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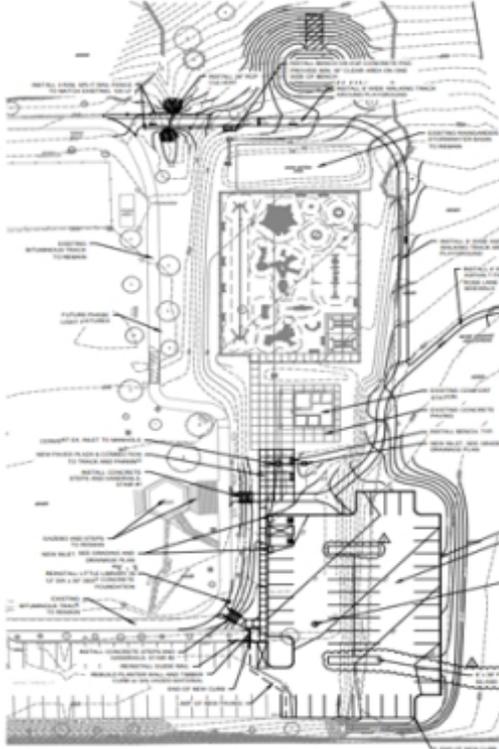


Dear Township Resident,
Spring is a time of renewal and growth, and as we welcome this vibrant season, we are excited to share the latest updates and happenings in our Township. With blooming flowers and warmer days ahead, our community is buzzing with activity. In this newsletter, you'll find information on upcoming events, local initiatives, and ways to get involved. Whether you're looking to participate in spring clean-up days, explore new recreational programs, or simply enjoy the beauty of our parks, there's something for everyone. Let's embrace the spirit of spring together and make our Township an even better place to live, work, and play!



INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

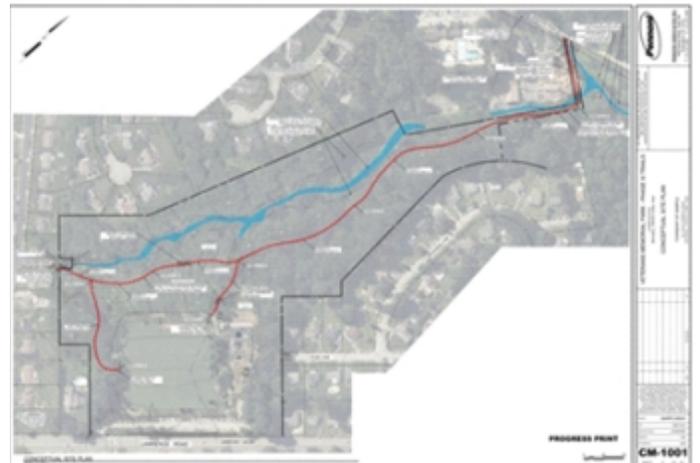
We are excited to announce we are very close to completing the new parking lot at Veterans Memorial Park. This new area will provide an additional 45 parking spaces and



will also allow for easier access to our playground and walking trail. This development comes in response to the overwhelming number of visitors to this recreational area. Since the opening of the new playground, we have had over 185,000 visitors to this recreational area each year. This is a 50% increase since the opening of the new all-inclusive playground, new bocce courts and adult exercise area. Additional parking can significantly improve this park in several ways, accessibility, safety, convenience, community engagement and support for events. Overall, enhancing parking in this area can lead to a more positive experience for our families and contribute to the overall success and usage of the park.

We are in the final design stage to expand the trail system through the northern portion of Veterans Memorial Park, consistent with the next phase of improvements identified in the park's Master Plan. Funding for the project will largely be provided through the Department of

Community and Economic Development's Local Share Account grant in the amount of \$367,000.00, as well as a Delco Greenways grant in the amount of \$250,000.00. The trail will extend from Concord Road to Langford Road, with new access to the park at Concord Road. The new trail will also have access from two (2) locations along the existing walking track. The total length of the trail is approximately 3,200 linear feet (0.60 mi). The Township is continuing the design and permitting process, and expects construction to begin later this year.



INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT SOUTH MARPLE LITTLE LEAGUE

Marple Township was recently awarded \$605,000 from the LSA Statewide Grant Program for the construction and installation of field lighting for the South Marple Little League. This is exciting for our community and the little league. Installing the lights will significantly enhance the experience and functionality of the game for our youth.



ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY

With the warmer weather, there are countless activities to enjoy. Here are a few ideas to make the most of this delightful season:

Nature Walks: Explore local parks and trails. Bring along a camera to capture the stunning landscapes and wildlife you encounter.

Community Clean-Up: Join or organize a community clean-up day. It's a great way to beautify our shared spaces and foster a sense of community pride.

Outdoor Sports: Dust off your bicycles, rollerblades, or hiking boots. Spring is perfect for outdoor sports and activities that get you moving and enjoying the fresh air.

Community Clean-Up Initiatives

With spring in the air and summer moving in quickly, it's the perfect time to engage in community clean-up initiatives. This is an excellent

opportunity for neighbors to come together, spruce up our parks, trails, and public spaces, and foster a sense of pride in our beautiful township.

Spring Events and Activities

Our Township had an exciting lineup of events and activities planned for all ages. The Spring Festival was on April 22nd and featured local artisans, food vendors, and live entertainment at the Town Square. Additionally, our Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of outdoor programs, including guided nature walks and gardening workshops, to help residents make the most of the season.

Spring was also a time for renewal in our infrastructure. We are pleased to announce several road improvement projects aimed at enhancing safety and accessibility throughout the Township. These projects are slated to begin in early May, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve our community.



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TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S MESSAGE

WEBSITE

In our ongoing commitment to improving communication and service delivery, the Township is excited to announce that we are planning a comprehensive update to our official website. This initiative aims to provide residents with more user-friendly experience, ensuring that accessing information and services is easier and more efficient than ever before.

As our Township continues to grow and evolve, so do the needs of our community. The decision to revamp our website stems from feedback gathered from residents, who expressed a desire for a more intuitive interface, streamlined navigation, and enhanced access to important resources. Our goal is to create a digital platform that reflects the values of transparency, accessibility, and community engagement.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) UPDATE

Since 2003, Marple Township has been complying with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) requirements of their MS4 program that regulates stormwater discharges from the municipal storm sewer system. This program is the result of storm water regulations enacted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Water Act. PA DEP has developed a municipal permit program with the goal of reducing pollutants associated with stormwater runoff. Marple Township is one of nearly 900 municipalities in the state required to obtain a permit and perform annual testing of all stormwater flows to ensure compliance with pollutant standards. Stormwater management information is available on PA DEP's website at <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us>; search keyword: stormwater and follow #stormwatersmartPA for updates.

Stormwater runoff is precipitation (rain or snowmelt) that flows across the land. Stormwater may infiltrate into soil, discharge directly into streams, water bodies, or drain inlets, or evaporate back

into the atmosphere. In the natural environment, most precipitation is absorbed by trees and plants or permeates into the ground, which results in stable stream flows and good water quality.

HOW YOU CAN HELP MANAGER STORMWATER



← **Managing stormwater on-site with rain gardens,**

→ **Reducing impervious areas so that rain soaks**

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Environmental Stewardship
As we enjoy the beauty of spring, let us also remember the importance of environmental stewardship. We encourage all residents to participate in our recycling programs and consider sustainable practices in their daily lives. Together, we can preserve the natural beauty of our township for future generations.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to all the elected officials, residents, volunteers, and local businesses who contribute to the vibrancy and growth of our township. Your continued support and involvement make our community a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Let's embrace the spirit of spring as we look forward to a season filled with new beginnings and shared successes. Happy Spring!

*Warm regards,
Larry Gentile
Township Manager*

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

I would like to remind residents about the importance of subscribing to the Townships Emergency Notification System. It is an essential service that provides information from our emergency management personnel so our community can be prepared for unexpected emergencies.

In the event of an emergency that affects Marple Township, a subscriber who has provided us with their home and/or cell phone number(s) will be contacted via a live or pre-recorded voice message about the nature of the event as well as proper response actions that the public should undertake. This service is provided by the Delaware County Emergency Notification System (DELCO ALERT), a strategic voice messaging system. Although the Township has provided Delco Alert with a general database of Marple Township home and business phone numbers, all residents are urged to subscribe to ensure that they receive proper emergency voice notifications.

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PET WASTE

◆ Pick up pet waste. Left on the ground, pet waste increases public health risk by washing harmful bacteria into the nearest storm drain and stream.

CAR CARE

◆ Wash your car on the lawn so the water will infiltrate into the ground keeping dirty, soapy water out of the storm drain and stream.

◆ Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids at your local repair shop.

POOL CARE

◆ Drain the pool only when a test kit indicates no chlorine levels. Chlorine is detrimental to aquatic life in the receiving stream.

◆ Properly store pool chemicals to prevent leaks and spills.

STORM DRAINS

◆ Keep storm drains near to your property clear of debris and litter.

◆ Do not blow grass clippings or leaves into the street. This prevents clogging of the storm drains.



Residents, municipalities, businesses and developers need to work together to prevent stormwater pollution.

FLASH FLOOD SAFETY

Stay Safe On The Road

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in Pennsylvania. Where it can rain, it can flood - so no matter where you live, you should be prepared for a flood emergency.

Floods can occur in different ways. Some develop slowly during an extended period of rain, or in a warming trend following heavy snow. Others, like flash floods, can happen very quickly, without any visible signs of rain. Even small streams and dry creek beds can overflow to produce flooding.

Be aware that:

- ◆ 6 inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- ◆ 6 inches of fast-moving water can knock over and carry away an adult.
- ◆ 12 inches of water will float many vehicles.
- ◆ 12-24 inches of moving water can carry away most vehicles including large sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and pick-up trucks.

If your vehicle stalls, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground. Never drive through flooded areas or standing water. The roadbed may not be intact under the water.

Remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown!



Sewer backups and flooding can cause devastating property damage and are not covered by standard homeowners' insurance policies. The majority of these claims are the responsibility of the property owner. Sewage from sanitary sewer lines occasionally back up into houses through drain pipes. These backups not only cause extensive water damage that is difficult and expensive to repair, but also create health hazards.

Marple Township is not responsible for damages caused by sewers, drains and sump pumps except under limited/special circumstances provided by the Pennsylvania Political Subdivision Tort Claim Act.

Property owners must be aware that they are responsible for the maintenance and repair of their private sewer lateral from their dwelling to and including its connection to the Township sewer main. Owners should also review their Flood and Sewer Backup insurance coverage with their agent/insurance companies in order to properly protect their personal property.

Please pay particular attention to the following coverages:

Coverage for Sewers, Drains and Sump Pumps:

This valuable coverage is **not** included under your standard homeowner's policy, But can be purchased by endorsement by a rider for an additional premium.

Flood Coverage:

Flood coverage is **not** included under your homeowner's policy. However, flood insurance is available under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and can be obtained through your insurance agent or broker.

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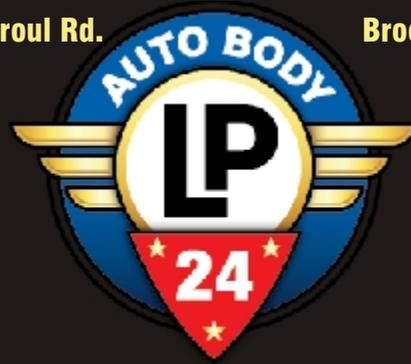
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- Low groundwater levels result in critically low or even dry creek beds and diminished drinking water supply during periods of reduced rainfall.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN HELP IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD:



SUBSTITUTE POROUS SURFACES FOR IMPERVIOUS ONES

Patios & walkways can be constructed with porous materials that reduce stormwater runoff. One option is special blocks or pavers with voids that can be filled with gravel or planted with grass that allow stormwater to soak into the soil.



PLANT MORE TREES, SHRUBS, AND MULCHED BEDS

Trees, shrubs, and mulched beds with flowers will intercept and infiltrate rainwater better than mowed lawns. Consider planting one or more large canopy trees, such as maples and oaks. Each large tree will intercept over 1,000 gallons of rainwater each year.



DIRECT STORMWATER TO AREAS WHERE IT CAN SEEP INTO THE GROUND

Do any of your downspouts direct rooftop runoff down the driveway into the street or directly into a stream? Redirect those downspouts away from the foundation of your home to a grassy area, seepage pit, mulched bed, or rain garden. Use a PVC extension or pipe.

**** Do NOT direct downspouts towards your neighbors property ****



HOLD STORMWATER FOR USE OR RELEASE LATER

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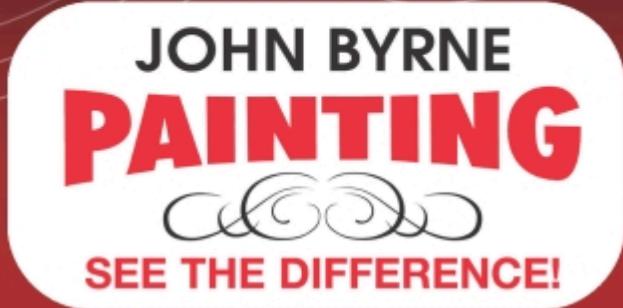
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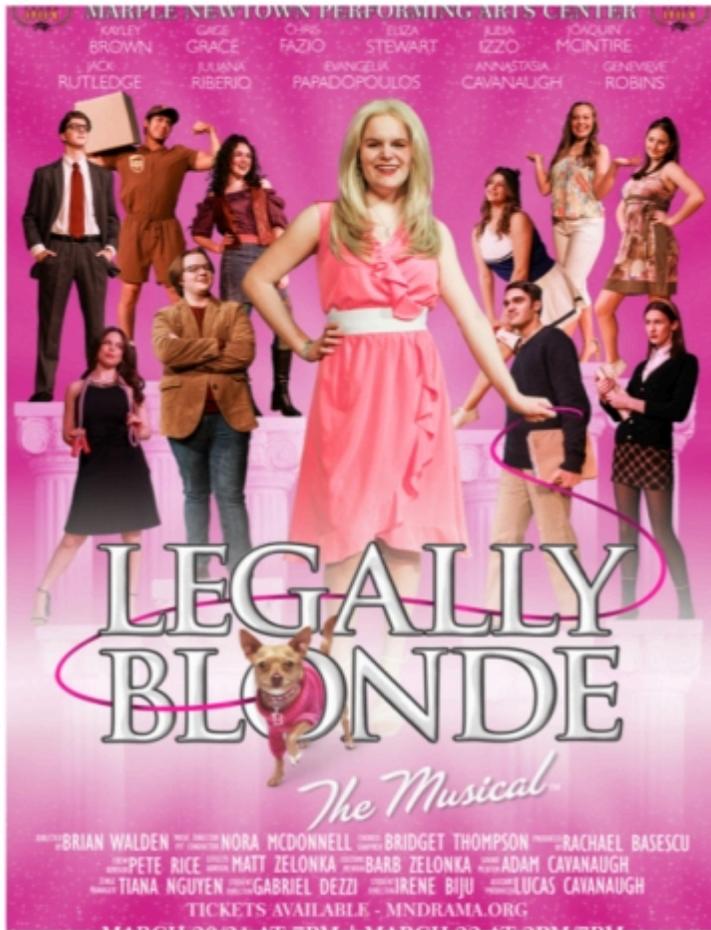
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This spring, MN Drama is excited to bring you one of the 21st century's most beloved romantic comedies Legally Blonde! Follow Elle Woods, a fashion forward sorority girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School in hopes of rekindling her relationship with her ex-boyfriend.

Along her journey, she is joined by a colorful cast of characters who help her discover her true potential. What starts as a mission for love transforms into a powerful story of self-discovery and the challenge of defying societal expectations. With a fun-filled soundtrack and a fabulous wardrobe, this heartwarming, high-energy show is a must see!

Our talented cast includes senior Kayley Brown as Elle Woods, Gage Grace as Emmett, Chris Fazio as Warner, Eliza Stewart as Vivienne, Jack Rutledge as Callahan, and Julia Izzo as Paulette.

Show Dates and Times:

- March 20 - 7:00 PM
- March 21 - 7:00 PM
- March 22 - 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

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The Marple Newtown Performing Arts program offers students a variety of forums to demonstrate their talents and develop their interests. Each year, students participate and collaborate with their peers, directors, and teachers to perform plays and musicals. The experience is unique to the high school, as it allows students to connect their talents, efforts, and skills to transform a script into a stage production that comes to life to entertain an audience.

Marple Newtown High School students manage all aspects of the performance, including acting on stage, building and creating the sets and backdrops, managing the lighting and sound, and working together as a team. This collaborative effort is necessary to create the magic that brings together all the individual details and contributions from the cast and crew. It is truly impressive to watch the production come to life.

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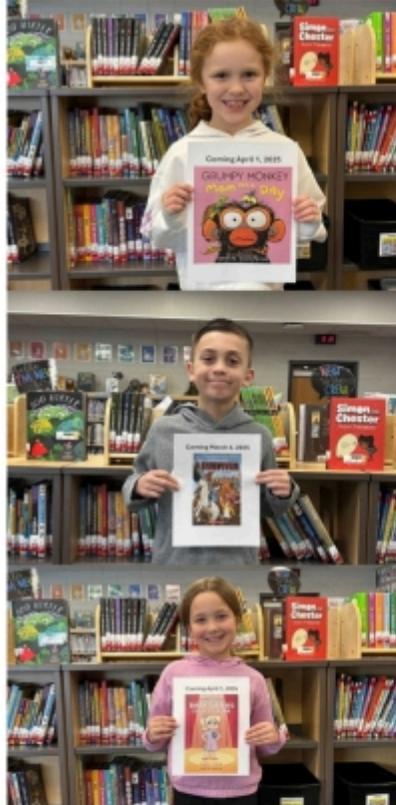


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Culbertson students celebrating birthdays, proudly pose with their contributions to the library collection.



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Minions, Moana, and Superheroes, inspired Culbertson students on Dress as Your Favorite Character Day.



On **Dress as Your Favorite Character Day**, students filled the hallways with excitement, dressing in vibrant costumes as characters from their favorite books. From brave heroes to quirky villains, each costume brought literary characters to life and highlighted the students' passion for reading. The day was full of energy as students shared stories about their characters and the exciting adventures they have taken. It was a celebration of creativity, imagination, role playing, and the power of storytelling.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

SHOULD BROOMALL FIRE COMPANY REACTIVATE TOWNSHIP SIRENS?

Broomall Fire Company (BFC) is an all-volunteer organization that has served Marple Township for over 100 years. BFC firefighters are your neighbors & friends who contribute countless hours training, maintaining equipment, and handling emergencies. When there is a call for help, volunteers leave the comforts of their homes and report to the firehouse to man fire/rescue apparatus and respond to the emergency - saving lives and preserving property.

In November of 1989, BFC disconnected the community fire sirens in favor of personal pagers to alert the firefighters. The sirens were located at the old firehouse on Malin Road and at the Russell School on South Sproul Road. The question before us today is; should BFC erect new sirens throughout the Township?

Our volunteers are confident that Marple Township residents will happily tolerate the noise of the sirens and would not consider them to be a major disruption or negatively

affect their quality of life. To be clear, BFC responds to about 700 calls a year and the sirens would only sound about 5 minutes for each call - day or night.

You might ask why would BFC consider installing sirens throughout the Township, given that our volunteers are now alerted to emergencies through their mobile phones? Because, it is not the volunteers who need to wake up to the fact that the cost of providing fire/rescue services is sky rocketing and the demand for time limits the ability of our members to fundraise. Of the 9,016 requests that were sent in our 2024 Fund Drive, only 2,632 were returned with a donation. Some 6,384 households and businesses did not respond. To those 30% who did contribute, we thank you!

In 2023 BFC purchased a new pumper for \$834,410 with the Township contributing nearly half of the cost. Today, the exact same truck costs over \$1.2 million. The previous two trucks purchased were paid for entirely from our savings, without any direct Township support.

BFC's 2025 budget to continue fire/rescue services amounts to just under \$650,000.

Marple Township allocates \$350,000 of your tax dollars to help off-set our expenditures and we are responsible to raise the remaining funds. Our annual Fund Drive is our main source to make up this shortfall.

We need our volunteers to train and be ready to respond to emergencies, not use their valuable time to fund raise.

And no, we are not really considering reactivating the sirens; we are however, sounding the alarm for you to respond to our call for help by donating to our 2025 Fund Drive.

For more information on the Broomall Fire Company, please visit our website at <http://www.broomallfirecompany.com>.



POLICE CHIEF MESSAGE by Chief of Police, Brandon M. Graeff

Spring has indeed sprung! I hope you've taken plenty of moments to smell the flowers, the freshly cut grass, and to listen for those unmistakable sounds of the season - the crack of the bat and pop of the mitt! While your senses come back to life and you might be more easily distracted, stay focused on the things that help keep you and your family from being victims of crime:

LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS!
Most thefts of and from vehicles will be prevented simply by taking this quick and easy step.

LOCK YOUR HOME WINDOWS AND DOORS
even when you're there!

Keep your head on a swivel and be tuned into what's going on around you. Phones and earbuds give a false sense of security and increase your likelihood of becoming a victim.

Look out for your neighbors, your friends, your local businesses, and each other in general. Help us help you by reporting crimes and quality of life issues. Our

officers are proactive but cannot see and know all. Call 911, stop into our HQ to speak with an officer, or (carefully) side up to one in the coffee line. When you do, you can bet the officer will be the kind you would expect from MTPD - friendly, professional, and knowledgeable. Whether they are on duty or off, our officers are proactive, engaged, & involved. The men and women of the Marple Township Police Department remain committed to the highest degree of public service, training, and education. The goals of this police department are identical to those of the Marple community - a safe, secure township where families, schools, and businesses can thrive together. Stay informed about what we're doing and what's going on in town by subscribing to our website <https://delaware.crimewatchpa.com/marpletwppd> and by following us @marplepolice on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



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- Has someone contacted you claiming a family member is in danger or jail, and you must send money now to avoid further harm?
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- Has someone asked you to obtain cash to either purchase gift cards or deposit in a cryptocurrency ATM—or given you a QR code to deposit money into an ATM?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, please go to www.ic3.gov for additional resources or to file a complaint with the FBI INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER (IC3). Persons 60 and older may call the National Elder Fraud Hotline at (833) 372-8311 for assistance in filing with IC3.

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LIBRARY NEWS

MARPLE LIBRARY AND OUR COMMUNITY



This season you can find additional Library of Things items like our portable record player, additional Museum Passes, a restocked Seed Library, Kindles loaded with highly sought titles, engaging programs for all ages, and of course BOOKS!

We are extremely grateful that our patrons are not shy about sharing how they feel about all we have to offer and actively contribute toward making Marple Library a "Go To" resource. Each donation and sponsorship is appreciated and allows us to raise the bar on what we can provide our community.

Recently several extra special gifts highlight the importance and generosity of our community. During our Fund Drive several donations were made in memory of a special occasion like an anniversary, personal milestone, or made in honor of a loved one. We are proud and humbled by extremely generous gifts that have been made to honor loved ones who have passed

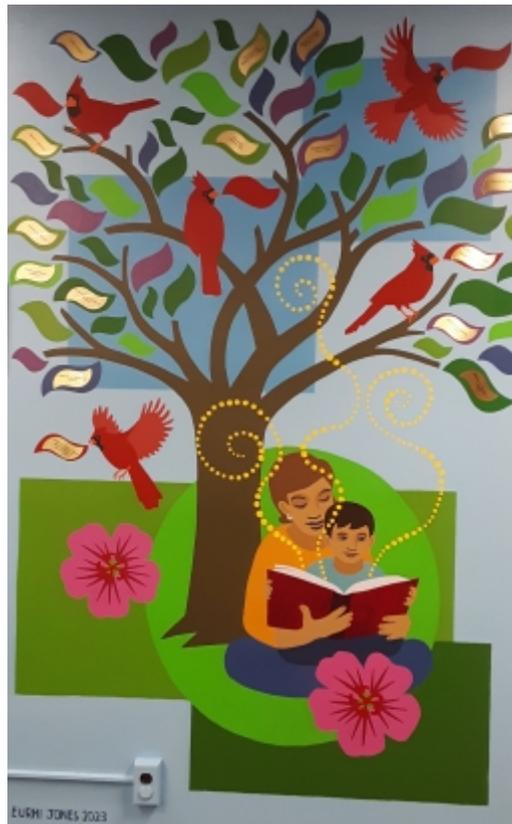
recently and those that patrons made possible through their wills.

We are celebrating the one-year anniversary of the mural dedication of our Legacy Tree in honor of Anne P. Burke. Anne's love of our library, learning and most importantly her family in our library while offering an opportunity for the community to support Marple Library's future. Thanks to this gift, patrons can now sponsor a cardinal or leaf in honor of a loved one or special occasion.

Our Library is able to be a gem of the community because of our community and their willingness to invest in our Library.

For more information on the Legacy Tree, Sponsorships or for other ideas on how you or your business can partner with Marple Library, please contact Christina at mamarketing@delcolibraries.org or text/call 610-883-1882.

Please continue to check in for updates about programs, services and ways you can support our Library on Facebook, X, Instagram and our website, marplelibrary.org. Thank You and Happy Spring!



SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Marple Newtown Recreation is excited to announce it will offer the following sports related camps at Marple Newtown High School this summer. Please visit Marple Newtown Recreation: Online Registration by MyRec.com Recreation Management Software for further information and/or to register for any program. All camps are Monday through Thursday.



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Tiger Basketball
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Tiger Football
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Tiger Basketball
June 30 - July 3
(Grades 6 - 8)

Tiger Cheerleading
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Tiger Baseball
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Tiger Softball
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(Ages 7 - 14)

Lady Tiger Basketball
(Ages 7 - 14)

Speer Swim
July 21 - July 24
(Ages 5 - 12)

FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program opened Jan. 16, 2025. It is free to apply for the rebate. You may be able to get back up to \$1,000 on property taxes or rent paid in 2024.

Pennsylvania residents must meet the following criteria to be eligible for a rebate. If your household income is \$46,520 or less per year (half of Social Security income is excluded) AND at least one of the following apply — you are age 65 or over as of 12/31/24; you are a widow/widower age 50 or over; you have a disability and are age 18 or over. The deadline to apply to apply is June 30, 2025.

You can apply online through myPATH.pa.gov or use a paper application available from your local library or state representative's office.

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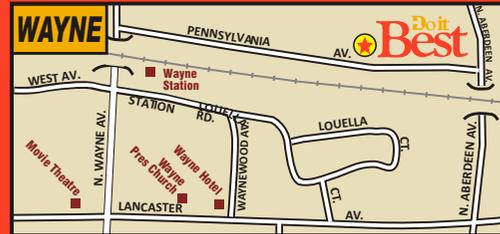
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WHERE TREES AND TOWNS CO-EXIST: MARPLE'S PATH TO A THRIVING CANOPY

Take a stroll through one of Marple's tree-filled parks, or drive through our neighborhoods, and you will likely notice more than just the welcome shade. Perhaps you will notice a bird or register the sounds of our community gathering. These small pleasures speak to something larger: the tremendous benefits trees bring to our Township.

Studies suggest that homes within greener areas often enjoy higher property values, while children exposed to nature from an early age tend to exhibit reduced stress levels. Trees also reduce stormwater runoff, keeping our streams clean, help filter pollutants from the air, and provide habitats for a variety of wildlife. And did you know that trees, and we, actually create the air we breathe? So, in short, our urban forest functions as a natural support system for everyday life.

For 18 years, Marple has retained Tree City USA status, awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation. To maintain it, our Township must satisfy four core requirements: convening a dedicated tree commission, enforcing a tree-care ordinance, allocating at least two dollars per resident for forestry, and arranging an annual Arbor Day ceremony. This approach treats trees as essential infrastructure, much like roads or utilities. But in the case of trees, tree care relies on the help and involvement of our community.

The Marple Tree Commission (MTC), established in 2011, has championed these initiatives. Its volunteers have planted more than 1,000 new trees, over 500 of them in public parks, and many on private

residences. The MTC Park Checker program assigns people to their local parks to care for newly planted trees and monitor existing trees for disease, storm damage, and threats posed by deer or invasive plants. MTC advises local officials on tree policy and offers residents tips on pruning and choosing appropriate species for Marple's climate.

Marple celebrates Arbor Day each spring with a ceremonial planting. Twice annually — once in late April and again in autumn — volunteers gather to plant. These events welcome novices and experts alike; trained tree care experts stand ready to teach best practices, including digging broad, shallow holes for healthy root expansion and avoiding excessive mulch. These biannual plantings benefit greatly from community participation.

This steadfast commitment to fostering a green landscape has a tangible impact. Anyone who has enjoyed our many parks has seen Marple's commitment to planting new trees. Each newly planted sapling stands as a shared investment, yielding dividends in the form of cooler summers, cleaner air, and scenic neighborhoods all of which benefit current residents and generations to come.



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2025 MOSQUITO SEASON

Mosquito Prevention and Control

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Residents can help reduce mosquitos by eliminating any areas that hold standing water. Avoiding mowing while the ground is wet and creating tire ruts is advantageous. Dumping water out of unused equipment or storing equipment under cover will prevent mosquito breeding in those areas. Tires can be recycled, stored under cover, and stacked in a threaded manner so water does not accumulate. Gutters on buildings can be cleaned so they do not hold water due to clogged downspouts. All these measures can help reduce mosquitos in your area!



Marple Township Code Enforcement Department

- All residents are reminded to call the Code Enforcement Office at 610-356-4040 for permit information and requirements before commencing any new construction or alterations/upgrades/replacements.
- Residents are also reminded that sidewalks, as well as alleyways, are the responsibility of the property owner and must be maintained properly, including being cleared of wet leaves or other debris. Residents are reminded never to blow grass clippings in the street. Doing so clogs the sewer inlets and can lead to roadway flooding. If you employ a landscaper, please pass this information along – your neighbors will thank you!
- Landlords are reminded that all rental units in Marple Township, including single family dwellings, are required to secure a Yearly Housing License for each occupied or unoccupied dwelling unit.
- Selling your home? A Certificate of Occupancy application is required at least 2 weeks prior to settlement. Contact the Code Enforcement office to obtain the necessary information.
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MOSQUITO SEASON SUMMARY

Prepared for Marple Township, Delaware County by the
PA Vector Management Program

Program Goals

VECTOR MANAGEMENT

The purpose of Vector Management is the surveillance and control of biting arthropods like mosquitoes and ticks that can cause human illness and pestilence within the Commonwealth. This is accomplished through Integrated Vector Management. Integrated Vector Management incorporates educating the public, arthropod surveillance, and preventative practices coupled with physical, biological, and chemical control applications. This report contains Marple Township’s 2024 Season Summary for mosquito surveillance, testing, and control.

Mosquito Surveillance

SITE LOCATIONS AND TEST RESULTS

From April to October, sites within Delaware County were surveyed for adult and immature mosquitoes. Samples were sent to the PA DEP Vector Management lab where they were identified. Adult samples meeting testing criteria were tested for the appropriate diseases. Larval sampling sites were chosen in areas with standing water including artificial containers like tires, sewage treatment plants, and floodwater areas. Adult mosquito trapping was prioritized in areas with a higher human population or nearby public parks.

In 2024, two diseases were tested for in Springfield Township mosquitoes: West Nile Virus and St. Louis Encephalitis. 0 samples returned a positive result for West Nile Virus and St. Louis Encephalitis from 10 total samples in Marple Township. These areas were sampled for adult and larval mosquitoes.



Figure 1. Two trap types that capture mosquitoes for surveillance and testing.

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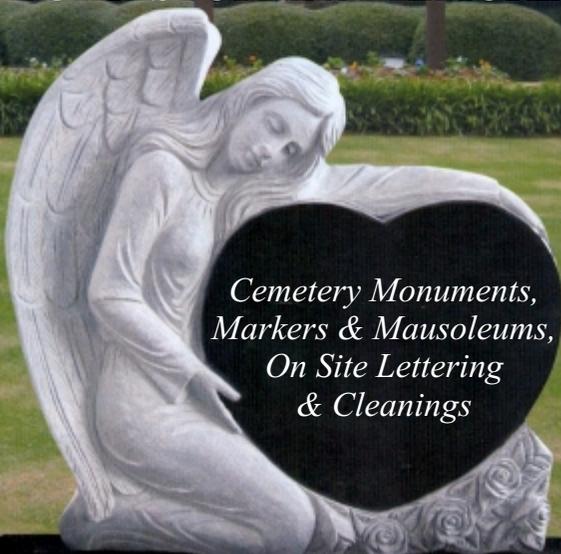
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2024 MOSQUITO SEASON SUMMARY

Mosquito Prevention and Control

VECTOR PROGRAM EFFORTS

Mosquitoes breed in standing water. Immature mosquitoes, called larvae or pupae, need stagnant water to survive. When staff find mosquito larvae or pupae, our first step is to dump out or otherwise eliminate the water wherever possible. If the water cannot be completely eliminated, staff will treat the water with a mosquito control product to prevent larvae from turning into adult mosquitoes. When these efforts are not sufficient to control nuisance or diseased adult mosquito numbers, adult mosquito control products are used. In 2024, we conducted adult and larval mosquito surveillance in Marple Township.

WHAT MUNICIPALITIES CAN DO

Municipalities can help reduce mosquitoes by eliminating any areas that hold standing water. Avoiding mowing while the ground is wet and creating tire ruts is advantageous. Dumping water out of unused equipment or storing equipment under cover will prevent mosquito breeding in those areas. Tires can be recycled, stored under cover, and stacked in a threaded manner so water does not accumulate. Gutters on buildings can be cleaned so they do not hold water due to clogged downspouts. All these measures can help reduce mosquitoes in your area!



Figure 2. a) Mosquito larvae and pupae, b) standing water in an excavator, c) tires with standing water inside.

Mosquito Education

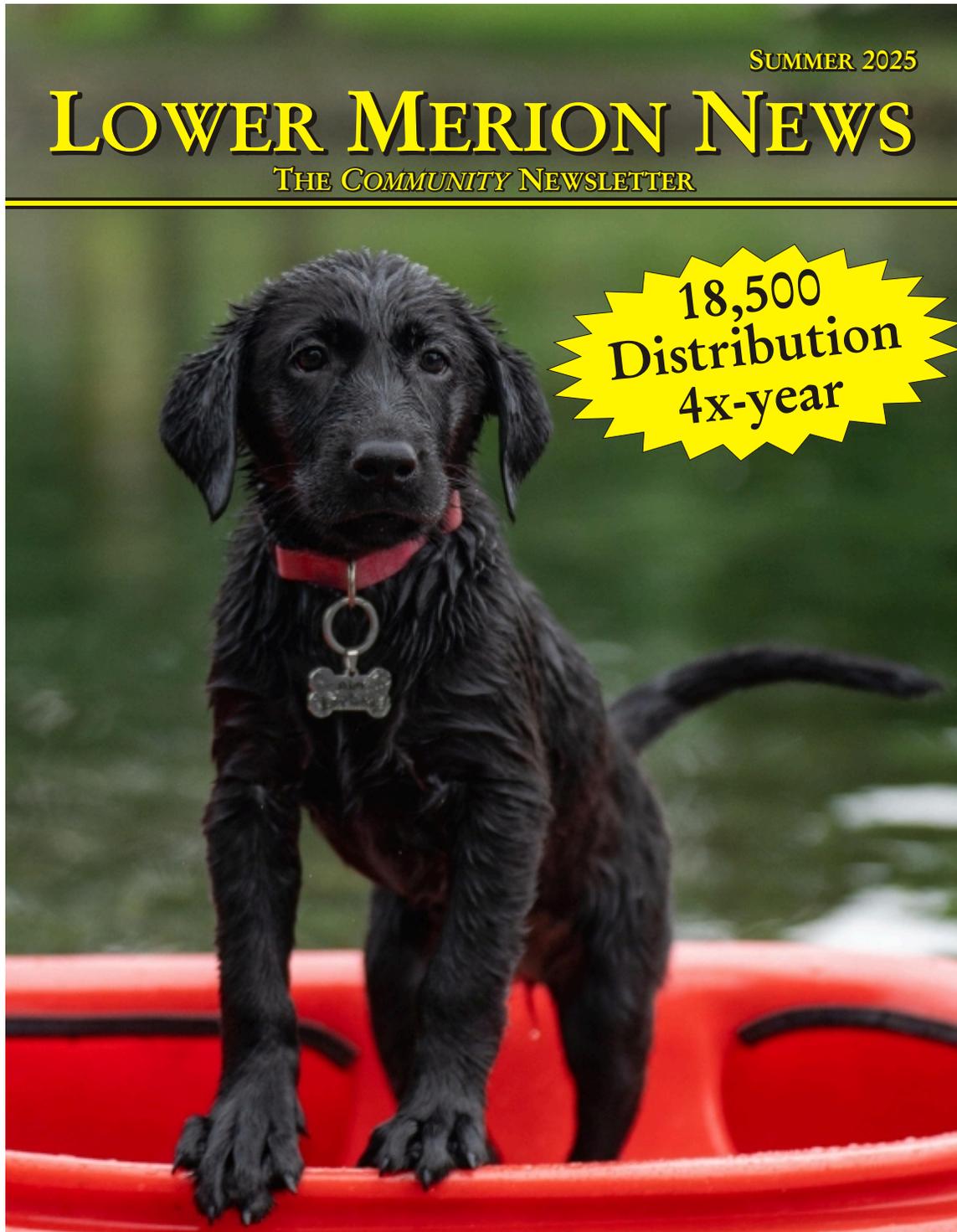
COMPLAINTS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

Citizens can contact DEP Vector Management with mosquito complaints. Vector staff will survey the area and look for potential mosquito habitat nearby. At that time, staff provide education to citizens on how to reduce mosquitoes on their property. Together, we can all make an impact by reducing mosquitoes, their habitat and the diseases they carry!



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Home solar tax credits are 30% for 2025 but who knows what the future will bring. Non-profits can now also get a direct 30% federal rebate for installed solar systems. PECO offers solar rebates: \$500 for residential and first year production based for commercial. Grants and low cost leases are available for income eligible households.

We are now evaluating for 2025.

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- **Step 2:** Enter your email on our webpage and complete our survey that will be emailed to you.
- **Step 3:** A solarize volunteer will follow up to review, educate, answer questions and send referrals to one of our contractors.

INCENTIVES:



- Federal 30% tax credit
- PECO rebate \$500 for residential
- PECO commercial rebate available; \$0.10 per kWh for 1st year of production
- \$250 contractor rebate for first 10 signed contract
- Contractor discounts for over 20 contracts
- Options: cash or finance to own OR no money down and low monthly leasing payments
- Yearly \$5,000 grant or grant to those who fall under low-income for entire system if possible (first come first serve, one per year, income verification through CAADC)
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Are Tax Credits Gone? No!

Solar, EV, Heat Pump and Home energy efficiency tax credits are baked in to this year's tax code- but future changes are in the hands of Congress. Success in fighting climate change has always required consumers to buy lower carbon options and that will not change. The costs of power and regular cars are headed higher than ever. Solar and Electric Vehicle costs are lower than ever and will save you thousands of dollars over the life of their use. There is no time like the present to take action and claim your tax credits!

Climate Webinar Series Videos

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