portner
Commissioner, Ward 3



Commissioner Harvey Portner

Drop-Off Electronics Recycling

Even before the Sustainability Plan was officially adopted in March, the Township expanded recycling options by offering an electronics drop-off program starting on January 1, 2013. Open to both residents and small businesses, the free program includes nearly everything with a plug as another means to reduce waste and protect the environment.

Electronics cannot be recycled curbside in the new recycling carts.

They must be dropped off at the Public Works Facility, located at 8101 Old York Road in Elkins Park, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., unless the facility is closed due to a holiday. Material may NOT be left at the gates when the facility is closed.

Large appliances, such as washers, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators and window air conditions, still entail a fee. The Township no longer accepts televisions in special refuse collections due to a state law.

The E-waste drop-off program incurs little cost and lowers Township expenses by reducing trash disposal fees, making it both an environmental and fiscal win.



RECYCLE YOUR E-WASTE

Residents and small businesses can support Sustainable Cheltenham goals by recycling their unwanted small electronics at the Public Works Facility, located at 8101 Old York Road in Elkins Park. Nearly anything with a plug is acceptable.

eForce Compliance, one of the first electronics recycling firms nationwide to be certified to the R2, e-Stewards and ISO 14001 standards, recycles the E-waste collected. For more information, call 215-635-4600 or check the Township website www.cheltenhamtownship.org > Departments & Services > Public Works.

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Summer FUN



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Saturday, June 15 to Monday, September 2, 2013



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Youth.....	\$3

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	Weekdays	Weekends
Adult	\$5	\$6
Youth.....	\$4	\$6

REGISTRATION: Only Cheltenham Township residents are eligible. New applicants must provide a driver's license, deed, mortgage or lease to prove residency. Birth certificates are required for children not registered in the Cheltenham School District.



REGISTRATION TIMES

Tuesdays through Thursdays from April 30 through June 13

Weekdays beginning June 17

9:00 a.m. – Noon

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Township Administration Building only, 8230 Old York Road, Elkins Park

SPECIAL REGISTRATIONS

Saturday, June 1.....10:00 a.m. – Noon

Monday, June 3.....6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 1510:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18.....6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 27.....6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

More Pool Fun

Adult water aerobics, children's swim lessons and swim teams are available after the pool season starts. Plus, pool members may enjoy special activities:

- **Evening Water Carnivals** at Glenside Pool on August 20 and Conklin Pool on August 27, offering silly, water-based competition.
- **Family Bingo and Ice Cream Party** at Glenside Pool on Tuesday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Flick'N'Float** – where youngsters watch movies from their own floatation devices in the pool – at 8:00 p.m. at Glenside Pool on Friday, July 12 and Conklin Pool on Tuesday, August 13.



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2013 Fees	Resident	Non Resident
1st child in family	\$350	\$500
2nd child	\$325	No discount
Each additional child	\$300	No discount

Participants must be ages 6 (or completed kindergarten) to 12.

EIGHT-WEEK SCHEDULE

Weekdays, June 24 through August 15
from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION - Residents Only

Tuesday, June 4 through Thursday, June 6
from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

At La Mott Community Center

Willow & Sycamore Avenues, La Mott
For La Mott & Renninger Playgrounds

At Rowland Community Center

Myrtle & Elm Avenues, Cheltenham
For Griffin & Wall Park Playgrounds



OPEN REGISTRATION will begin on Monday, June 10 on a first-come, first-served basis at both community centers on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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S.T.E.P

For ages 12 to 15, the Summer Teen Enrichment Program features weekly trips, sports, crafts and community service projects.

Schedule

Weekdays, June 24 through August 9
from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Participants should bring their own lunches.

2013 Fee

\$900 per teen, which includes trip admissions and transportation. Fee may be paid in two installments with \$450 due at registration and the balance due by May 31.

Registration

Weekdays, April 1 through May 31 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at both the La Mott & Rowland Community Centers. Space is limited to 40 participants.

KIDDIE CAMP

For children ages 3 to 5 who are potty trained, Kiddie Camp features music, games, and arts and crafts. The four-week program runs weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon for just \$165 per child.

Locations and Dates

Rowland Community Center from June 24 – July 19
Glenside Hall from July 22 – August 16

Registration

Tuesday, June 4 through Thursday, June 6
from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Only 30 participants accepted per site.

For more information, call the Rowland Community Center at 215-379-2233.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Cheltenham Township is once again offering a free concert series this summer on five Sundays. All but the final performance will be held at beautiful Curtis Arboretum, the 45-acre park located at Church Road and Greenwood Avenue in Wyncote. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers are welcome, but no alcohol is permitted.

All performers will play two 45-minute sets starting at 5:00 p.m. In case of rain, the concerts will be held inside Curtis Hall. This year's concert dates are June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4 and August 18. Our major sponsor of this very popular concert series program is Einstein Medical Center Elkins Park, which will host the final concert on its grounds at 60 Township Line Road in Elkins Park.



TENNIS INSTRUCTION

Beginner tennis players and intermediate players who need lots of improvement in their game can get instruction this summer. Classes meet at the Wall Park Tennis Courts, located at 1 Wall Park Drive in Elkins Park. Players should bring their own rackets and water bottles. Summer instruction is available either Mondays or Wednesdays for six consecutive weeks from July 8 through August 14. Youth (ages 6 to 16) classes meet from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Adult (ages 17 and over) classes from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Registration

Weekdays, May 28 to June 28 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the La Mott Community Center, 7420 Sycamore Avenue in La Mott, or Rowland Community Center, 400 Myrtle Avenue in Cheltenham.

Fees

\$50 Adults	\$70 Adults (non-resident)
\$45 Youths	\$65 Youths (non-resident)

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

Last year's Summer Concerts in the Park series featured the renowned Philadelphia Orchestra at beautiful Curtis Arboretum in Wyncote. This year's series kicks off on Sunday, June 23. For the list of 2013 performers, visit www.cheltenhamtownship.org > Departments & Services > Parks and Recreation.

OTHER FUN

Call the La Mott Community Center at 215-635-3255 for information about a men's softball league.

See page 6 for details about the 56th Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 1 or call the Rowland Community Center at 215-379-2233.

Quick Notes

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Year-round fun is on tap at the Township's two community centers, La Mott and Rowland. Both offer indoor, full-length basketball courts and game rooms equipped with billiards, table tennis and more. La Mott's game room includes arcade games, air hockey and other table games.

Annual memberships, which are good for both centers, are \$15 for children ages 6 through 17 and \$20 for adults. Only Cheltenham Township residents are eligible.

Arcadia Knight Card

The "town and gown" connection between Arcadia University in Glenside and the broader community was strengthened with the recent advent of the Knight Card Discount Program. About 30 area businesses looking to increase their customer base signed up for the program, which offers discounts to Arcadia University students, faculty and staff who present their Knight Cards. Any businesses interested in participating should contact KnightCardDiscount@Arcadia.edu.

The university is equally interested in welcoming community members to its campus to enjoy theatrical performances, guest lecturers, exhibits, athletic events and more. Visit Arcadia's website at www.arcadia.edu for a full list of activities open to the public throughout the year.

9-1-1 from Cell Phones

If you call 9-1-1 from a cell phone in Cheltenham Township, please state that "I'm calling from Montgomery County" when the call-taker answers the phone, per the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety.

Your call will be picked up by the nearest cell tower. If that tower is located in Philadelphia, your call will be routed to the Philadelphia 9-1-1 center. Although that center will transfer the call to Montgomery County, the extra time it takes to identify the actual location, transfer the call and then repeat the incident information could make a life-or-death difference. Telling the 9-1-1 dispatcher that "I'm calling from Montgomery County" at the outset will greatly reduce any delay in getting the emergency assistance required. The same advice applies to cell phone 9-1-1 calls from any community along the county border.

Landline calls to 9-1-1 will automatically be routed to the proper call center.

Academic Excellence

Achieving re-designation as a "PA Don Eichhorn Schools: School to Watch," Cedarbrook Middle School has once again established itself as a model middle school in Montgomery County and beyond. Cedarbrook obtained its original designation after undergoing a rigorous evaluation of its educational program and school climate in 2010. Three years later, Cedarbrook celebrates the re-designation of its School to Watch title for successfully displaying a continued dedication to the academic and social needs of the middle-school learner.

Like Cedarbrook Middle School, Cheltenham High School continues to receive accolades for academic excellence. With a top 40 spot on *Philadelphia Magazine's* 2012 Best High Schools' list and a second consecutive recognition by *The Washington Post* for the number of advanced placement (AP) tests taken, Cheltenham High School is surely achieving academic excellence.



Greenwood Avenue Bridge

PennDOT's \$5.4 million replacement of the 72-year-old Greenwood Avenue bridge over the SEPTA railroad tracks began in June 2012. Originally planned as a 15-month project, the new bridge, which will carry three 11-foot-wide lanes and 5-foot-wide sidewalks, is now scheduled to open in June 2014. Relocating utilities to a new temporary structure, which had to be completed before demolition could begin, took much longer than anticipated.

Wyncote area businesses near the site are feeling the pinch. To support those businesses, the Township negotiated with PennDOT to place signs at key sites that advertise these businesses are open. The Township also spread that message via the Township's website, cable access channels and an electronic billboard on Ogontz Avenue. Finally, the Township meets with PennDOT every six weeks to monitor ongoing progress.

A thriving business base is key to reducing reliance on residential taxes, a good reason to patronize businesses within the Township. To receive updates on the bridge reconstruction or other roadwork in the community, sign up for E-Notifications via the Township website www.cheltenhamtownship.org.

Traffic Safety Lawn Signs

The Cheltenham Police Department has launched a Lawn Sign Traffic Safety Program in response to residents' concerns about traffic safety within their neighborhoods. Residents may come to the Police Station at 8230 Old York Road in Elkins Park between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to pick up one of two lawn signs: "Slow Down in Cheltenham" or "School's Open, Drive Carefully" to place on their property in view of vehicular traffic. Increased visibility of traffic-calming advisory signs will hopefully make motorists more aware of their driving habits, resulting in slower and safer drivers within the Township.

To obtain a sign, residents will be required to provide their name, address, phone number and email in case the Police Department needs to contact them. For more information, call the Police Department Highway Safety Unit at 215-885-1600, ext. 475 or ext. 476.



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