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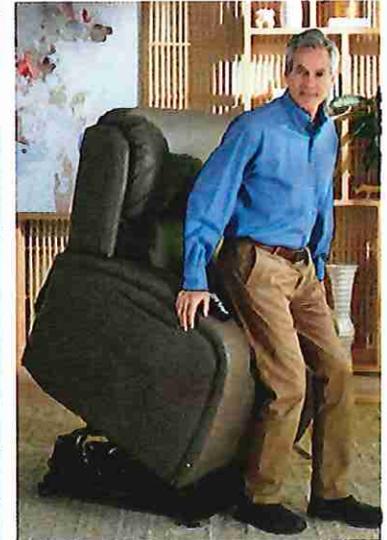


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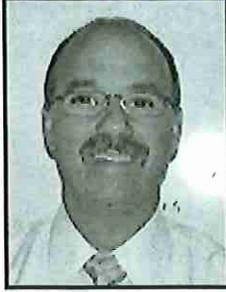
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# TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are rapidly approaching the end of the year 2024. I hope you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable time together. We hope you have also had the opportunity to enjoy our many Township parks or share in one of the programs and activities provided by our Leisure Services staff. They do a fantastic job providing excellent programs to the children of our community and I thank them for their hard work and dedication.



In the past year, the Board of Commissioners, Administration and Staff

have worked hard to make Marple Township a great community. In recognition of the fiscal constraints facing all townships throughout the Commonwealth, we successfully worked with our department directors to implement many cost saving initiatives that have had a very positive impact on our Budget. The Township's budget is the most important plan for daily operations; it is our document outlining operations and essential services for our community. The Township board of commissioners and I have worked hard to make sound decisions during very challenging economic times. We have all tried to ensure that your tax dollars are well spent and to maintain the level of service that our residents have come to expect. While the difficult times may continue, I have every confidence that we will continue to be good stewards of our resources.

Our commitment to quality service delivery is paramount. Our Police, EMS, Public Works Department, Administrative staff and the Volunteer Fire Companies are dedicated to maintaining Marple Township as a safe community. While municipal services we have offered during these tough economic times have remained constant, our focus is on improvement in the future. We are fortunate to have a dedicated force of public safety professionals and leadership that will continue to seek methods to enhance the operations of the vital services they provide to us each day.

My best wishes for a safe and wonderful 2024 season.

Larry Gentile  
The township manager



# POLICE CHIEF MESSAGE

On behalf of everyone here at your Marple Township Police Department, I hope you and your family are having a wonderful 2024. With the magical Christmas season upon us, there is much to be thankful for.

It's been a busy year for the police department (keep an eye out for our official annual report in a few months for details) but, thanks to the unwavering support from our Board of Commissioners, Township Manager Larry Gentile, and most importantly, our community, your officers and detectives have the mental and physical tools needed to effectively protect and serve. Thanks to some proven crime solving

tools such as home surveillance systems (shared voluntarily by homeowners), body cameras and automated license plate recognition systems that have been in use for over a year, our police officers and detectives can work even more effectively on your behalf.

MTPD continues to aggressively investigate, pursue, and arrest criminals. Our police professionals are the best in the business, but we cannot see it all and know it all. We depend on you as much as you depend on us! Always keep your eyes and ears open and call 911 for all emergencies and non-emergencies alike. You're always welcome to stop in and see us at 1001 Sussex Blvd but calling 911 is

the quickest, most effective means to report something or to speak with an officer.

To find additional resources and stay informed about what we're doing and what's going on in town, please check out our website <https://delaware.crimewatchpa.com/marpletwppd>. I also encourage you to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@marplepolice).

Thank you for your continued support!

Brandon M. Graeff  
Chief of Police



# 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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Once again, our number one goal is public service and we see it as an honor and privilege to provide it to you. Should you ever need to talk with me personally, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (610) 356-4040.

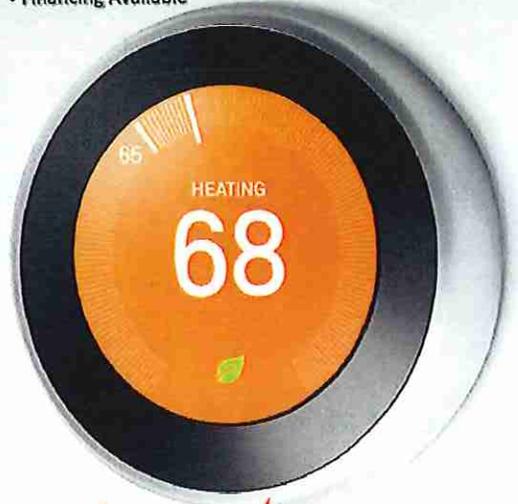


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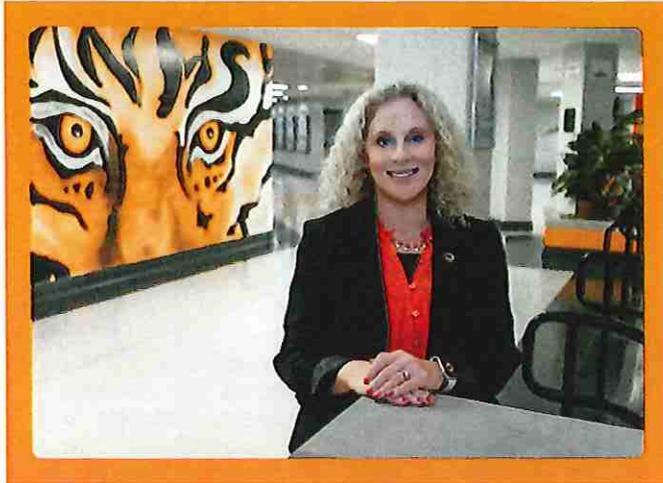
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## Marple Newtown Celebrates Dr. Tina Kane's Recognition as the 2025 PA Superintendent of the Year



The Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA) had the honor of announcing the selection of Dr. Tina Kane, Superintendent of the Marple Newtown School District, as the 2025 Pennsylvania Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Kane was selected for this prestigious honor by the PASA Board of Governors and the PASA Elections Committee, chosen from a highly competitive pool of nominations received from across the Commonwealth.

Dr. Kane has led the Marple Newtown School District since 2019, after serving in various leadership roles, including Principal at both the middle and high school levels. During her tenure, the district has implemented key innovations, such as district-wide K-12 STEM education and the introduction of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programming. These hallmark achievements integrate STEM and SEL through Design Thinking classes at the elementary and middle school levels, while the high school's in-house STEM Academy, now in its fourth year, focuses on developing 21st-century skills and fostering student well-being.

Another significant achievement under Dr. Kane's leadership is the restructuring of the high school counseling department into two specialized teams: one dedicated to student services focusing on social-emotional support, and the other on college and career academic counseling. The new structure has greatly enhanced support for students, addressing both their mental health and academic needs, and has drawn attention from neighboring districts. The model has been presented at professional conferences, showcasing its success and potential for broader implementation.

*"Dr. Tina Kane's long-standing dedication to the Marple Newtown School District is a remarkable testament to her unwavering commitment to student success and educational excellence," PASA Board of Governors President Dr. Gennaro Piraino Jr. said. "Over nearly three decades, she has been a transformative leader, inspiring students and staff with her innovative approach to STEM education, social-emotional learning, and effective communication. Tina's deep community roots and dedication to mentoring future leaders across the Commonwealth reflect her passion for making a lasting impact on public education. She has uplifted and empowered countless administrators as a champion of leaders, especially female leadership. Her vision and leadership are truly deserving of this recognition as the 2025 Pennsylvania Superintendent of the Year."*

In addition to her work in the district, Dr. Kane is a dedicated advocate for women in educational leadership, serving as the President of the PASA Women's Caucus and Co-Founder of a local Women in Leadership group. Through these roles, she has empowered female administrators across the state, fostering mentorship and professional development opportunities for emerging leaders.

*"Among a strong nomination field of candidates for the 2025 PA Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Kane stood out as a shining example of leadership in the Commonwealth," PASA Executive Director Dr. Sherri Smith said. "She leads with conviction, compassion, and a vibrant vision for success at Marple Newtown. Through her role as Superintendent, President of the PASA Women's Caucus, and as a member of the PASA Board of Governors, Dr. Kane continues to inspire those around her to reach new heights as we re-envision public education in the Commonwealth."*

Dr. Kane's deep roots in the Marple Newtown community have been a guiding force throughout her career. A graduate of Marple Newtown High School, she began her professional journey as an elementary teacher in the district before moving into leadership roles. Her lifelong commitment to the district has earned her the respect and admiration of colleagues, students, and community members alike.

As the Pennsylvania honoree, Dr. Kane will join 49 other state Superintendents of the Year at the American Association of School Administrators' (AASA) National Conference on Education on March 6-8, where she will be recognized for her outstanding contributions to education.



# A Grateful Reflection: Being Honored as Pennsylvania Superintendent of the Year

I am immensely grateful, humble, and proud to be named Pennsylvania Superintendent of the Year. This honor reflects not only my personal journey, but the entire Marple Newtown School District's commitment to excellence. We have earned our tiger stripes as a team with perseverance, dedication, and a shared vision of our students' success.

This award belongs to the MNSD team of educators, staff, students, families, and the Board of School Directors who consistently uphold the District's objectives and vision.

Every achievement we have reached has come about through the collaboration of dedicated teachers who nurture students with passion, administrators who lead with purpose, families who partner with us to guide their children, and support staff who care for the diverse needs of our school community. All of us working together to provide an excellent learning experience.



I also want to acknowledge my colleagues across Pennsylvania, especially those within Delaware County, whose commitment to providing our students with the best possible education is truly inspiring. We are a community of leaders who constantly support each other to innovate, grow, and improve. This award is as much a recognition of the collaborative spirit within our network of school leaders as it is of my personal journey.

When I reflect on the path that led to this moment, I am reminded of the challenges we have faced and overcome together. From navigating unprecedented times during the pandemic to addressing new educational challenges, we have demonstrated resilience and a deep commitment to doing what is best for our students. Through every difficulty, we stayed grounded in our mission to provide quality education for all.

We have embraced change, welcomed ideas, and stayed steadfast in our pursuit of innovation in the classroom and beyond. This award symbolizes not just what we have achieved, but the spirit of perseverance, adaptability, and courage that defines MNSD.

*No journey is taken alone, and I want to express my deepest gratitude to my family. Their love, patience, and constant support have been the foundation upon which my career has been built. They have stood by me through long hours, tough decisions, and the demands*

*of leadership, always encouraging me to strive for the best. This award belongs to them as much as it does to me. Their belief in my work fuels my passion and commitment to serving our students and community.*

*While I am deeply honored by this recognition, I am even more inspired by the work that lies ahead. This award strengthens my resolve to continue advocating for our students, staff, and community. Education is*

a journey of continuous improvement, and I remain committed to ensuring that every child in MNSD has access to the opportunities they deserve.

This moment is not just a celebration of our past accomplishments but a motivation for the future. As I accept this award, I do so with the understanding that our work is never done. We will continue to challenge ourselves, ask difficult questions, and embrace the changes necessary to meet the evolving needs of our students.

Thank you to the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators for this prestigious recognition, and to all of my peers who have supported and guided me along this journey. My deepest appreciation goes to the members of the Marple Newtown school community, who inspire me daily with their dedication, hard work, and belief in the power of education. Thank you again for this incredible honor.

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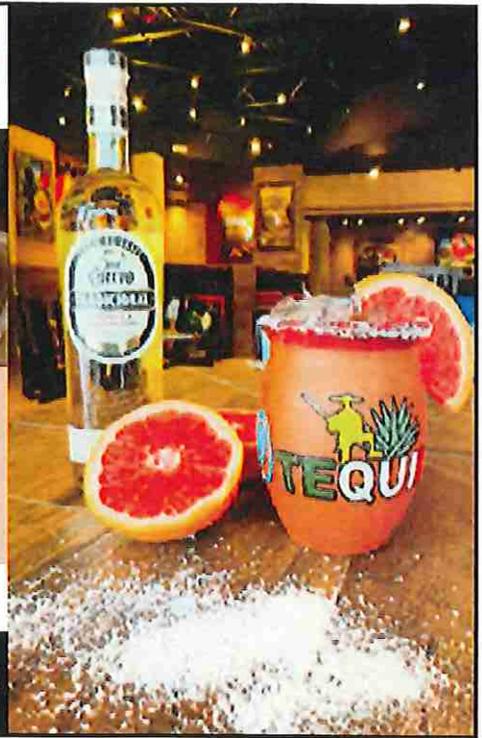
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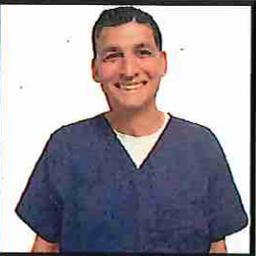
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## The Impact of Service in MNSD



In the Marple Newtown School District, a commitment to serving others is a core value shared by students, staff, and families. We are immensely grateful to the families and faculty who support our schools and their children in carrying out these impactful service projects. Through their dedication, we foster a spirit of giving and compassion that not only impacts those in need but also enriches our community by nurturing the values of empathy, responsibility, and leadership. From our youngest learners to our seasoned student leaders, every service initiative strengthens our collective commitment to making the world a better place.



At Russell Elementary School the fifth graders take part in a rewarding experience through their annual partnership with Kids Against Hunger. Every winter, students join

forces to pack thousands of meals for local families in need. Last year, students, teachers, and volunteers worked together to assemble 7,000 meals, an outstanding achievement funded through the school's Penny War fundraiser, which raised \$2,300. This project not only addresses immediate food insecurity but also teaches students the impact of their efforts on both a local and global scale.

Each February, Culbertson Elementary students come together for their annual Read for the House fundraiser, benefiting the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Philadelphia.



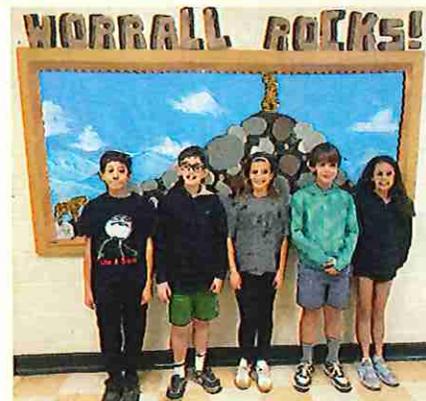
Students obtain sponsors who pledge donations based on the number of pages they read throughout the month. This initiative not only encourages a love for reading but also raises funds to support families with critically ill children staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Over the past 10 years, Culbertson students have proudly raised nearly \$60,000 dollars for this cause, demonstrating their dedication to making a difference beyond the classroom.

At Loomis Elementary School, the annual pajama collection service project continues to provide new pajamas, books, and donations to children facing adversity. Partnering with the national Pajama Program, Loomis helps children in need, including those within our own school, to receive the comfort and security that a warm pair of pajamas can bring. These small yet thoughtful gestures foster better bedtime routines, healthier sleep, and ultimately brighter days for the children served. For the students at Loomis, this project goes beyond providing physical items, it instills values of empathy and responsibility, teaching them the power of giving and how their actions can bring comfort and joy to others.



# FROM CLASSROOM TO COMMUNITY

Worrall Elementary School takes pride in the leadership demonstrated by their Fifth Grade Student Leader Council. Twice a year, students are selected based on their potential for leadership and their commitment to respect and responsibility. These young leaders play a key role in coordinating the school's many collection drives, from holiday toy and food collections to candy donations for shelters and baby item drives. Not only do they organize, sort, and package donations, but they also take on the responsibility of promoting these drives to their peers and community. Through this program, Worrall's students learn firsthand the importance of service and how leadership can positively influence their school and beyond.



At the middle school level, the Paxon Hollow Service Squad brings together students, parents, and teachers to work on a wide variety of initiatives that benefit both the school and the larger Marple Newtown community. The Service Squad is committed to making a difference. Last year, the group organized school-wide recycling events, wrote letters to veterans, and celebrated the 103rd birthday of a WWII veteran. Their efforts extended to maintaining the school's courtyard and participating in a Kids Against Hunger event, where students packed thousands of meals to support those facing hunger.

At Marple Newtown High School, the Sophomore Class Project10 annual event has become a cornerstone of service, now in its 16th year. The goals of Project10 are to promote community service, kindness, and sophomore class unity. Last year, the class of 2026 raised \$2,675.30 for the Eagles Autism Foundation, continuing a legacy of giving that has seen Project10 raise \$45,777.75 over 15 years for charities such as charity:water, Philabundance, Waterboys, Ronald McDonald House, Alex's Lemonade Stand, Shriners Children's Hospital, and many more. This initiative not only serves vital causes but also unites the students, fostering a culture of service, empathy, and connection.



Each of these service projects, whether large or small, teaches our students the value of community involvement, empathy, and the positive change that comes from working together. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the families and faculty who make these efforts possible, your support empowers our students to reach out and make a real difference. As we are preparing for another year of service, we are reminded that these projects not only help those in need but also shape the next generation of compassionate, responsible citizens who understand the impact of giving back to their communities.

# SAFE JOURNEYS: MNSD ENHANCES SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WITH BUS PATROL PROGRAM

The Marple Newtown School District is committed to keeping our students safe, both in school and on their way to and from home. As part of our ongoing **School Bus Safety Program**, we are combining education with enforcement to foster greater awareness and responsibility among drivers in our community. To modernize our fleet and further enhance student safety, we have introduced several cutting-edge features to our buses:

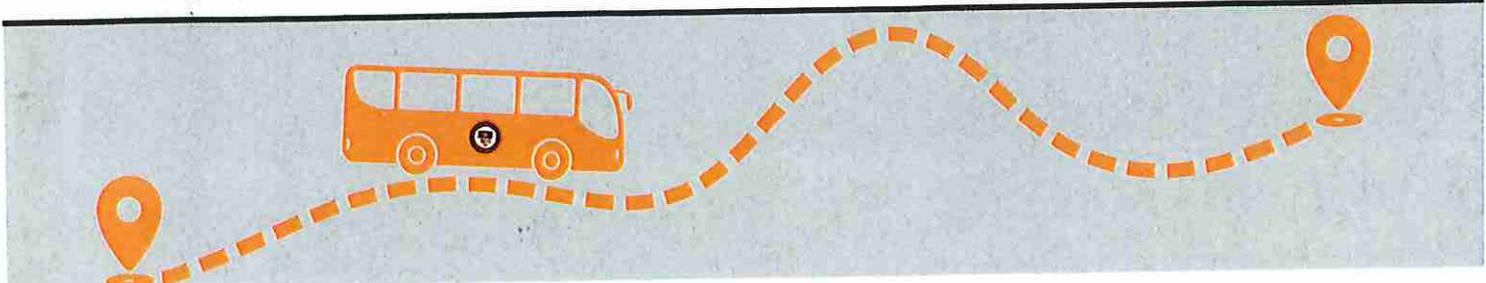
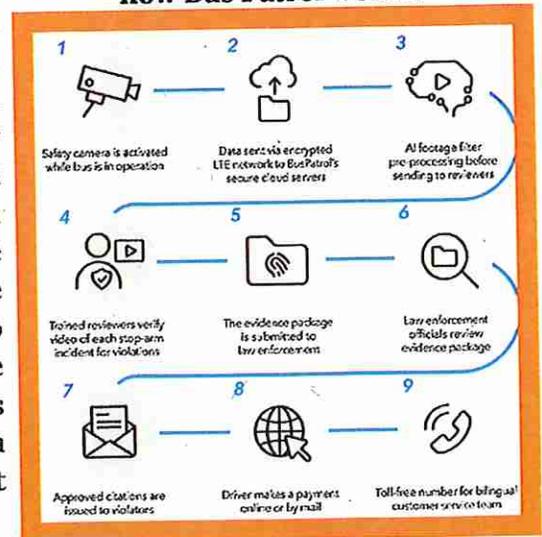
- **360° Safety Cameras:** These cameras monitor activity inside and outside the bus, ensuring the safety of students and helping to prevent incidents on the road.
- **GPS Tracking:** With real-time location tracking, we can provide efficient routes and improve overall safety oversight.
- **Emergency Response Solutions:** Our buses are equipped with technology that ensures immediate communication and response in case of emergencies.

Additionally, stop-arm enforcement cameras have been installed to discourage drivers from passing school buses when students are boarding or disembarking, making our streets safer for everyone. Staying alert around school buses and respecting traffic laws plays a key role in helping create a safer environment for Marple Newtown's children.

## What Happens If You Illegally Pass a Stopped School Bus in Marple Newtown School District?

All school buses that transport Marple Newtown School District students will be equipped, by the end of the school year, with automated photo enforcement cameras on the side of school buses to capture violations and vehicle license plate numbers. The violation is reviewed by law enforcement. Once approved, a notice of violation is sent to the registered vehicle owner by mail. In Pennsylvania, a first-time stop-arm violation witnessed by a camera carries a fine of \$300 and no license points. In addition to the financial deterrent, violators learn about the potential dangers of their actions. Offenders can call the program's toll-free number and speak with a representative who can review the video evidence and help them understand the dangers of illegal passing. Data from other safety programs demonstrates that 98% of first-time offenders do not receive a second ticket, and 95% of drivers do not contest their ticket after seeing video evidence of their violation.

This diagram provides an overview of how Bus Patrol works.






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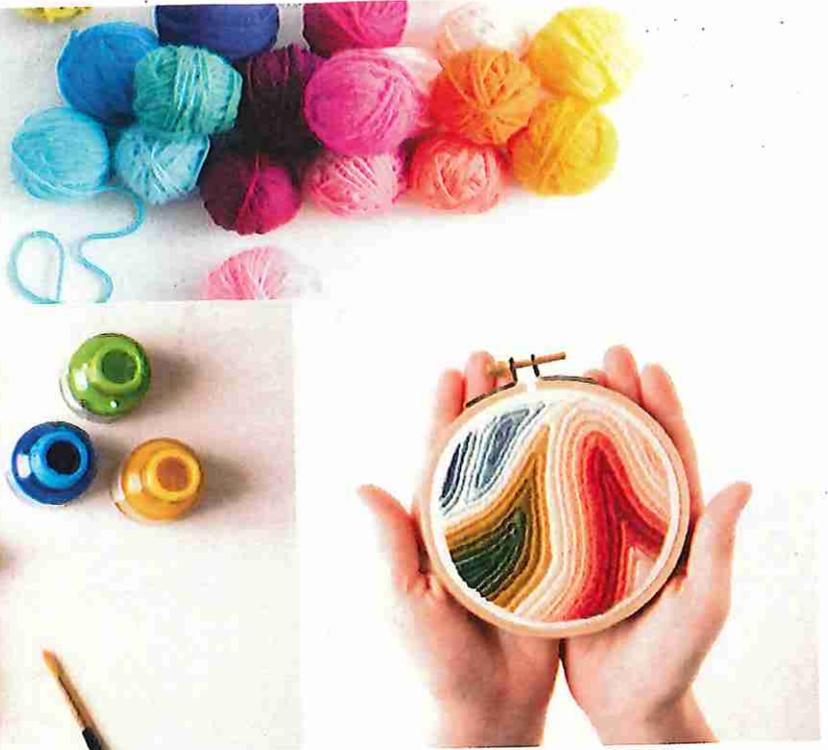
Be on the lookout for one of our "Artful Escape" in-person programs for adults that features a Creativebug video and project.

**THANK YOU** to the Marple Township community for your generous support. Through your response and contributions to our fundraising efforts we are able to offer high-quality programs and services like Creativebug.

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## FALL DRIVING TIPS

Autumn brings an increase in deer activity. Drivers are reminded to watch carefully for deer darting across and along roadways.

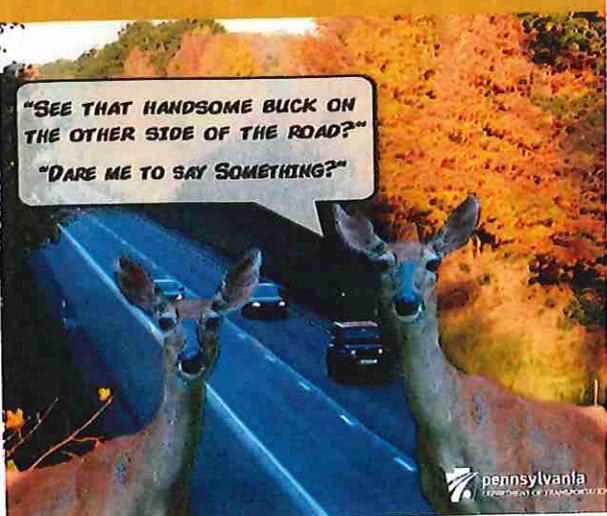
Fall marks the deer's breeding season, and the deer pay less attention to their surroundings and become bolder as they move around more and travel greater distances seeking mates. Deer are nocturnal feeders, and are most active between sunset and sunrise.

By following these safety tips, motorists can help reduce the possibility of being involved in a crash with a deer:

- Slow down and use caution, especially where deer crossing signs are posted, and increase following distance between vehicles.
- Be sure to make sure younger drivers are aware of increased deer movement.
- Be extra vigilant during morning and evening hours when wildlife is most active.
- Exercise caution when one deer crosses a roadway. Since deer often travel in small herds, one deer will usually be followed by others.
- Always wear your seatbelt, and be sure your passengers are doing the same.
- Never drive impaired.
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# PUBLIC WORKS

## Snow Removal Information

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Winter maintenance is a critical and difficult task, and motorists are partners in making this season a safe one by always

thinking safety first and be sure that they are giving plenty of room to our operators and other motorists. We have contracts in place to receive additional road salt and additional supplies on an ongoing basis throughout the winter season to prevent any shortages. The Public Works staff have 18 trucks that are dispatched to handle all our Township and State roads throughout our community.

**The primary function of the Public Works crews is plowing, and the Township's goal is to first open one lane of traffic in each direction on every road, then return and plow the snow back to the curb, exposing the storm inlets.**



## Clearing Streets and Sidewalks

Property owners are responsible for clearing snow, sleet, and ice from the sidewalks in front of their property within 24 hours after a storm and must at all times keep said sidewalks free and clear of snow, slush and ice. Under Section 285-60 of the Marple Township Code, it is unlawful for any property owner, resident, contractor, agent or employee to shovel, plow, discharge or otherwise place snow removed from a private property into any street, roadway, sidewalk or alley within Marple Township. This ordinance is strictly enforced.

## Fire Hydrants

If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please clear the snow away from the area around it, leaving the markers intact. This will assist firefighters in the event of an emergency.



## More Winter Reminders:

- ❄ Do not drive unless it is necessary.
- ❄ Keep winter driving aids (blanket, shovel, boots, etc.) in the trunk of your car.
- ❄ When possible, remove vehicles from the street to enable road crews to efficiently plow and clear streets.
- ❄ Remove snow, ice and slush from sidewalks including handicap ramps within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.
- ❄ Plowing operations begin after more than 2" accumulation and freezing temperatures which indicate no natural melting will occur.
- ❄ Clear vehicle completely of snow and ice before driving.
- ❄ Pile snow from sidewalks and driveways on lawns, not in the street.
- ❄ Residents are responsible for clearing snow around mailboxes.
- ❄ Basketball hoops are not permitted to be located within the right-of-way and must be removed from the roadway.
- ❄ Private plowing crews should haul snow from properties if it cannot be piled safely.
- ❄ Do not push snow onto the street or onto neighboring properties.
- ❄ Clear fire hydrants of snow as soon as possible.

## Winter Deicing Tips for Residents



Excess salt and other deicing chemicals can harm aquatic life in our streams and impact drinking water supplies. This winter, you can help by following these environmentally-friendly snow removal practices:

Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for deicing chemicals like rock salt.

Shovel snow into permeable surfaces including gently sloping and level landscape and grassy areas so as the snow melts it will soak into the ground rather than flow directly into a nearby storm drain or stream.

**If you must use deicing chemicals, follow these suggestions:**

Control application of chemical deicers and avoid over application.

Limit chemical applications near environmentally-sensitive areas including springs, streams, ponds, wetlands, and water supply areas and sensitive landscape and vegetation.

After snowmelt, sweep up residues, including sand, to prevent it from washing into storm drains and streams.

## A smart way to shovel your drive

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# PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER



Although periods of extreme cold cannot always be predicted far in advance, weather forecasts can sometimes provide you with several days' notice. Listen to weather forecasts regularly and check your emergency supplies whenever a period of extreme cold is predicted.

If you plan to use a fireplace or wood stove for emergency heating, have your chimney or flue inspected each year. Contact the Township for information on inspection companies or find one in the yellow pages of your telephone directory under "chimney cleaning."

Also, if you'll be using a fireplace, wood stove, or kerosene heater, install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector near the area to be heated. Test them monthly and replace batteries twice a year. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside.

Your ability to feel a change in temperature decreases with age. Older people are more susceptible to health problems caused by cold. If you are over 65 years old, place an easy-to-read thermometer in an indoor location where you will see it frequently. Check the temperature of your home often during the winter months.

Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so your water supply will be less likely to freeze. To the extent possible, weatherproof your home by adding weather-stripping, insulation, insulated doors, and storm windows or thermal-pane windows.

If you have pets, bring them indoors. If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate shelter to keep them warm and make sure they have access to unfrozen water.

## Checklist

- Insulate walls and attic.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside.
- Insulate any water lines that run along outer walls. This will make water less likely to freeze.
- Service snow-removal equipment.
- Have chimney and flue inspected.
- Install easy-to-read outdoor thermometer.
- Repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on your home or other structure during a storm.

## During a Storm

Cold temperatures often accompany a winter storm, so you may have to cope with power failures and icy roads. Follow these important steps to protect yourself and your family. Although staying indoors as much as possible can help reduce the risk of car crashes and falls on the ice, you may also face indoor hazards. Many homes will be too cold either due to a power failure or because the heating system isn't adequate for the weather. When people must use space heaters and fireplaces to stay warm, the risk of household fires increases, as well as the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Find out what you can do to protect yourself and your family.

# Be Ready! Winter Weather

**Weatherproof your home to protect against the cold.**

- Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- Have your chimney or flue inspected every year.
- Make sure the batteries are working!
- Insulate walls and attic.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Check out more tips on winter weather indoor safety.
- Never leave lit candles or other flames unattended.
- Bring your pets indoors as temperatures drop!

**Prepare yourself for exposure to winter weather.**

- Dress warmly and limit exposure to the cold to prevent frostbite.
- Avoid getting wet to prevent hypothermia.

**Make sure your car is ready for winter travel.**

- Check antifreeze level and have radiator system serviced.
- Replace worn tires and check tire air pressure.
- Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in tank and fuel lines.
- Make a winter emergency kit to keep in your car.

**If power lines are down, call your local utility and emergency services**

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### 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:

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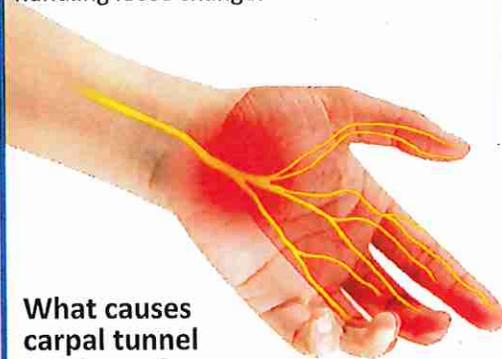
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Carpal tunnel syndrome is a common condition that causes pain, numbness, and tingling in the hand and arm. The condition occurs when one of the major nerves to the hand—the median nerve—is squeezed or compressed as it travels through the wrist.

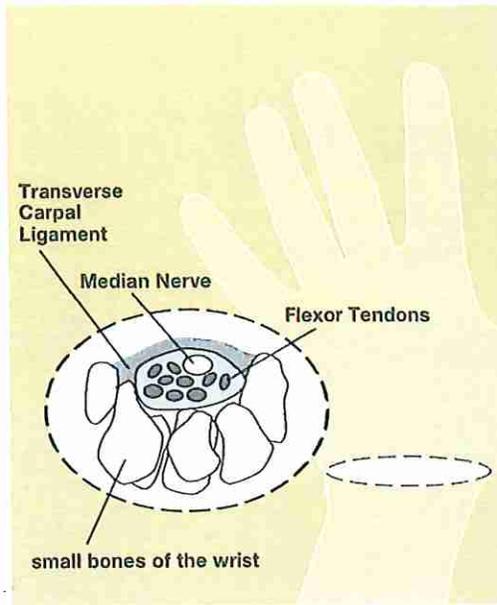
In addition to numbness and tingling, carpal tunnel syndrome can cause swelling, weakness, and night time pain. Patients sometimes describe dropping things unexpectedly and may have difficulty with buttoning shirts, tying shoelaces, or handling loose change.



### What causes carpal tunnel syndrome?

Carpal tunnel syndrome is frequently seen in individuals who develop swelling or inflammation in their hands. People who smoke, as well as those with connective tissue diseases, diabetes mellitus, and hypothyroidism, may be at greater risk. Repetitive work activities can also cause carpal tunnel syndrome.

The median nerve acts as an electrical wire between the spinal cord and the hand. The nerve passes through the carpal tunnel in the wrist along with nine tendons that bend the fingers. When the tendons in the



wrist become swollen and inflamed, the median nerve can become compressed by the transverse carpal ligament (see figure), leading to carpal tunnel symptoms.

Early on, symptoms commonly occur during sleeping hours. In more advanced cases, the symptoms can become problematic during waking hours. Many sufferers describe symptoms with benign activities, like reading the newspaper or driving a car.

### What can a hand surgeon do to help?

A hand surgeon can order special nerve tests to verify the extent of the problem. Custom wrist splints are helpful for early stages of carpal tunnel syndrome. These splints are worn at nighttime to relieve pressure on the median nerve and to prevent the wrists from bending during sleep.

Cortisone injections often provide excellent relief from symptoms. Unfortunately, symptomatic relief is only temporary, and most people experience a recurrence of symptoms after 3-4 months.

For chronic or more advanced cases, carpal tunnel surgery is often recommended as the best course of treatment.

### What can I expect from surgery?

Surgery provides more space for the median nerve and relieves pressure on the median nerve and tendons. This procedure is typically done under light sedation and local anesthesia and usually takes only minutes to complete.

While there are several different approaches to performing carpal tunnel surgery, usually a 1/2 inch incision is made near the wrist and use of a camera to release the tunnel under direct visualization. This minimally invasive approach minimizes discomfort following surgery and allows patients to return to activities more quickly. Over 95 percent of patients improve dramatically following surgical intervention, with most returning to daily activities within days. Many patients can resume heavier job-related activities after 2-4 weeks.

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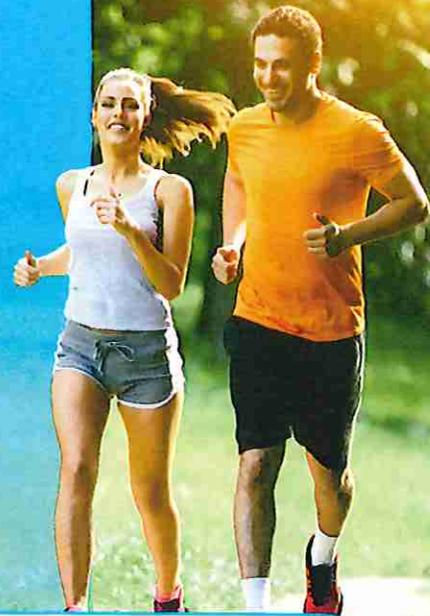
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### Watch Out For Investment Scams

When you invest, you'll find that knowledge is power. The more you know about your investment choices, and who is offering them, the better prepared you'll be to make good decisions. And this diligence can also help protect you against investment scams.

How widespread is this activity? Consider this: Investment fraud losses totaled more than \$4.5 billion in 2023, according to the FBI's *Internet Crime Report*.

Here are some common types of scams:

**Cryptocurrency:** Not all cryptocurrency offers are scams, but many are. The scammers will contact you via social media, claiming they've made a lot of money in crypto and are willing to help you do the same. They may direct you to a website or app to invest, but the "company" taking your money may not even exist, and, after taking your money, may disappear.

**Investment programs:** These programs claim to have "proven" strategies that can enable you to get rich by investing in financial products. But these strategies are dubious at best and can cost you thousands of dollars that could otherwise go into an investment plan based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

**Real estate:** Typically, a real estate scam tries to get you to invest in a "world-class" or "luxury" property development, but these properties may take years to build, if they're built at all. Also, various real estate "seminars" claim they can teach you how to get wealthy by buying and selling real estate, but these programs are expensive and usually worthless.

**Gold and other precious metals:** Scammers who call themselves "rare coins" merchants may try to sell you gold coins, bullion or other types of precious metals, claiming that these assets will always go up in value (which isn't true) and that "now is the best time to act." You can find legitimate ways to invest in precious metals, possibly through mutual funds, but you'll need to determine whether these assets can be an appropriate part of your investment portfolio.

**So, how can you avoid these scams?** Here are some suggestions from the Federal Trade Commission:

**Don't be pushed into snap decisions.** Scammers will pressure you to act quickly because "space is limited" in an investment offering or a "special deal" won't last long. If someone won't give you time to consider an offer, it's not worth considering.

**Be suspicious of "risk-free" claims.** All investments carry risk, and no variable investments can claim to provide

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**Do some research.** You can search online for the name of the company or individual offering you an investment opportunity. By entering terms such as "review," "scam," "fraud" or "complaint," you may well find that other people have experienced problems or been victimized.

To achieve your financial goals, you'll likely need to invest for decades — so, be wary of scammers who claim to offer a shortcut to success.

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## Install a Stair Lift

When stairs become challenging, a stair lift offers a great solution. Stair lifts take you from one floor to the next with ease and are mounted with minimal changes to the stairs. Stair lifts come in varying indoor and outdoor models with an array of features such as remote control, swivel seats, battery back up, and more.

## Use Portable Ramps and Threshold Ramps

Sometimes one, two steps, or an uneven surface can become troublesome. These small areas of raised surfaces are often the biggest causes of a trip and fall accident. There are many styles of aluminum and rubber ramps that can provide a smooth transition for you to maneuver.

## Make a Bathroom Accessible

Many falls and slips happen in the bathroom. A few easy modifications will allow you to avoid hazards that could cause accidents. Install a ADA compliant shower, sink, or toilet. Strategically place grab bars in the shower or next to a toilet for stability in a wet and slippery environment. Widen the doorways and hallways to accommodate walkers, scooters or wheelchairs. Add lever handles to doors, cabinets and faucets for easier opening.

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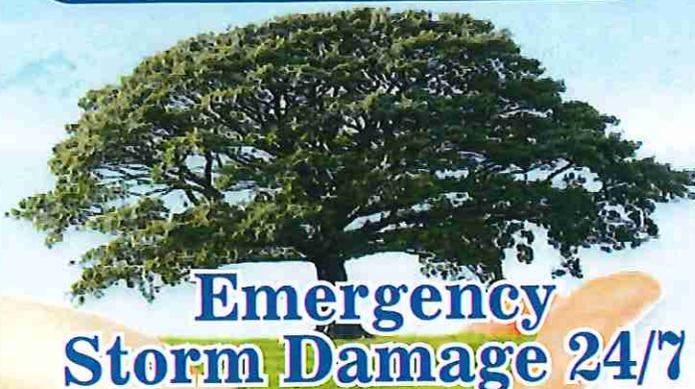
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