



Spring/Summer 2016

Volunteers Wanted

Busy schedules can make volunteering a challenge, but finding the time can be enormously rewarding both personally and for the community as a whole.

Many of the Township citizen committees that were established by the Board of Commissioners to provide valuable input on community issues are looking for new members. The list below includes a brief description and usual meeting schedule for the groups that have openings.

Many meet once a month; some meet only when the need arises. Term lengths also vary from one to four years. Only residents of Cheltenham Township who are registered voters (if eligible to vote) may serve as official members, but everyone is welcome to attend the public meetings.

Anyone interested in joining one of the groups should mail a letter of interest along with their qualifications to Township Manager Bryan T. Havir, 8230 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027, or email them to vsykes@cheltenham-township.org. For more information about the committees, contact the Public Information Office at 215-887-6200, ext. 230.

- **Environmental Advisory Council** – Spearheads the protection, conservation and management of the Township’s natural resources in a sustainable way and fosters and monitors implementation of the Cheltenham Township Sustainability Plan. Generally meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

- **Economic Development Task Force** - Recommends policies and programs designed to promote economic development in the Township. Generally meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

- **Historical Commission** - Oversees operations at the historic Richard Wall House Museum, which dates back to 1682 in some sections, and offers historic programs. Generally meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. No meetings in July and August.



Township volunteers contribute enormously to the quality of life in Cheltenham. For example, the Environmental Advisory Council promotes Sustainable Cheltenham, which is featured as part of Arts in the Park in High School Park each June.

- **Human Relations Commission** - Has jurisdiction over unlawful practices committed in the Township as defined by the Cheltenham Anti-Discrimination Ordinance. Meets as needed.
- **La Mott Board of Historical and Architectural Review** - Makes recommendations regarding the appropriateness of significant exterior changes to structures within the La Mott Historic District. Generally meets the first Monday of the month at 7:45 p.m. [Note: Will meet the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. beginning July 2016.]
- **La Mott Community Center Citizens Committee** - Advises on the operation and programming at the La Mott Community Center. Meets as needed.
- **Rowland Community Center Citizens Committee** - Advises on the operation and programming at the Rowland Community Center. Meets as needed.
- **Shade Tree Advisory Commission** - Makes recommendations on landscaping and trees for commercial and residential land developments and subdivisions and on Township-wide shade tree issues. Generally meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. [Note: Will meet the second Thursday of the month beginning July 2016.]

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Library System Turns 50

On December 20, 1966, the Board of Commissioners unified all Township libraries under the Cheltenham Township Library System



(CTLS). To celebrate this upcoming 50th anniversary, the CTLS is planning a series of special events. Watch for news about exciting anniversary activities this year and join the festivities to celebrate a half century of library services to the Cheltenham Township community.

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- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Committee** - Informs the public of available information and services regarding substance abuse and mental health issues. Generally meets the third Thursday at 7:30 p.m. No meetings in July and August. [Note: Will meet the fourth Thursday of the month after July 2016.]

- **Twinning Committee** - Recommends programs, events and projects to foster friendship with "twin" town Cheltenham, England. Generally meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. No meetings in July and August.

- **Wyncote Board of Historical and Architectural Review** - Makes recommendations regarding the appropriateness of significant exterior changes to structures within the Wyncote Historic District. Generally meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. [Note: Will meet the third Thursday of the month beginning July 2016.]



The Twinning Committee raised the funds to install a fingerpost at the Township Administration Building that points to Cheltenham's around the world, including the Township's official twin city, Cheltenham, UK.

Public Safety Volunteers

In a class all their own, public safety volunteers put themselves on the line to protect lives in our community. Do you have what it takes to join their ranks?

- **Firefighters** – The Township's five fire companies – Cheltenham, Elkins Park, Glenside, La Mott and Ogontz – are always looking for dedicated new members. All firefighters complete a minimum of 180 hours of national certification training to the Firefighter One level. They also participate in weekly in-house trainings. Many pursue advanced certification as well. Some companies accept junior firefighters as young as 16 years old. Together the companies respond to more than 1,200 emergency calls annually. Even if running into burning buildings is not for you, the companies each have administrative tasks that could use a hand. For more information or to get an application, visit www.ctfd.net or call the Township Fire Marshal at 215-887-6200, ext. 235.

- **Emergency Medical Service (EMS)** – Volunteers were the backbone of EMS when the service began over 25 years ago, and they continue to be vital to its operation. Volunteers should have CPR and first-aid certification before applying, and applicants must be age 18 or older. Paramedics and EMTs are particularly welcome, but training can be provided. EMS, which operates three ambulances, a special service unit and a paramedic responder motorcycle, answers around 3,000 calls per year. Anyone interested in joining EMS should call 215-887-5925, ext. 510.

- **Auxiliary Police** – Upholding a proud tradition of public service to the community, over 30 Auxiliary Police volunteers dedicate hundreds of hours toward supporting the Cheltenham Police Department each year by providing traffic and crowd control at emergencies and community events. By handling these responsibilities, Auxiliary Officers free Cheltenham Police for regular patrol duties. Like the Township's other emergency services, Auxiliary Police are on call 24 hours a day. The unit generally meets monthly at the Police Administration Building where volunteers receive training in many of the same police subjects and skills as regular officers. Recruits must be at least 18 years old and live in Cheltenham Township or one of 15 surrounding municipalities. For more information, call the Cheltenham Police Department at 215-887-6200, ext. 424, and leave a message.



The Auxiliary Police provide invaluable traffic and crowd control at special events and emergency scenes throughout the year.

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Nancy K. Gibson, Writer/Editor

From the Commissioner's Desk

Dear Neighbors,

As I sit here on Martin Luther King Jr. Day writing this article, I am overwhelmed by the diverse community in Cheltenham, which is actively participating in volunteer projects today and represents the best of volunteerism throughout the year. I have often stated that the support and input from so many residents helps to keep Cheltenham strong.

To those who are already volunteering their time and talent, I thank you on behalf of the Township. For those interested in "giving back" to this great community, please consider joining your local library Friends group, Melrose Park Neighbors Association, Friends of High School Park, parent-teacher organization, volunteer fire company or other wonderful groups throughout the community. The Township has many official citizens committees, such as the Environmental Advisory Council, Economic Development Task Force, and Planning Commission, that provide substantive input into the Commissioners' review process and ultimate decisions. Those decisions impact your neighborhood and the future of the Township. Another prime example is the group of volunteers that spent years reviewing and completely rewriting the Township Zoning Code for presentation to the Board of Commissioners.

There are many opportunities to match your interests and time constraints. See "Volunteers Wanted" on page 1 for information on citizen committees that have current openings for new members. Please contact me or the organization directly for more information or to express your interest. Remember that even in small ways, such as picking up trash on your block or offering your assistance to a neighbor, you can keep our neighborhoods strong.

Looking Forward

I'm convinced that Cheltenham has a great future. Our residents, both newcomers and old-timers, will tell you the location, the diversity and the outstanding core services make Cheltenham a wonderful place to call home. In 2013, Cheltenham adopted a Sustainability Plan that established goals to improve how we operate throughout the Township and to protect our waterways and parkland. The Township's volunteer Environmental Advisory Council helps guide us in this ongoing endeavor and welcomes input from non-members.

At the same time, Cheltenham must welcome new commercial enterprises to increase our business tax base, so the Township can continue to provide first-rate community services. Some new developments being planned or in process include:

- Cheltenham Mall will be undergoing a \$29 million redevelopment project to bring in 22 new stores with their own exterior storefronts, instead of interior access under a mall roof.
- On Cheltenham Avenue, two new restaurants and a coffee shop have opened at 1333 Cheltenham Avenue; a new banquet facility and restaurant are planned for 1347 Cheltenham Avenue; and a food market expansion is planned at the H-Mart at the corner of Old York Road.
- Wawa has begun construction of a new convenience store with gas stations at Ogontz Avenue and Limekiln Pike.
- Ashbourne Meadows will begin construction of a single-family and townhouse community totaling 166 units on the site of the former Ashbourne Country Club.
- In Glenside, the Roberts Block building now houses a restaurant and bar across from the Glenside Train Station, and Wyncote Commons has been revitalized for new mixed-use businesses.
- While not defined yet, major development projects are being considered at the former Dominican Retreat House on Ashbourne Road and the adjoining property that once served as the Temple University Tyler School of Art campus.

The Township has a busy agenda this year. First, the Commissioners face major decisions on the issues of both managing our sanitary sewer system and agreeing on the best strategy to repair the pipes and plan for future growth. A comprehensive new Zoning Code is in the near offing. Finally, three union contracts need to be negotiated.

These challenging issues are in addition to the constant work performed so admirably by our outstanding Township Staff, much of which is taken for granted but involves a lot of time and effort. Police and fire personnel keep our neighborhoods safe. Our local libraries, Cheltenham Center for the Arts and community centers enhance the intellectual and creative strengths of the community. And parks and public works employees provide us with countless opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and more.

Crunching the Numbers

As chair of the Board's Finance Committee, I would be remiss if I didn't note the obvious: that balancing a budget that includes some significant expenses (sewer, pension and health care costs) raises the possibility of higher taxes. Your ideas for increasing revenue or controlling expenses are most welcome. In fact, any creative, thoughtful input to help your Commissioners do a better job of managing Cheltenham is encouraged, as we are all interested in improving our Township.

Finally, something all residents can do to both strengthen our Township and help generate tax revenues is to shop in Cheltenham. For example, by shopping at CreekSide Co-op, which has helped to revitalize the Elkins Park East Commercial District, and dining at local restaurants, we generate business tax revenue for the Township. This is an important ingredient in our plans to minimize residential tax increases.

Cheltenham is strong with a lot to be proud of. With your support and ideas, 2016 will be a good year.

Sincerely,

Daniel B. Norris
Commissioner, Ward 5



Daniel B. Norris

Things to Do This Spring

Arbor Day Celebration

Friday, April 29 • 10:00 a.m. • Coventry Park, 7700 New Second Street, Elkins Park

Children from area schools will sing songs and recite poetry about the importance of trees as well as help plant a Swamp White Oak in the park. For the 18th consecutive year, the Township will be named a Tree City USA community by the Pennsylvania Urban Forestry Council and receive a 17th consecutive Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation for its continued progress in community forestry. Information: 215-635-3255.

Earth Day Activities

Saturday, April 30 & Sunday, May 1 • Various times & locations

Visit the Cheltenham Township website www.CheltenhamTownship.org for a list of clean-ups and other Earth Day activities happening around the community. Information: 215-887-6200, ext. 230.

Downtown Glenside Arts Festival

Saturday, April 30 (rain or shine) • Noon – 6:00 p.m. • Glenside Avenue & Easton Road, Glenside

The 3rd Annual Downtown Glenside Arts Festival will celebrate the arts and Earth Day by featuring crafts, food, entertainment, Earth Day activities and wine tasting. Festival partners include the Downtown Glenside Community Partnership, the Downtown Glenside Foundation, Cheltenham Township, Sustainable Cheltenham and Arcadia University. Information: 215-884-9900 or www.DowntownGlensideFestival.org.



Two young superheroes purchased masks, capes and power belts at last year's Downtown Glenside Arts Festival. This year's event is slated for Saturday, April 30 from noon until 6:00 p.m. on Glenside Avenue and Easton Road.

Historic Lecture

Thursday, May 12 • 7:30 p.m. • Curtis Hall, 1250 W. Church Road, Wyncote

In honor of National Historic Preservation month, the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission and Jenkinstown Lyceum will present a free lecture on "Wanamaker and Family: Gilded Age Citizens and Residents." Information: 215-887-9159.

Tour of Historic Wyncote

Saturday, May 14 • 9:00 a.m. • \$25 per person, advance registration required

Back by popular demand, a local historian from the Cheltenham Historical Commission will lead a small bus on a two-hour tour covering about one square mile of Olde Wyncote. The registration form is available at www.CheltenhamTownship.org. Information: 215-885-5829.

Drive in Movie

Saturday, May 21 (rain date June 11) • 8:00 p.m. gate opens; 8:45 p.m. movie starts • Cheltenham High School main parking lot, 500 Rices Mill Road, Wyncote

Watch the PG-13 adventure movie *Jurassic World* on a big screen from the comfort of your own vehicle. Bring your own snacks (but no alcohol, please). The fee is \$5 per person up to a \$15 max per vehicle (4th person and over is free!). Information: 215-887-6200, ext. 227.

Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 30 • 10:30 a.m.

Cheltenham Township and American Legion Post #497 will pay tribute to the men and women of the community who answered their country's call in a brief ceremony starting at the historic cemetery located at 300 Ashbourne Road and concluding at the Township War Memorial at Central Avenue and Tookany Parkway. Information: 215-663-1450.

Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 4 • 9:00 a.m. – Noon • Kleinheinz Pond on Tookany Creek Parkway, Cheltenham

A \$3 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. The derby is presented by the Cheltenham/Rockledge Rotary Club in cooperation with the Cheltenham Township Parks and Recreation Department. Information: 215-379-2233.

Arts in the Park featuring Sustainable Cheltenham

Sunday, June 5 (rain date June 12) • 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. • High School Park, High School Road & Montgomery Avenue, Elkins Park

For its 21st anniversary, this popular festival will again feature high-quality wares from at least 50 juried artisans in addition to live music, fun kids' activities and tasty food vendors. In addition, the event will include Sustainable Cheltenham activities, including award winners, student projects and more. Information: 215-782-8082.

Note: Sundays in the Park were canceled this year due to preliminary work required for sanitary sewer replacement to be completed in the area.

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School District Notes

“This Is Cheltenham” Campaign

Calling all Cheltenham High School (CHS) graduates!

Do you hold an illustrious position? Have you won a national/international award? Have you published a bestseller? Have you appeared on TV, the big screen or the big stage? Are you making a difference in Cheltenham as a member of a local agency? Do you own a landmark patent? Have you invented a major innovation? Have you competed in the Olympics or in a professional sport? Is your name associated with a great philanthropic movement? How are YOU changing the world?

Cheltenham School District believes our graduates are making a big impact and wants to share your world-changing accomplishments with others. Please send your great news and accomplishments or the accomplishments of any graduate you know to District Director of Communications and Development Susan O’Grady via sograd@cheltenham.org. Be sure to include the full name and graduation year along with a detailed description of what you/he/she achieved since getting a CHS diploma. Your head shot, news article, professional blurb, etc., will be shared with the community and may even be utilized in District promotional materials.

#1 Hurdler in Country



Chanel Brissett (far right), the Cheltenham High School junior who is currently the nation’s top hurdler, gets ready to cross the finish line.

Cheltenham High School junior Chanel Brissett is currently the top hurdler in the nation. This achievement compliments her four previous state championships in the 60M and 100M Dashes along with records in the 4 x 200 and 4 X 100 Relays. Earlier this year, she was selected “Athlete of the Meet” for the prestigious Marine Corps Meet in New York City, as she won both the 60M Dash and the 60M

Hurdles and anchored the 4 X 200 Relay. In doing so, she claimed the third fastest time in the country and first in Pennsylvania. Congratulations!

3D Printer Gift

Cheltenham High School classes in Advanced Building Structures and Technical Drawing have an innovative new teaching tool: a 3D printer. After a hugely successful 50th reunion last June, the Class of 1965 donated \$2,500 to their alma mater towards this state of the art technology. Students are already experimenting with various programs and developing actual 3D printer creations such as a Pythagoras cup and a full chess set.

Light Conversion Project

In March 2016, the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners voted to participate in a Guaranteed Savings Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. (JCI) to perform an Investment Grade Audit for the conversion of the Township’s lighting infrastructure to light-emitting diode (LED) technology.

Between April and July, JCI contractors will inventory the Township’s streetlights, traffic and pedestrian signals, and exterior building and parking lot lighting to collect the information needed to engineer an LED retrofit to these facilities that will reduce the amount of energy used, while improving the light coverage in the Township. The audit will determine the scope of the project and financing terms. The goal of the project is to cover the cost of upgrading the Township’s lighting infrastructure from the savings that result from reduced energy usage and lower maintenance costs. Based on a preliminary audit, Cheltenham should realize enough savings to finance the project without adding any capital of its own.

Converting the Township’s streetlights from high pressure sodium bulbs to LED bulbs could reduce the Township’s energy usage by approximately 60%. The Township also expects significant maintenance savings since the life of a high pressure sodium bulb is 3-5 years, while the life expectancy of an LED bulb is often 20 years or more.

If the Investment Grade Audit proves that the Township will save enough on its energy and maintenance costs to finance this project, the Board of Commissioners will consider taking the next step of implementing the project in July or August.

Part of the Regional Streetlight Procurement Program offered by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Cheltenham Township and 38 other municipalities in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties are utilizing the Pennsylvania Guaranteed Energy Savings Act to use bulk purchasing power to garner extremely competitive rates on labor and materials in order to complete this conversion. In addition, this joint project would enable the Township to convert its entire lighting infrastructure to LEDs in 12 to 18 months, rather five or more years. All of the participating municipalities will also take advantage of a low-interest bond through the Pennsylvania Sustainable Energy Finance Program to finance their project.

Finally, the savings to the Township are guaranteed. If the Township does not realize the savings promised by JCI’s Guarantee Savings Agreement, JCI will pay the difference to the Township.

To follow the progress of this project, check the Township’s website www.CheltenhamTownship.org > Departments & Services > Projects, Plans and Studies > LED Conversion Project.



Summer Fun



Cool Pools

Conklin Pool - 15 E. Church Road, Elkins Park
Glenside Pool - 185 S. Keswick Avenue, Glenside

Pool Hours

Noon to 8:00 p.m. every day, except July 4 and September 5
 (Noon - 6:00 p.m.), from Saturday, June 18 to Monday, September 5.

2016 Season Fees

Family	\$225
Adult	\$105
Youth/Student (ages 23 or under & full-time student).....	\$80
Senior (ages 62 & over)	\$40

Daily Fees

Adult	\$5
Youth.....	\$4

Plus a \$25 initial registration fee per person.

Guest Fees

	Weekdays	Weekends
Adult	\$8	\$10
Youth	\$7	\$8

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 all children.

For greater convenience, last year's members will be mailed 2016 pool applications. They may register by mail ONLY IF nothing in their membership has changed. Past members who have any changes or additions to their old memberships must still register in person. Information: 215-887-6200, ext. 227.

Registration Times

Tuesdays - Thursdays, April 26 - June 16 • Weekdays beginning June 20
 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 4 • 10:00 a.m. - Noon
- Monday, June 6 • 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 15 • 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 18 • 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 23 • 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

More Pool Fun

- Flick 'N' Float - where youngsters watch movies from their own floatation devices in the water - at Glenside Pool on Friday, July 8 and Conklin Pool on Tuesday, July 26. Gates open at 8:00 p.m.
- Family Bingo and Ice Cream Socials on Wednesdays, August 3 at Glenside Pool and August 10 at Conklin Pool, both at 6:00 p.m.
- Water Carnival on Saturday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Glenside Pool, offering silly, water-based games.
- Pool Jam on Saturday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Conklin Pool, summer's last chance to sing, dance, play water games and enjoy tasty treats by the pool.

Swim Teams

Conklin Barracudas and Glenside Dolphins Swim Teams participate in The Liberty Swim League, which is comprised of teams from local townships. Practices begin soon after the pools open. Six dual meets are held from late June through the third week of July, and championship meets are held near the end of July. Both teams conclude their seasons with awesome pool parties for team members and families! Participants must be pool members. The cost is \$25. Register at the pools.

E-Notifications

Sign up for all the news via the "E-Notification" link on the Township website www.CheltenhamTownship.org. To peruse our offerings online, visit the Parks and Recreation page found in the Departments & Services menu. Don't be left out; the fun begins with the click of a button.

Tell Us

Ideas, problems or suggestions are always welcomed by the Parks and Recreation Department. If you would like to suggest new courses, discuss current programs or report problems, email Brian Hinson, Director of Parks and Recreation, at bhinson@cheltenham-township.org.

Special Needs

Any Township resident with a disability wishing to attend a Township-sponsored program who is in need of an accommodation to access a Township building in order to participate in such program shall contact the Office of the Director of Parks and Recreation at 215-887-6200, ext. 227, at least 72 business hours prior to the commencement of the program. Cheltenham Township is committed to providing equal access to Township-sponsored programs to all residents.

Cheltenham Township does not ordinarily provide vehicular transportation for persons of special needs to and from programs unless otherwise specified as part of a specific program. It is the Township's policy that when vehicular transportation is provided by the Township as part of a specific program, the expenses for the transportation must be offset 100% by the program fees collected.

Cheltenham Township cannot provide refunds of program fees for time missed due to a change in plans, family vacation or a child's illness. Cheltenham Township does not prorate for any of its programs. Cheltenham Township staff do not disburse or handle prescription or over-the-counter medication and are not trained to care for special needs children.



Summer Fun



Swim Lessons

Can your children swim? This program offers lessons for toddlers through advanced beginners, based upon ability.

	Registration Dates	Instructional Dates
Session No. 1	June 20, 21 & 22	June 27 - July 15
Session No. 2	July 11, 12 & 13	July 18 - August 5
Session No. 3	August 1, 2 & 3	August 8 - August 26

Register at the pools Monday through Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 ** Pool memberships are required before swim lesson registration.**

Swim Lesson Fees

- First child in family \$25
- Second child in family \$20
- Each additional child in family \$17

Cash, checks or money orders are accepted at the pools, but NOT credit/debit cards. For more information, call the pools after June 18 between noon and 8:00 p.m. at 215-379-8727 (Conklin Pool) or 215-885-1717 (Glenside Pool).

Playground Program



Playgrounds

La Mott • Renninger • Rowland • Wall Park

2016 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 27 - August 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., except July 4

Early Registration - Residents Only

Tuesday, June 7 - Thursday, June 9 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 At La Mott Community Center (For La Mott & Renninger Playgrounds)
 7420 Sycamore Avenue, La Mott
 At Rowland Community Center (For Tookany & Wall Park Playgrounds)
 400 Myrtle Avenue, Cheltenham

Open registration will be offered on Monday, June 13 through Thursday, June 23 on a first-come, first-served basis at both community centers on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cash, money orders and credit card payments are accepted. Information: 215-887-6200, ext. 227.

S.T.E.P.



For ages 12 to 15, the seven-week Summer Teen Enrichment Program (STEP) features weekly trips, sports, crafts and community service projects.

Schedule

Weekdays, June 27 - August 12 (except July 4) from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Participants should bring their own lunches.

2016 Fee

\$925 per teen, trips included. Fee may be paid in two installments with \$450 due at registration and the balance due by May 27, 2016.

Registration

Weekdays, until May 27 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at both the La Mott and Rowland Community Centers. Space is limited to 40 participants. Information: 215-635-3255.

NEW Outdoor Movies

Bring the entire family to watch movies on a big screen at the Cheltenham Little League Woodland Campus, located 650 Woodland Avenue in Cheltenham. The gate opens at 7:30 p.m., and the movie begins at 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$5 per person. The snack stand will be open to provide dinner or a snack. (No alcohol is permitted.) Call 215-887-6200, ext. 227, for more information.

- *The Perfect Game* on Friday, June 10
Based on a true story, a group of boys from Monterrey, Mexico, become the first non-U.S. team to win the Little League World Series. This movie is rated PG and has a running time of 1 hour, 58 minutes.
- *Pixels* on Thursday, August 25
When aliens misinterpret video feeds of classic arcade games as a declaration of war, they attack the Earth in the form of the video games. This movie is rated PG and has a running time of 1 hour, 46 minutes.



Summer Fun



Concerts in the Park

Cheltenham Township is once again offering a free concert series on five Sundays this summer primarily at Curtis Arboretum, the beautiful 45-acre park located at 1250 W. Church Road in Wyncote. The series sponsor, Einstein Medical Center Elkins Park, will host the final concert at 60 Township Line Road in Elkins Park.

All performers, who are subject to change, will play two 45-minute sets starting at 5:00 p.m. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers are welcome, but no alcohol is permitted. In case of rain, all concerts will be held inside Curtis Hall. Information: 215-887-6200, ext. 227.



2016 Performers

June 26	Hzekiel Jones	Rock & Roll/Pop
July 17	The Larry Price Quintet with Larry McKenna	Jazz
July 31	Beats Walkin'	Country/Bluegrass
August 14	Lily and Winston	Folk
August 28	Lou Lanza and the Monday Blues Band	Classical

Tennis

Under Ten Tennis Clinic

A U.S. Tennis Association program, this FREE one-hour clinic will introduce children to the game with equipment suited to youths ages 10 and under. Each participant should bring a racket, a water bottle and wear sneakers.

Wall Park Tennis Court

Saturday, May 7 • 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Register for this free event by Friday, May 6 at either community center. For more information, contact the La Mott Community Center at 215-635-3255.

Adult Tennis

Co-ed • Ages 17 & Older • 6 Weeks • \$50 (NR \$75) Fee • Limit 8

Calling all adult tennis players! Dust the winter chill off your rackets and join us for some fun. Instruction will be offered for Beginners (people who have never played or cannot hit the ball in a rally) and Intermediates (some previous experience and can rally but need help in their game).

Wall Park Tennis Court

Tuesdays, May 10 - June 14 • 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Register at either the La Mott or Rowland Community Center until May 6.

PonyShare

Petite Equestrian Program (PEP)

Co-ed • Ages 3-6 • Fee \$210 (Non-Resident \$235) • Limit 16

Youngsters will learn safety on and around the ponies, grooming techniques, basic riding skills, and other primary horsemanship skills. While this is not a horseback riding lesson per say, the program includes an exciting riding component offering each child a ride for about 20 minutes to learn how to properly mount, dismount, hold the reins and control the pony/horse at a walk and at a few steps of the trot. Parents/guardians must stay on location during the program and may be asked to occasionally lend a hand.



Pony Grooming and Riding Program (PGRP)

Co-ed • Ages 7-13 • Fee \$240 (Non-Resident \$265) • Limit 16

An exciting hands-on introduction to the wonderful world of equines, this program groups children according to age and prior experience, if any, to teach safety on and around horses, basic anatomy, equine senses and body language, grooming, tack and harness, English and Western styles, and barn management. Participants are assigned a size-related pony or cob, and each group works under a qualified counselor in a fun-filled, supportive atmosphere.

WHERE: Curtis Arboretum (by the pond)

1250 W. Church Road, Wyncote

WHEN: Monday, July 25 - Thursday, July 28

TIME: PEP 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; PGRP 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Register for the PonyShare programs by Friday, July 15 at either the La Mott or Rowland Community Centers on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Evening registration is also available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Credit cards are accepted during the daytime hours only.

Community Center Membership

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 \$20 for children ages 6 through 17 and \$25 for adults. Only Cheltenham Township residents are eligible.



Summer Fun



Art Programs

Young Rembrandts

Co-ed • Ages 4 - 14 • 5 Weeks from May 7 - June 4 • \$65/child/session • Limit 15 • Register at www.YoungRembrandts.com/buxmont-pa

Early Elementary Drawing

Children ages 4 to 6 will learn to draw basic shapes and playful characters, including clowns, scarecrows and monsters to strengthen their core skills.

Rowland Community Center

SATURDAYS • 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Elementary Drawing

Children ages 7 to 14 will transform simple shapes into cartoon sun and moon characters, explore a sense of color with a macaw parrot and expand their skills with detailed drawings of a pirate ship and friendly robot.

Rowland Community Center

SATURDAYS • 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Cartooning

Youngsters ages 8 to 14 will learn key exaggeration and personification techniques for rendering cartoon characters. Students will learn to tell a story through sequential drawing.

Rowland Community Center

SATURDAYS • 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Cheltenham Center for the Arts

Co-ed • 8 Weeks from April 18 - June 10 • Register at www.CheltenhamArts.org or call 215-379-4660 for more information and pricing.

Preschool Art with your Favorite Grown-up

Preschoolers ages 2 to 4 experience art with a favorite adult through movement and music. This is a unique and fun approach to making art with the very young. Moms, Dads and caregivers are welcome!

Elkins Park Train Station

SATURDAYS • 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Children's Explorations in Art

Children ages 5 to 8 will be introduced to beautiful materials and techniques while exploring painting, printmaking and collage. Students receive individual attention and are encouraged to express their unique personalities.

Cheltenham Art Center

SATURDAYS • 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Clay for Kids

Children ages 5 to 12 will develop their creative skills while learning the basics of working with clay. Students will produce decorative and functional pottery as well as sculpture.

Cheltenham Art Center

SATURDAYS

Ages 5 to 8: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 9 to 12: 10:30 a.m. to Noon

Teen Clay Class

Students ages 13 and older will advance to high-fire clay, working on individual wheel and hand-building projects. Weekly demonstrations will teach students more advanced pottery techniques, with individual attention given to each student.

Cheltenham Art Center

SATURDAYS • 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

After-School Clay

Children ages 5 to 12 will learn a variety of hand-building techniques. Older children will be introduced to the potter's wheel. All will get the chance to get messy while creating their own unique work. No experience necessary; all materials and tools provided.

Cheltenham Art Center

WEDNESDAYS

Ages 5 to 8: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ages 9 to 12: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wheel Throwing for Teens

Students ages 12 and older will learn the basics of wheel throwing – creating the cylinder and bowl forms that are the basis for bowls, vases and mugs – and decorative glaze techniques to enhance project surfaces. Beginners welcome; no experience necessary.

Cheltenham Art Center

MONDAYS • 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

After-School Drawing

Children ages 7 to 10 learn real drawing techniques from cartoons to landscapes through fun projects every week.

Cheltenham Art Center

WEDNESDAYS • 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Teen Painting and Drawing – Intermediate/Advanced

Students ages 13 and older can develop the style and look of their work through constructive criticism and editing. This class provides students with time, space and guidance in an atmosphere that is not only thoughtful and serious but also supportive and fun.

Cheltenham Art Center

WEDNESDAYS • 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

In Brief

Greenwood & Church Left-Turn Arrow

Anyone who has ever been caught in the rush hour traffic on Church Road at Greenwood Avenue will celebrate the coming left-turn arrow for westbound Church Road drivers turning towards Route 309. Already tentatively approved by PennDOT, the Township must still complete several steps to formally change the intersection's traffic signal permit before installing the new equipment. The Township hopes the left-turn arrow will be operational by this fall.

Although unlikely to completely eliminate the backups, the left-turn arrow should provide some relief to traffic flow until PennDOT completes a more extensive signal and intersection upgrade that includes creating a dedicated left-turn lane. PennDOT's project is scheduled to go out for bid in 2018.

The Township lists roadwork projects scheduled in the community at www.CheltenhamTownship.org via the "Roadwork" link. To receive email updates about roadwork projects in the community, sign up via the "E-Notifications" link.

Curtis Arboretum Landscape Management Plan

After several years of study, the Curtis Arboretum Landscape Management Plan was unveiled at the Public Affairs Committee in April. The landscape management plan, which was funded in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources under the Community Conservation Partnerships Program, provides guidance on the restoration, improvement and maintenance of the historic 45.5-acre arboretum located at Church Road and Greenwood Avenue in Wyncote.

The Board of Commissioners welcomes public comments about the plan through May 10, 2016. The plan is posted online at www.CheltenhamTownship.org > Projects, Plans and Studies > Curtis Arboretum Management Plan. Send written comments to either aelliott@cheltenham-township.org or the Office of the Township Manager | Cheltenham Township | 8230 Old York Road | Elkins Park, PA 19027-1589 | Attn: Curtis Arboretum Landscape Management Plan.

Summer Sports Camps

Arcadia University will offer athletic camps and clinics throughout summer for area youths (ages 8 to 18) interested in advancing their skills in eight sports:

- tennis
- softball
- baseball
- basketball
- soccer
- volleyball
- lacrosse
- field hockey

The camps and clinics range from beginner programs for children interested in learning the game to advanced clinics for high school players interested in participating in intercollegiate sports. Costs vary per program. The programs, which vary from

one to four days, will be held on the university campus, located at 450 S. Easton Road in Glenside. For more information, visit athletics.arcadia.edu/camps.

Rain Barrels

Rain barrels are an easy, cost-saving way to contribute to Sustainable Cheltenham, a community-wide effort to make the Township more resilient and environmentally friendly. By holding rainwater to be released in drier weather, barrels reduce the demands on stormwater systems. Using the collected water to irrigate lawns and gardens helps lower water bills and tax fees, while also conserving this vital resource. The Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership, Inc., offer rain barrels for \$75 each. To place an order, contact Alex Cooper at cooper@ttfwatershed.org or 215-744-1853.



Flood Reduction Study

After releasing its draft report on the Tookany Creek Flood Reduction Feasibility Study in November 2015, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) welcomed public comments through February 22, 2016. The USACE will respond to every comment in a plan appendix, which it will share with the community at a Public Works Committee meeting. At this point it is unclear if the USACE will modify its recommendation for a series of dry detention basins as the most cost-effective option to reduce flood damage in Cheltenham.

To see the latest draft report or get updates on the flood reduction effort, check the Township website www.CheltenhamTownship.org via the link "Flood Control."

Tidy Up Reminder

Keep Cheltenham looking its best and beautiful. Property owners, both residential and commercial, are responsible for removing any litter that may collect on their property and their adjacent right-of-way up to the edge of the street.



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Additional locations:

Elkins Central
• Elkins Park Train Station

Cheltenham Center
for the Arts Shop
• High School Park Rd.

Sanitary Sewer

The Township has completed the first phase of major upgrades to the sanitary sewer system. Approximately 11,000 linear feet of the main sewer line (Interceptor A) between Rices Mill and Old York Roads were lined in 2013.

The next step entails replacing 3.75 miles of Interceptor A between Old York Road and Central Avenue, a project that will involve extensive excavation. Slated to begin this spring, the project hit a snag. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission determined an archaeological and geomorphologic study must be conducted before the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can issue a joint project permit. That study will start this spring but will delay the sewer upgrade for a least a year.

Even as Cheltenham moves forward with the Interceptor A project, it is working closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) to develop and refine a plan to reduce inflow and infiltration (I/I). Over the next 10 years Cheltenham is slated to make substantial, multi-million dollar per year investments into its sewer system to comply with DEP and PWD requirements.

These current and future investments in the Township's sewer system are part of an ongoing effort. For more than a decade the Township has worked to curb I/I through a multi-prong approach. First, a physical inspection of sump pumps eliminated illegal hookups into the sanitary sewer across the Township. Second, underground cameras and equipment enabled Township contractors to clean sewer lines and pressure test every joint; any joint that failed was immediately grouted and retested until the seals held. Now the Township is working closely with DEP to develop an aggressive plan to reduce I/I even more.

Finally, the Board of Commissioners is also exploring options for selling the system, which is nearing 100 years old in some sections, or establishing a separate sanitary sewer authority. Nearby Upper Dublin and Springfield Townships have recently sold their systems. Cheltenham's sewer system also serves sections of Abington, Jenkintown, Philadelphia and Springfield.

Emergency Drill



Over 300 emergency responders participated in a full-scale drill at Elkins Park School last October. Such large-scale simulations provide a rare opportunity for multiple departments and agencies to practice coordinating their core first-responder capabilities together.

The event began with a 911 call reporting a gas odor at Elkins Park School. A Cheltenham fire company was dispatched. After the crew entered the building, there was a sudden explosion.

That scenario – which fortunately never actually happened – began a full-scale disaster drill that involved over 300 emergency responders and local officials last October. Nine ambulance companies, seven fire companies, and dozens of Township and School District employees practiced their emergency training in real time during this simulated mass-casualty event featuring dozens of student “victims.” A drill of this magnitude provides a rare opportunity for regional departments and agencies to practice core first-responder capabilities together, including operational coordination, communication, and mass search and rescue.

The drill also afforded a test run of a new Cheltenham School District safety plan. The Cheltenham Township Emergency Management Team and the Montgomery County Public Safety Department worked with District for more than three years to develop and implement an emergency operations plan. Evaluators monitored the two-hour drill that required emergency responders and school officials to work together to conduct fire suppression, extrication, triage, evacuation and reunification. The results enabled all participants to fine-tune their plans and protocols to improve future emergency operations.

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Household Hazardous Waste

Every year Montgomery County offers five household hazardous waste collections at different locations from April to October. All events run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The closest collection to Cheltenham this year is slated for Saturday, June 18 at Abington Junior High School, 2056 Susquehanna Road.

At the event, residents should stay in their cars for safety reasons. Staff will remove materials from the vehicles and direct drivers to the exit. The typical wait time is no longer than 30 minutes. Survey takers will ask a few short questions during the wait. Please note that latex paint is not hazardous waste and should not be brought to the collection events. For the complete schedule, visit www.CheltenhamTownship.org > Departments & Services > Public Works > Household Hazardous Collections. For additional information, visit MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org or call 610-278-3618.



Acceptable Items

The following items are accepted at Montgomery County household hazardous waste collection events:

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| • Acids, caustics, solvents | • Gasoline | • Other mercury bearing items | • Septic tank degreasers |
| • Adhesives/solvents | • Grease and rust solvents | • Outdoor products | • Shellac |
| • Antifreeze | • Household products | • Oxidizers | • Spot removers |
| • Asphalt sealers | • Joint compound | • Paint products | • Stains and varnish |
| • Automotive products | • Kerosene | • Paint thinner | • Swimming pool chemicals |
| • Carburetor cleaners | • Lead | • Pesticides | • Thermometers |
| • Caulking compounds | • Lead acid batteries | • Propane cylinders (20lb or less) | • Thermostats |
| • Drain/oven cleaners | • Loose mercury | • Reactives | • Toilet bowl cleaners |
| • Dry cleaning fluid | • Mercury car switches | • Rechargeable batteries | • Transmission/brake fluid |
| • Flammables | • Miscellaneous | • Rodent poison | • Turpentine |
| • Fluorescent bulbs | • Mothballs/flakes | • Roof cements | • Wallpaper cement |
| • Fuel additives | • Motor oil | • Rug cleaners | • Weed killers |
| • Furniture stripper and finisher | • Oil-based paint | | • Wood and metal cleaners |
| | • Organic peroxide | | |

Paper Shredding Events

Montgomery County has also scheduled three paper shredding events for residents – not businesses – in conjunction with Shred One Security Corp. All events will run from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Residents should bring documents in boxes or paper bags for ease of shredding on site. Each vehicle is limited to NO MORE THAN TWO boxes or paper bags. No plastic, plastic bags, batteries, cardboard, or metal (other than staples and paper clips) will be accepted. Volunteers will assist with unloading documents. Note: The event must close when trucks are full.

For additional information, visit MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org or call 610-278-3618.

Saturday, July 16

Western Montgomery Career & Technology Center
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Saturday, July 23

Abington Junior High School
2056 Susquehanna Road • Abington, PA 19001

Sunday, October 23

Lower Merion Transfer Station
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Zoning Code Revision

After nine years of work by two special committees and a series of public meetings and workshops, a new Zoning Ordinance and Map may be adopted soon. A critical document because it defines land uses “by right” for every property in the Township, the Zoning Code will largely shape the physical future of the community.

A first draft (dated November 2013) of the new Zoning Ordinance was reviewed at several public meetings in early 2014. A revised draft (dated September 2015) that incorporated the feedback from those sessions was vetted through another three meetings in October through December. After welcoming public comments on the second version, the Board of Commissioners scheduled final workshops this March and April to review those comments. At these meetings, the Board will evaluate what feedback to incorporate into the draft Zoning Ordinance, in hopes of finalizing the ordinance for adoption this year.

The current draft and other information about the proposed Zoning Ordinance and Map are available online at www.CheltenhamTownship.org > REVISED Draft Zoning Code.

Business News

Elkins Park Business Enhancements

The Elkins Park West Commercial District, which is located on Old York Road (SR 611) between Cheltenham Hills Drive and Meetinghouse Road, is on the verge of a major upgrade thanks to a \$1 million Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. And that's just the beginning. The Township has also submitted grant applications totaling \$3.14 million through the Multimodal Transportation Fund grant program for more streetscape enhancements in both the Elkins Park East and West Commercial Districts.

Comparable to the Downtown Glenside improvements completed a few years ago, the improvements funded by the TAP grant will focus on improving the intersection of Church Road and Old York Road. Proposed enhancements will likely include:

- decorative, pedestrian-scale streetlights
- new sidewalks, crosswalks and curbing
- updated landscaping
- improved traffic and pedestrian circulation.

Township consultants are working to finalize engineering plans based on the design concept completed in 2011 by KSK and Gannett Fleming. Engineering should be completed by the end of this summer. Bidding for the construction portion of the project is anticipated to begin in late 2016 or early 2017.

If the Township also receives the Multimodal Transportation Fund grant for the Elkins Park West Commercial District, Phases II and III will expand pedestrian and landscaping improvements along Old York Road between Church Road and Cheltenham Hills Drive, and Church Road and Meetinghouse Road, including a possible left-turn lane from southbound Old York Road onto Church Road.

In a second Multimodal Transportation Fund grant round, the Township also applied for \$1.54 million to engineer, bid and construct streetscape enhancements for Elkins Park East Commercial District, which is based around High School Road and Montgomery Avenue. Designed by Carroll Engineering in 2008, the Elkins Park East upgrades would target better aesthetics and safety for pedestrians and vehicles.

Commercial district improvements are part of the Township's long-range economic development strategy to attract shoppers and help recruit and retain businesses, which bolsters a thriving business district. A healthy business base, in turn, supports a healthy community by minimizing reliance on the residential tax base.

Cheltenham Avenue

Cheltenham Mall is about to undergo a \$29 million redevelopment. The renovated mall will feature 22 new stores with their own exterior storefronts, instead of interior access under a mall roof. To support sustainability, the development will also include a pervious pedestrian walkway along Shopper's Lane.

At Cedarbrook Mall, the Fresh Grocer is replacing the Pathmark that closed. The Fresh Grocer is owned by Brown's Super Stores, the same chain that owns the ShopRite in Cheltenham Mall. Finally, a new banquet facility and restaurant are still planned for 1347 Cheltenham Avenue, and H-Mart will expand its food market and parking at the corner of Old York Road.

CreekSide

Late last year the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority awarded CreekSide Co-op in Elkins Park with a \$151,500 economic development grant. The county credited the co-op with inspiring many other businesses to open in the Elkins Park East Commercial District. CreekSide has earmarked the funds for added refrigeration and related equipment as well as continued support from Uplift Solutions, a non-profit consulting firm specializing in the grocery business as a community catalyst.



The streetscape enhancement project on Easton Road in Downtown Glenside was funded primarily with over \$3 million in state and county grants. Thanks to a \$1 million federal transportation grant, the Elkins Park West Commercial District around Old York and Church Roads is next in line for streetscape improvements.

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