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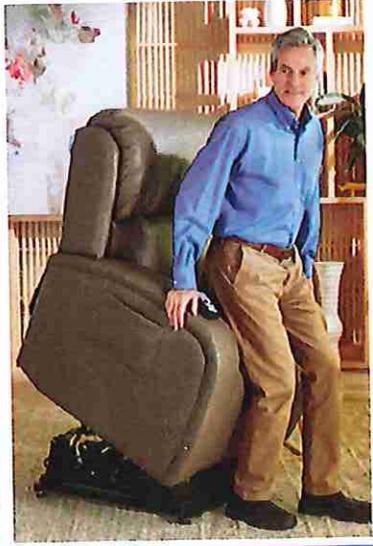
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# TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S MESSAGE



Dear Township Resident,

## Working Together for a Stronger Community

As autumn leaves begin to fall and winter approaches, we are proud to share some of the many ways Marple Township officials and staff have been working

to enhance the quality of life for all who call our community home. Over the past several months, Township leaders have been focused on projects and improvements that reflect both our strong community spirit and our commitment to the future.

## Community Enhancements at Veterans Memorial Park

One of the highlights of this year has been the continued investment in Veterans Memorial Park. In addition to ongoing beautification efforts, new benches — specially designed with built-in chess and checker boards — have been added, providing another way for residents to gather, interact, and enjoy time together outdoors.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce a new extension of the walking trail, which is set to begin construction in March 2026. This addition will improve accessibility, promote wellness, and encourage residents to stay active while enjoying the natural beauty of our Township. These projects are just a few examples of our commitment to fostering recreational opportunities for all ages.

## Investing in Our Community

Beyond park improvements, our elected officials and dedicated township staff continue to work diligently to maintain safe roadways, upgrade public services, and pursue initiatives that make Marple Township an even better place to live. From infrastructure enhancements to community programming, the focus remains on creating a welcoming and vibrant environment for families, seniors, and businesses alike.

## Holiday Traditions — Mark Your Calendar

As we embrace the colder months, it's also time to look forward to one of our most treasured community traditions. Residents are reminded to join us for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 6th. This beloved

evening will once again be capped off with our spectacular fireworks display a celebration that brings families together in the true spirit of the season.

## Looking Ahead with Gratitude

Marple Township continues to thrive thanks to the hard work of our officials, the dedication of our staff, and the involvement of our residents. Each improvement and tradition reflect what makes our Township so special: neighbors looking out for one another and working together to build a community we can all be proud of.

We look forward to sharing more exciting updates in the months ahead. Until then, enjoy the beauty of fall, prepare for the joy of the holiday season, and know that Marple Township is always working to make tomorrow even brighter.

Larry Gentile  
Sincerely,  
Township Manager



## 2025 MARPLE TOWNSHIP LEAF COLLECTION

Starting Monday, October 27th and ending Friday December 19th

**THIS IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS**

MONDAY, October 27  
TUESDAY, October 28  
WEDNESDAY, October 29  
THURSDAY, October 30  
FRIDAY, October 31

WARDS  
1, 2, 3, 4  
THIS WEEK

MONDAY, November 24  
TUESDAY, November 25  
WEDNESDAY, November 26  
**\*THURSDAY, November 27 (NO PICK-UP)**  
**\*FRIDAY, November 28 (NO PICK-UP)**

WARDS  
1, 2, 3, 4  
THIS WEEK

MONDAY, November 3  
TUESDAY, November 4  
WEDNESDAY, November 5  
THURSDAY, November 6  
FRIDAY, November 7

WARDS  
5, 6, 7  
THIS WEEK

MONDAY, December 1  
TUESDAY, December 2  
WEDNESDAY, December 3  
THURSDAY, December 4  
FRIDAY, December 5

WARDS  
5, 6, 7  
THIS WEEK

MONDAY, November 10  
**\*TUESDAY, November 11 (NO PICK-UP)**  
WEDNESDAY, November 12  
THURSDAY, November 13  
FRIDAY, November 14

WARDS  
1, 2, 3, 4  
THIS WEEK

MONDAY, December 8  
TUESDAY, December 9  
WEDNESDAY, December 10  
THURSDAY, December 11  
FRIDAY, December 12

WARDS  
1, 2, 3, 4  
THIS WEEK

MONDAY, November 17  
TUESDAY, November 18  
WEDNESDAY, November 19  
THURSDAY, November 20  
FRIDAY, November 21

WARDS  
5, 6, 7  
THIS WEEK

MONDAY, December 15  
TUESDAY, December 16  
WEDNESDAY, December 17  
THURSDAY, December 18  
FRIDAY, December 19

WARDS  
5, 6, 7  
THIS WEEK

**\*NO LEAF PICK-UP - November 11, 27 & 28 - TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED**

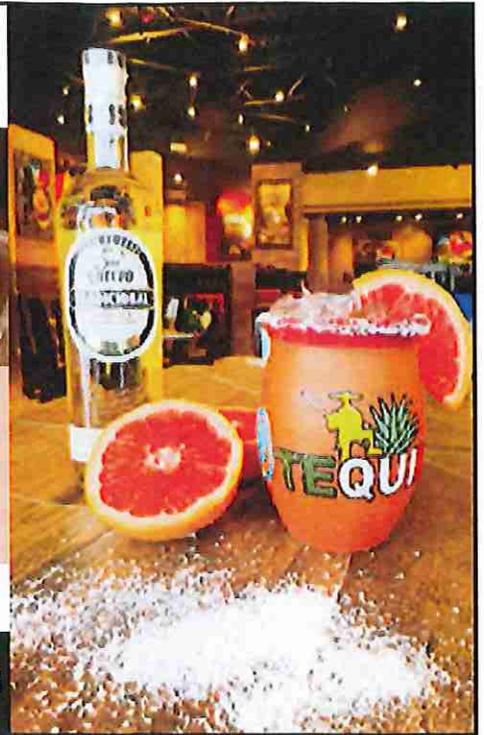
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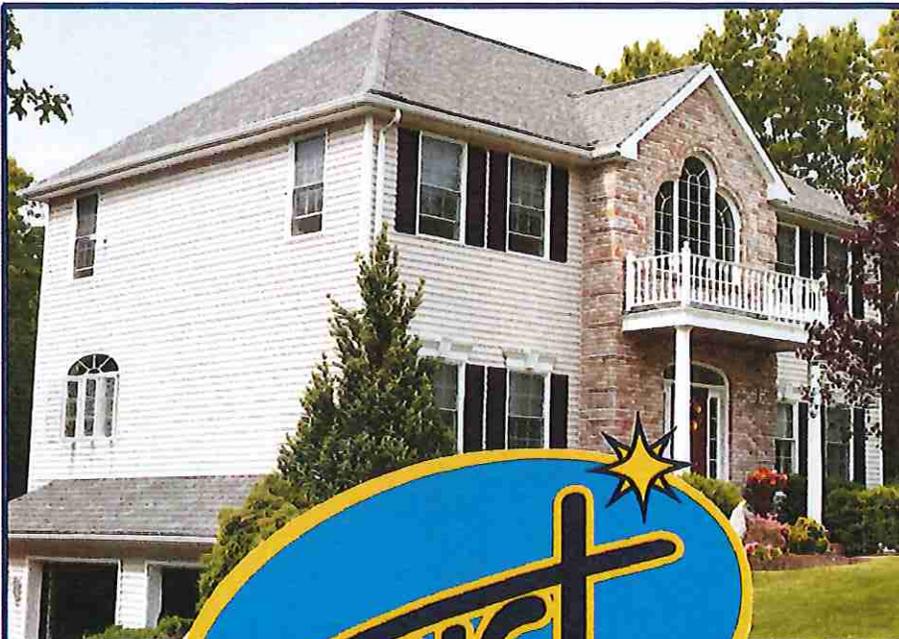


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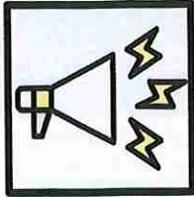
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### How can I get a recycling can?

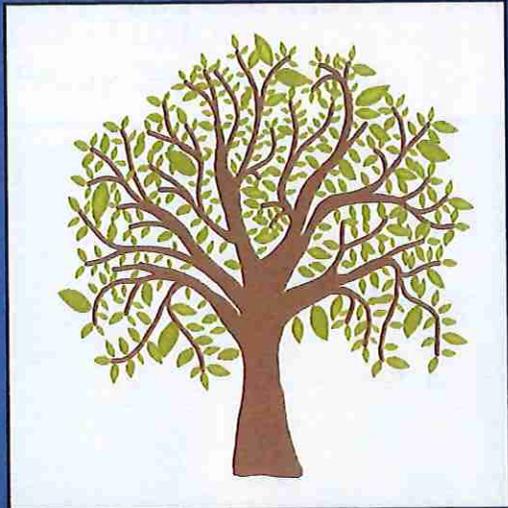
A Recycling Can can be purchased at the Code Enforcement Department, for a fee of \$30.00, during offices hours (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday-Friday). Recycling Collection is EVERY Wednesday



### Trees; Rights to Trim Overhanging Branches

Property owners may trim tree branches that extend onto their land, even if the trunk is on a neighbor's property. However, trimming must be done without harming the tree's overall health.

For more detailed information, please call the Marple Twp. Codes Dept. @ 610-356-4040



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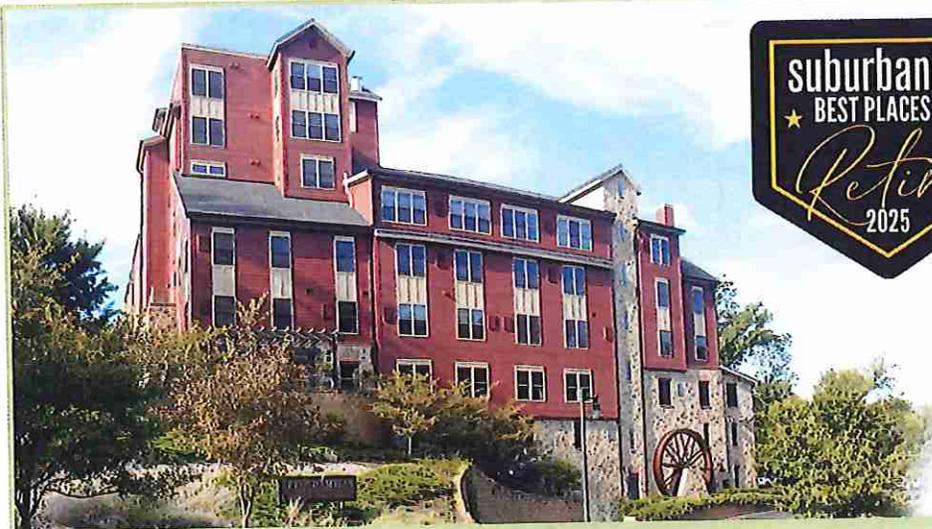
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# MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

## District Pride: MNHS Students Recognized as National Merit Scholar Semifinalists

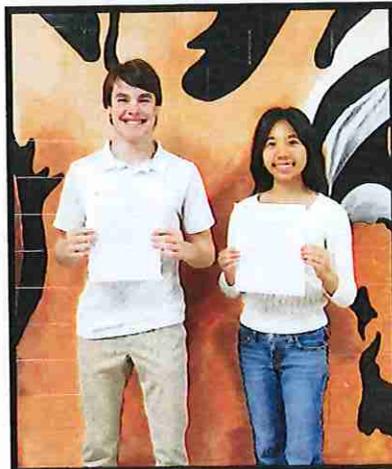
Officials from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 71st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 6,930 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million, which will be awarded next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of those Finalists will earn a National Merit Scholarship, achieving the distinguished title of Merit Scholar.

Marple Newtown High School is proud to announce that two of our students have been named Semifinalists this year. Congratulations to Aila Lam and Tristan Lowe on this outstanding accomplishment, and best of luck as you pursue Finalist standing.

We are also proud to recognize four Marple Newtown High School students who have earned the distinction of Commended Student. Each year, about 34,000 Commended Students across the nation are recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

Although they will not continue in the 2026 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students represent the top 50,000 students who entered the competition by taking the 2024 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). This year's Commended Students are Emily Kwon, Hailey Kwon, Paige Robinson, and Diljit Singh. Congratulations to all our Commended Students on this remarkable achievement.



Students (Left to Right): Tristan Lowe, and Aila Lam, National Merit Scholar Semifinalists



Students (Left to Right): Paige Robinson, Emily Kwon, Hailey Kwon, Diljit Singh, Commended Students.

### From Hershey to Anaheim: Diljit Singh Brings Home FBLA Gold



Congratulations to Diljit Singh for his outstanding first place victory in the Networking Infrastructures event at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference this summer. This achievement is especially significant as the FBLA National Leadership Conference is one of the most prestigious business competitions in the country, drawing thousands of high achieving students from across the United States and abroad.

Diljit earned his place on the national stage after winning first place at the state level FBLA competition in Hershey, Pennsylvania, in April. His success in Anaheim, California, from June 29 to July 2, 2025, reflects his exceptional skills and hard work, and also highlights the strength of our district's commitment to preparing students for future careers in business, leadership, and technology.



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## MNSD Students' NASA TechRise Project Soars on Blue Origin Launch

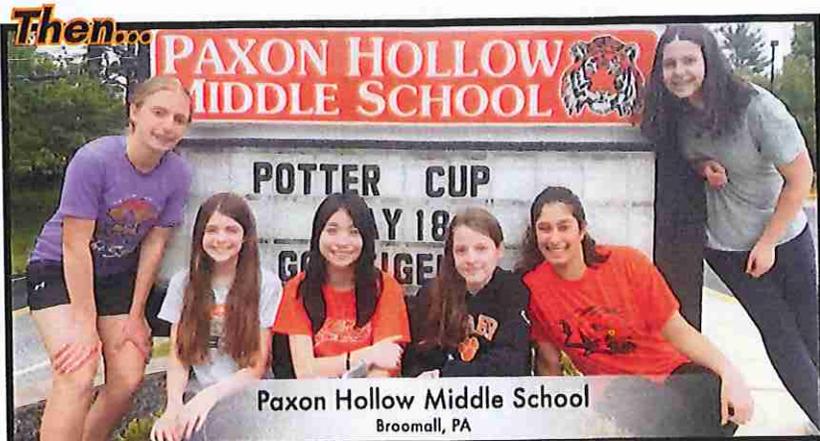


Photo taken in 2021 at time of project submission

In 2021, students from Paxon Hollow Middle School submitted a project proposal to the NASA TechRise Student Challenge, a nationwide competition that gives middle and high school students the opportunity to design experiments for flight tests in space or the stratosphere. Out of thousands of applicants, their experiment was one of just 24 selected from across the country.



Students (Left to Right): Carrie Hodkinson, Denali Devonport, Kohar Baronian, Kassidy Smith, Riley Carmichael, and Brittany Huynh

The team dedicated countless hours before and after school, as well as during the summer between 7th and 8th grade, to prepare a project designed to run an experiment in space. Their goal was to test how paint dries in microgravity compared to on Earth.

The project was sent to NASA in 2022. While the students initially expected it to launch shortly afterward, a series of delays followed. However, on September 18, 2025, their experiment finally launched aboard Blue Origin's New Shepard rocket for a 15-minute journey into microgravity. During the flight, a custom cart-and-roller system painted a small metal piece. The team now eagerly awaits the return of their project from NASA TechRise to analyze the results and discover what they can learn from the experiment. The students involved in this remarkable achievement are now 11th graders at Marple Newtown High School: Carrie Hodkinson, Denali Devonport, Britney Huynh, Kassidy Smith, Kohar Baronian, and Riley Carmichael.



Students (Left to Right): Carrie Hodkinson and Denali Devonport working on their submission in 2021



The Blue Origin Shepard Launch, September 18, 2025

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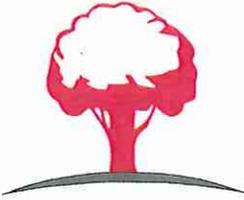
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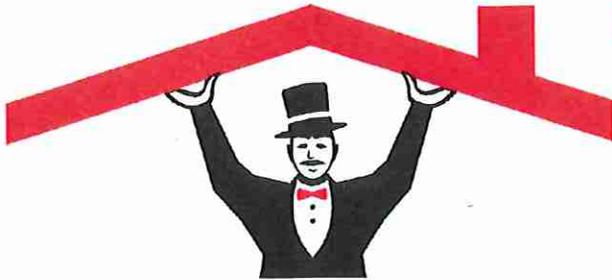
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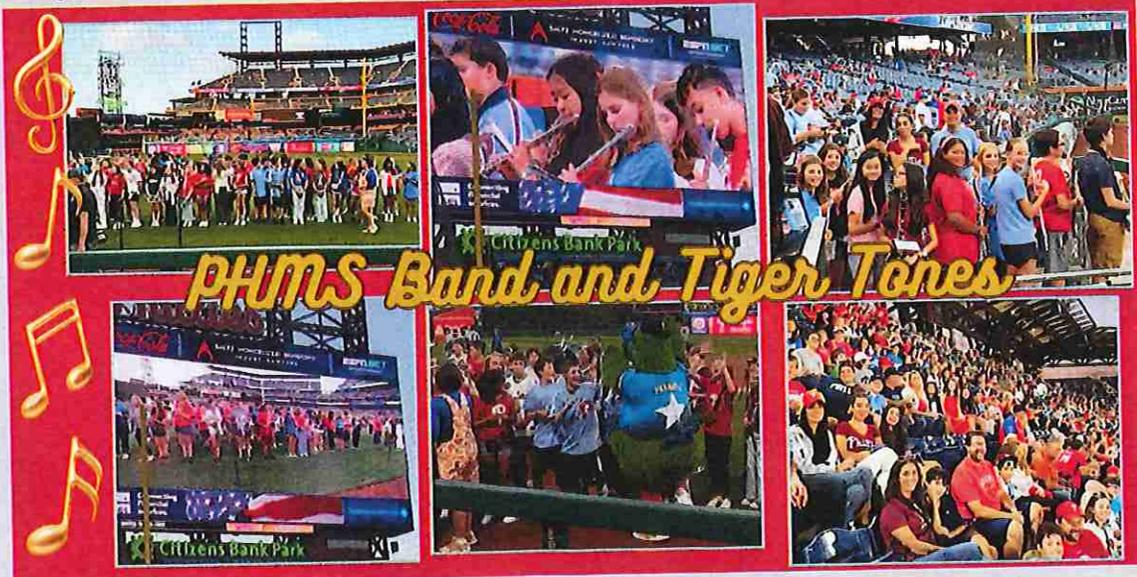
# MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

## THANK YOU!

### American Education Week

During American Education Week (November 17–21, 2025), the Marple Newtown School District proudly recognizes and thanks the many individuals who make a difference in the lives of our students every day. From our dedicated teachers and administrators to our support staff, specialists, and instructional aides, each plays a vital role in fostering student growth and success. We are grateful for the commitment of our bus drivers, custodians, maintenance teams, food service staff, and technology professionals who ensure our schools are safe, welcoming, and ready for learning. Together with our families and community partners, you are the heart of MNSD, and we thank you for the care, passion, and dedication you bring to our schools.

## PHMS Band and Tiger Tones Take the Field with the Phillies



Paxon Hollow Middle School was invited to perform the National Anthem at the Phillies game on September 12, 2025. The Band, under the direction of Mr. Jordan Marmelstein, and the Tiger Tones, under the direction of Mrs. Georgia LaRue, did a fantastic job showcasing their pride and talent on behalf of our school. Paxon Hollow faculty, families, and students filled the stands, cheering on both our performers and the Phillies. To top it all off, the Phillies brought home a win! We are so proud of our students and faculty for this incredible accomplishment. Way to go, Tigers!

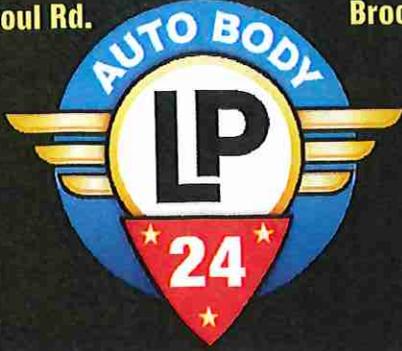
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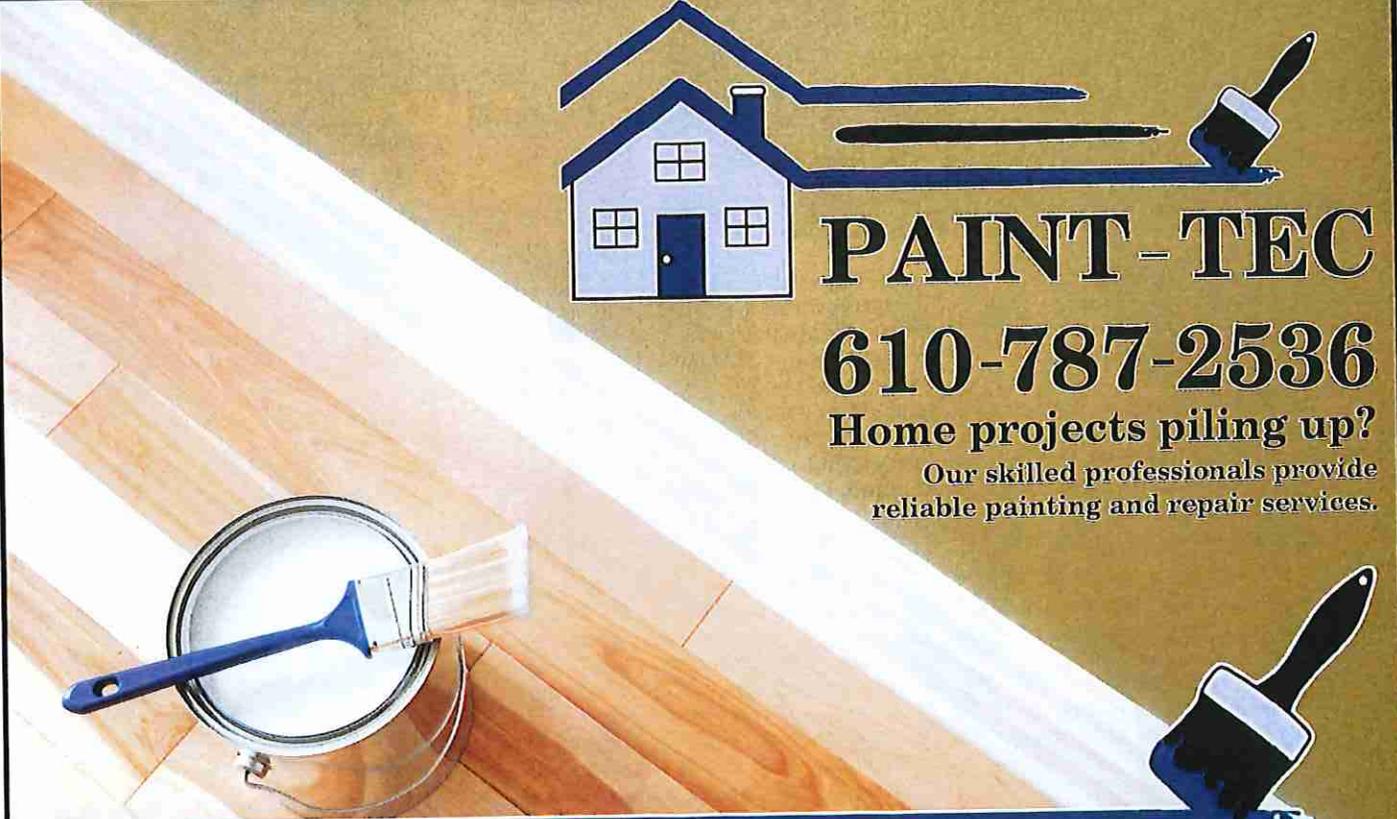


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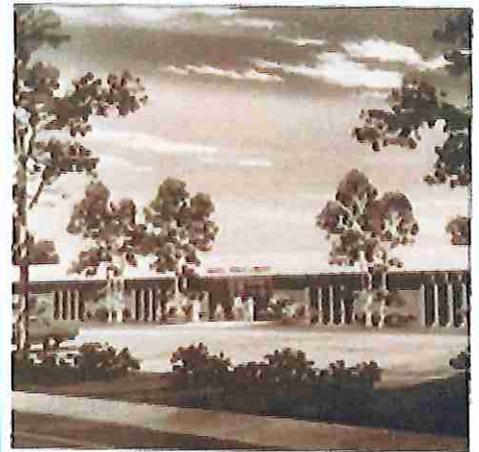
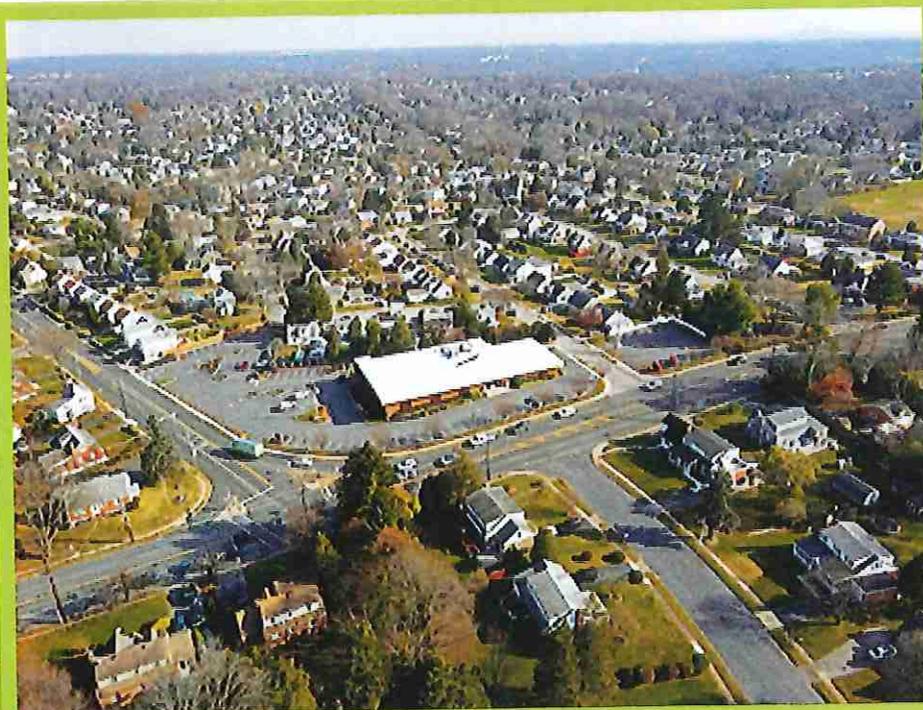
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All this and more is possible thanks to our community's support. By this time you will have received our Annual Fund Drive Request in the mail. This is our most important fundraiser of the year. We greatly appreciate each gift that allows us to continue cherished programs like Opera at the Library and plan for new favorites like this year's first Pre-K Play Lab. We are proud of what we can offer thanks to our community sponsors and donors and the

fiscal responsibility we hold for each gift. Your support now, helps us plan for our future. Please join us in making a direct impact in your community. Donations can be made by check via mail or at your next visit, credit card, or online at [marplelibrary.org/support/](http://marplelibrary.org/support/)! If you have responded to the mailed request and donated, **THANK YOU!**

As we look to 2026 to plan programs and services, we will also be planning how to celebrate 75 years in the community and 50 years in the current building. These two milestones have us thinking of how people continue to find, use, and need our library. At each program we have patrons who have joined us for years and have introduced friends and family to our library as well as many that just learned about what we offer. We have come to realize that our library needs to be updated to meet the needs of our community now and in the future. We are in the very early

stages of studying how to renovate to ensure our library remains welcoming, safe and available for all in our community. We hope to share details early next year. Our community is crucial to our success and we will be as we move forward.

We look forward to seeing you in the library to study, work, relax or find that next great read. Come by to enjoy the Ad Quiet Room, Community Puzzle, and browse the Seed Library to plan for the new year.

If you have any questions about our Annu Fund Drive, or about our Legacy Tree, are interested in becoming a Sponsor, or if you would like to learn more about the many other ways to support our library, please contact [mamarketing@delcolibraries.org](mailto:mamarketing@delcolibraries.org).

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# BROOMALL FIRE COMPANY

## The Broomall Fire Company Reminds Residents about Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirements and Recommendations

Are carbon monoxide (CO) alarms installed and maintained in your home? If not, then you and everyone in your household could be at risk of CO poisoning. Carbon monoxide alarms inside your home provide an early warning of the presence of deadly carbon monoxide gas.

According to the National Fire Incident Reporting System, in 2023, fire departments responded to an estimated 82,245 carbon monoxide incidents. This does not include the 79,051 carbon monoxide alarm malfunctions and the 79,286 unintentional carbon monoxide alarms.

A recent U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) survey found that over a fourth (26 percent) of people said they knew "nothing at all" about carbon monoxide alarms, and only 55 percent of households reported having at least one CO alarm.

"Some homes in Marple Township may not have functioning carbon monoxide alarms," says Chief Tom Dobbins of The Broomall Fire Company. "We want all residents to understand the importance of CO alarms."

"Often called the invisible killer, CO is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels burn incompletely," says Dobbins. "In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of CO. Also, anything that has an engine, such as

vehicles running in an attached garage, or portable generators running inside a home, shed, attached garage or too close to a home also can produce dangerous levels of CO. Burning charcoal in fireplaces or barbecue grills inside a home or in semi-enclosed areas can also result in lethal carbon monoxide levels."

Broomall Fire Company, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) offer the following tips for making sure the CO alarms in your home are maintained and working properly:

- Install and maintain CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area, on every level of the home, and in other locations, as required by laws, codes, or standards.
- If you have combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms, follow the directions for smoke alarm installation.
- Test CO alarms once a month and replace them if they fail to respond correctly when tested.
- Replace the CO alarm according to manufacturer's instructions or when the end-of-life signal sounds.



- Know the difference between the sound of the CO alarm and the smoke alarm, and each alarm's low-battery signals. If the audible low-battery signal sounds, replace the batteries, or replace the device.
- CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms, and vice versa. Know the difference.

For those whose homes are equipped with combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms, if an alarm sounds and you don't see smoke, don't assume it is a faulty detector as it may well be alerting to high levels of carbon monoxide.

Marple Township residents with questions and/or concerns about CO alarm requirements may contact The Broomall Fire Company at 610-353-5225. You can also visit NFPA's Web site at [nfpa.org/CO](http://nfpa.org/CO) for more information.

## Honoring Our Outstanding Volunteers

Marple Township is fortunate to be home to some of the most dedicated volunteers anywhere. The men and women of the Broomall Fire Company and the Marple Township Ambulance Corps work tirelessly to protect our residents, businesses, and visitors every day of the year. Whether it is fighting fires, providing emergency medical care, or responding to crises in the middle of the night, these teams of highly trained volunteers are always ready when our community needs them most.

Their commitment goes far beyond time and effort it brings real financial value to our Township. By volunteering their service, they save our community hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in operating

costs. This is money that stays right here in Marple Township, supporting programs, infrastructure, and services for every resident.

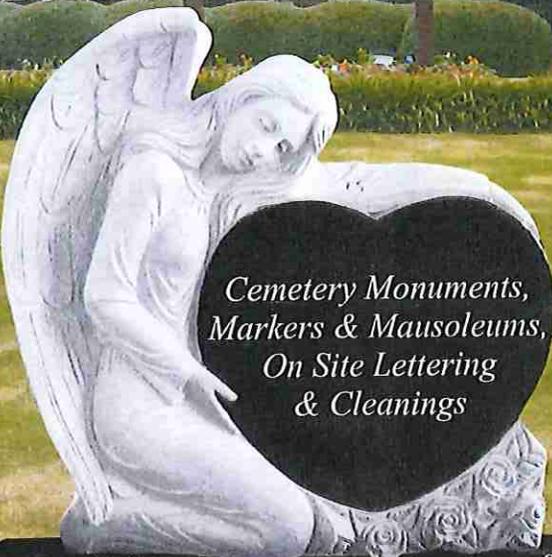
But their success depends on all of us. These volunteers need our continued support to maintain equipment, provide training, and keep their operations strong. As we approach donation season, please remember that your contributions directly fuel their ability to serve. Every dollar truly makes a difference in ensuring that the men and women of the Broomall Fire Company and Marple Township Ambulance can continue protecting our families, neighbors, and friends.

Let us take a moment to thank them for their sacrifices, their courage, and their unwavering commitment to Marple Township. And when donation time comes, let's all stand behind them because when we support our volunteers, we ensure the safety and strength of our community.

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### E-Scooter Information Sheet

Electric scooters have become a popular way to get around but, like any mode of transportation, an inherent risk of injury or death can result from their use. Sadly, Delaware County has experienced its share of tragedies, and our community is not immune. The Marple Township Police Department, together with our Township Commissioners, would like to cut through the confusion of the current laws and provide some valuable information to parents and kids alike:

**An electric scooter (e-scooter) cannot be legally operated on public roads or**

**sidewalks.** It is only permitted on private property, so your driveway or yard or someone else's whose permission you obtained is pretty much it. PA law considers it a vehicle, specifically a motor-driven cycle, which means it falls under the same PennDOT registration requirements and equipment standards (headlights, turn signals, mirrors, etc) as your car, truck, or SUV.

**An electric bike (e-bike)** is considered a pedalcycle (commonly known as a bicycle) with electric assist. An operator must be at least 16 years of age. It may be operated on

the sidewalk but only with the use of fashioned human power — no electric. and must yield to pedestrians.

We continue to work with community members on additional educational and enforcement measures including the possibility of a new ordinance, so stay tuned. In the meantime, help us spread word so that parents know they are supported in their decision to tell their "No" and be saved from receiving that dreadful phone call.

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Can operate only on private property. Electric scooters, like electric skateboards and electric unicycles, cannot be legally operated on public roadways.												
 <b>MOTORIZED PEDALCYCLE</b>	16	C	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	25	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3523 § 1714
Has operable pedals. Design speed of no more than 25 mph. Gas - motor rated 1.5 brake horsepower or less, has an automatic transmission. Electric - powered by an electric battery.												
 <b>MOTOR SCOOTER</b>	16	Class M/Class if >50 cc, Class C if <50cc	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	Up to 5 brake horsepower	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3525
Is a motor-driven cycle. Motor shall not exceed five brake horsepower.												
 <b>SEGWAY</b>	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	No	Yes	-	Yes	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3581-3583, § 3703 (c)
Is an electric personal assistive mobility device. An electric, self-balancing, two-nontandem-wheeled device. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise. A Segway is allowed on sidewalks unless a municipality prohibits it.												
 <b>E-BIKE</b>	16	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	20	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3514
Is a pedalcycle with electric assist. Weighs less than 100 pounds. Motor not more than 750 watts. Has operable pedals. Not capable going faster than 20 mph on a level surface when powered by the motor source only. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.												
 <b>BICYCLE</b>	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	Yes	Yes	-	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3501 et seq. § 3802, § 1547
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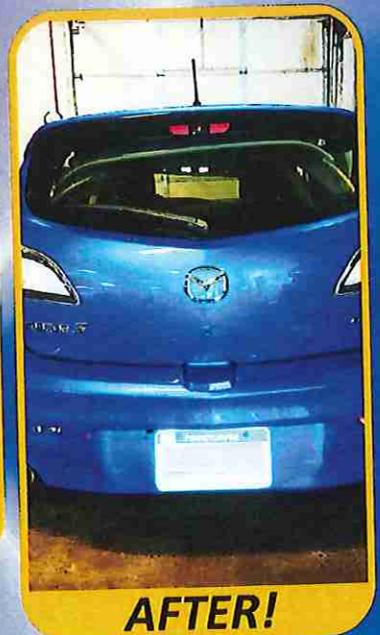
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# MARPLE TOWNSHIP PARKS NEWS

## Greenbank Farm Pond Restoration Project

One of the gems in Marple Townships' Park system is Greenbank Farm Park. Acquired in 2001, these 28 acres are a unique natural resource for Marple residents. Originally farmland and more recently a horse farm, the land is an important ecological contributor to the 350-acre open space conservation district along Crum Creek in Delaware County.



One part of the park, the area around the old farm pond, is a popular destination for bird watchers and hikers. Surrounded by aging willows and home to a range of wildlife, it has recently suffered from deer pressure, invasive species, droughts, and loss of trees around the pond margin. This spring and fall, the Township has partnered with the CRC (Chester-Ridley- Crum) Watershed Association and PA Master Naturalists to restore the pond margins with shrubs, grasses and trees.



Pond restoration at Greenbank Farm Park in September, 2025. Blue mist flowers and woodland sunflower in bloom.

This spring, 35 shrubs and over 800 pollinator plants were installed by a crew of volunteers around the pond margins. This fall continued invasive plant removal is planned with a second round of planting 40 additional native trees with the assistance of CRC and the Marple Tree Commission. These trees will contribute to the restoration of the pond and help maintain the riparian area along Crum Creek, which is prone to flooding and streambank erosion. The ultimate goal is to create a managed open space preserve which extends the

greenways from the Hildacy preserve, providing important habitat for the wildlife along the pond and Crum Creek and trails open to all members of our community.

The tree planting component of this restoration project was made possible by the Trees for Watersheds Grant program, managed by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and local conservation districts, with funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Growing Greener program and Aqua, an Essential Utilities company.



A view of the lower meadow at Greenbank Farm. The meadow is adjacent to Natural Lands Hildacy Preserve. Crum Creek is to the right. The historic farmhouse is on the top of the hill. The pond is in the cluster of trees in the middle.

## AED Installed at Veterans Memorial Playground



Marple Township is proud to announce that a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been installed at Veterans Memorial Playground. This life-saving device was made possible with the assistance of Marple Ambulance, ensuring that our community is better prepared in the event of a cardiac emergency. This new life saving tool will be installed at the front of the restrooms.

The AED provides immediate access to critical care in the event of sudden cardiac arrest. By having this technology readily available, we are taking important steps to protect the health and safety of our children, visitors, and residents who enjoy our recreation facilities.

Marple Township is committed to making our parks and playgrounds not only places of play and enjoyment, but also safe spaces for our entire community.

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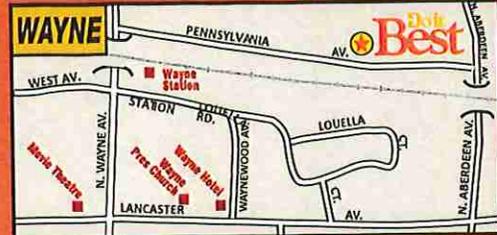
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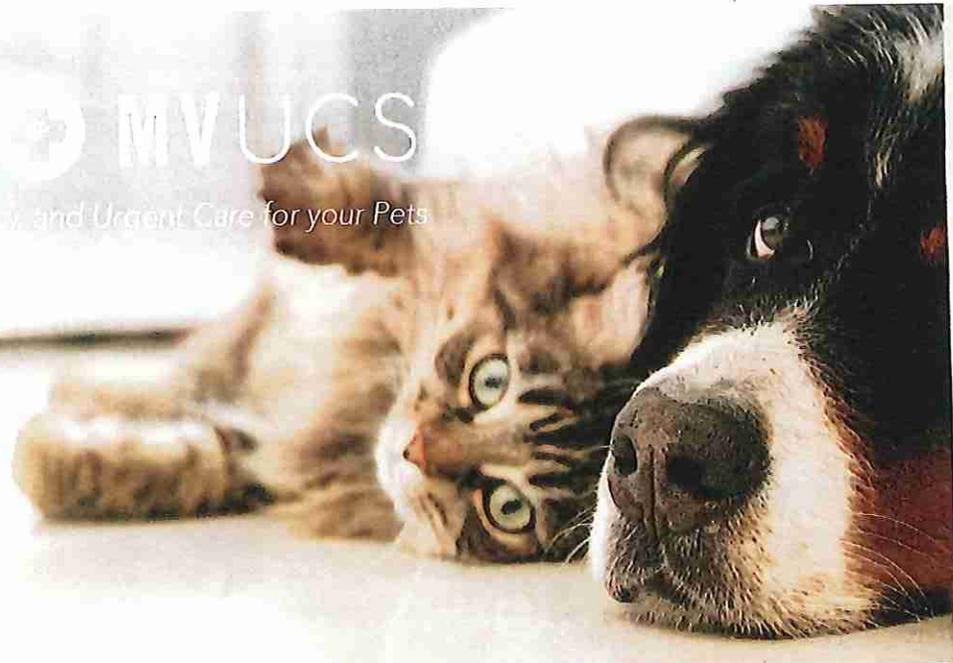


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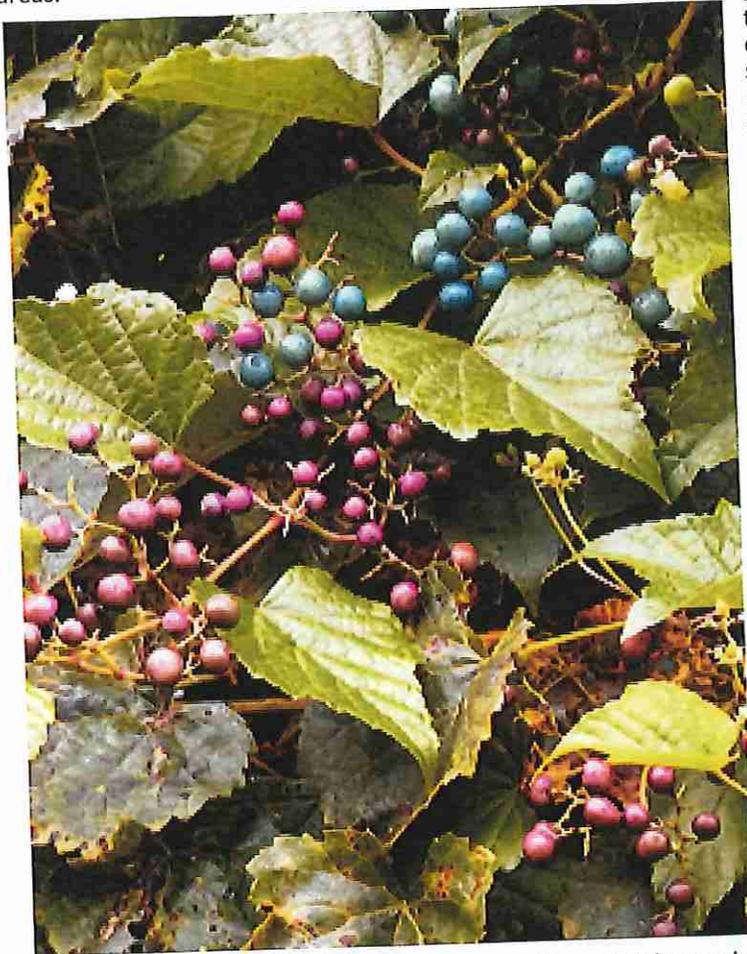
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# MARPLE TREE COMMISSION

## Porcelain Berry: A Menace in Marple

### Porcelain berry

(*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*) is a climbing vine that's causing serious problems in Southeast Pennsylvania's forests and natural areas.



**Where Porcelain Berry Came From**  
Porcelain berry comes from Asia, including China, Korea, Japan, Mongolia, and eastern Russia. People first brought porcelain berry to America in the 1870s for gardens. Gardeners liked its heart-shaped leaves and colorful berries that look like shiny ceramic beads — that's why it's called "porcelain" berry.

The plant escaped from gardens and started growing wild. By the 1950s, it had spread throughout the northeastern United States, with our area particularly hard-hit in the last decade.

**Why Porcelain Berry Causes Problems**  
Marple has perfect growing conditions for porcelain berry — similar weather, rainfall, and soil to its Asian home. But without natural enemies to control it, the plant grows out of control.

Porcelain berry grows incredibly fast, up to 15 feet per year. It's an aggressive climber that smothers trees and shrubs by blocking sunlight and adding weight that can damage or kill them. The plant can grow almost anywhere — sunny or shady, wet or dry —

letting it invade streams-sides, forests, and disturbed areas.

Each vine produces thousands of berries annually. Birds eat these berries and spread seeds when they fly to new areas. Seeds can survive in soil for several years, and new plants can even grow from root pieces left in the ground after removal.

Like other invasive plants such as Japanese honeysuckle and Asian bittersweet, when porcelain berry takes over, it pushes out native plants that wildlife depends on for food. Dense infestations can completely change ecosystems and reduce native plant diversity.

### How to Identify Porcelain Berry

The most distinctive feature is the berries, which change colors as they ripen — from white to yellow to pink to purple to bright turquoise blue. You often see all these colors on one cluster at the same

time, creating a rainbow effect. Native wild grapes are uniformly dark purple or blue-black when ripe. The plant has several different leaf forms, ranging from heart-shaped leaves to the adult form with



distinctive jagged edges. The vine climbs using tendrils. The best time to spot it is late August through October when berries are most visible.

### How to Remove Porcelain Berry

**Hand Removal:** For small areas, pull vines by hand when soil is wet, making sure to get all roots out since the plant can regrow from root pieces. Young seedlings are easiest to pull. For large vines climbing trees, cut just above ground level.

**Chemical Control:** While chemicals are usually a last resort, for large infestations, herbicides containing glyphosate or triclopyr may be necessary. The best timing is late summer to early fall when the plant is moving nutrients to its roots. To minimize impact on other plants, use the cut-stump method where you cut the vine and immediately apply herbicide to the fresh cut. Always read and follow herbicide label directions and check local regulations.

**Long-term Management:** Successful control requires combining immediate removal with regular monitoring. After removing vines, return weekly to pull any seedlings that are popping up. You should monitor for 3-5 years for regrowth. Plant native species in cleared areas to help prevent invasive plants from returning.

### Prevention and Community Action:

Preventing new infestations is much easier and cheaper than controlling established ones. Work with your neighbors to learn how to identify porcelain berry, avoid planting it in gardens, and remove volunteer plants immediately when they appear.

We all need to work together to address large infestations. Organize volunteer removal events, work with local conservation groups, such as the Marple Tree Commission, and coordinate with the Township to address infestations on public land. When working in infested areas, clean tools and equipment to prevent accidentally spreading seeds or root pieces to new locations.

### Conclusion

Successfully controlling porcelain berry takes patience and persistence, but steady effort can significantly reduce infestations and protect Marple's woodlands, parks and gardens from this aggressive invader.



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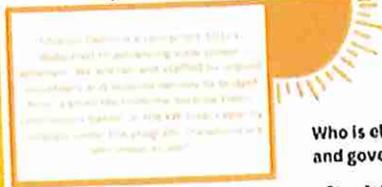
Income qualified homeowners can apply for a grant (up to \$5,000) while funds last or take advantage of our partnership with a vetted leasing firm that can reduce monthly bills by a combination of Solar PV and weatherization. Solarize Delco can help you decide what is best for you.

### Are Other Energy Tax Credits Gone?

**Mostly Yes - Solar, EV, and Air-Source Heat Pump Home energy efficiency tax credits are all gone after Dec. 31, 2025.** For some reason, ground source "geothermal" heat pump credits remain for now. Success in fighting climate change has always required consumers to buy lower carbon options and that will not change. The costs



**Join the clean energy revolution & start generating your own electricity!**  
**Reduce your carbon footprint - Save money on your electric bill - Increase your home's value**



**Solarize Delco**  
*Got sun? Let's Solarize Delaware County!*

**CAADC**  
Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc.  
**Helping People. Changing Lives.**



[SolarizeDelco.org](http://SolarizeDelco.org)

Neighbors helping Delaware County Homes, businesses, governments, non-profits and house of worship install Solar Power Systems at a discount from a vetted contractor(s).

- **EASY** - We assess solar suitability, inform & answer any questions
- **HASSLE FREE** - When you commit, you contract with vetted installers, and we can help with any issues
- **AFFORDABLE** - Below market costs! Low income grants and leasing options available, as well as cost competitive financing options. Payback grows with each electricity rate increase!

For More Info: Email us your address/phone number to: [solarizedelco@gmail.com](mailto:solarizedelco@gmail.com)

Or visit us at [www.SolarizeDelco.org](http://www.SolarizeDelco.org) or on Facebook

**Who is eligible: Everyone!** (Residents, businesses, houses of worship, nonprofits, and governments)

### How does it work?

- **Step 1:** Save your power bill and go to <https://solarizedelco.org/> or email [solarizedelco@gmail.com](mailto:solarizedelco@gmail.com) and set up a consult to see if solar is right for you. We assess how much electricity you can generate, answer any questions you have and help you decide if solar is right for you.
- **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:



- 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)
- \$10 off PECO energy audit using promo code SOLARDEL25, available until Dec. 31, 2025

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!

**Who are we?** Your neighbors, an all volunteer non-profit providing education, unbiased information and an easier path to putting solar on your home, business or house of worship. We can help Houses of Worship and other non-profits find sources of funding as well. More info at [www.solarizedelco.org](http://www.solarizedelco.org).

Search Solarize Philly and Solarize SE PA for programs outside of DelCo.

### Ready to Solarize Now?

In Delaware County, PA — fill out a form on [www.solarizedelco.org](http://www.solarizedelco.org) or Email us at [solarizedelco@gmail.com](mailto:solarizedelco@gmail.com) with your name,

address and phone number and we can help you assess whether the Solarize Delco program with a selected vendor and a significant discount over market rates is right for you. In Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery County - Email [solarizesepa@gmail.com](mailto:solarizesepa@gmail.com).

### Climate Webinar Series Videos

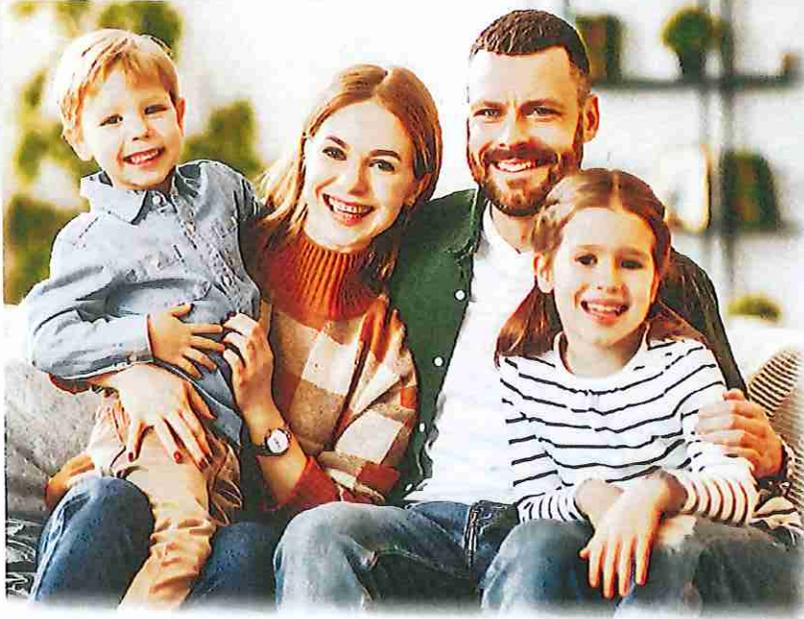
Watch these informative recorded Climate Action Workshops on Solar Home, adapting to Electric Vehicle use, Purchasing Renewable Energy, and others at <https://www.youtube.com/@haverfordeac>.

**The Clean Energy Co-Op** can help businesses and nonprofits go solar through education and solar development with the capital of local Co-op members. Contact [info@cleanenergy.coop](mailto:info@cleanenergy.coop) to learn more.

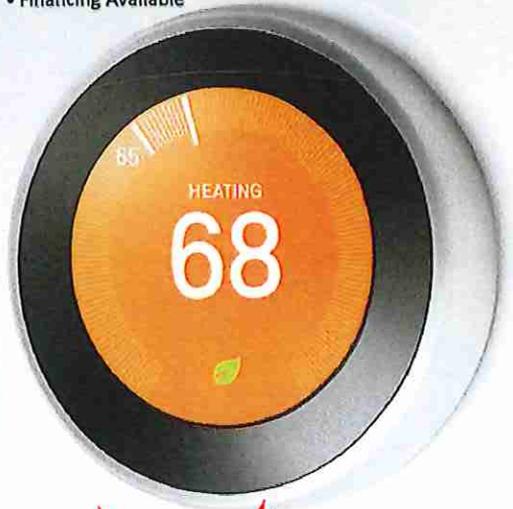


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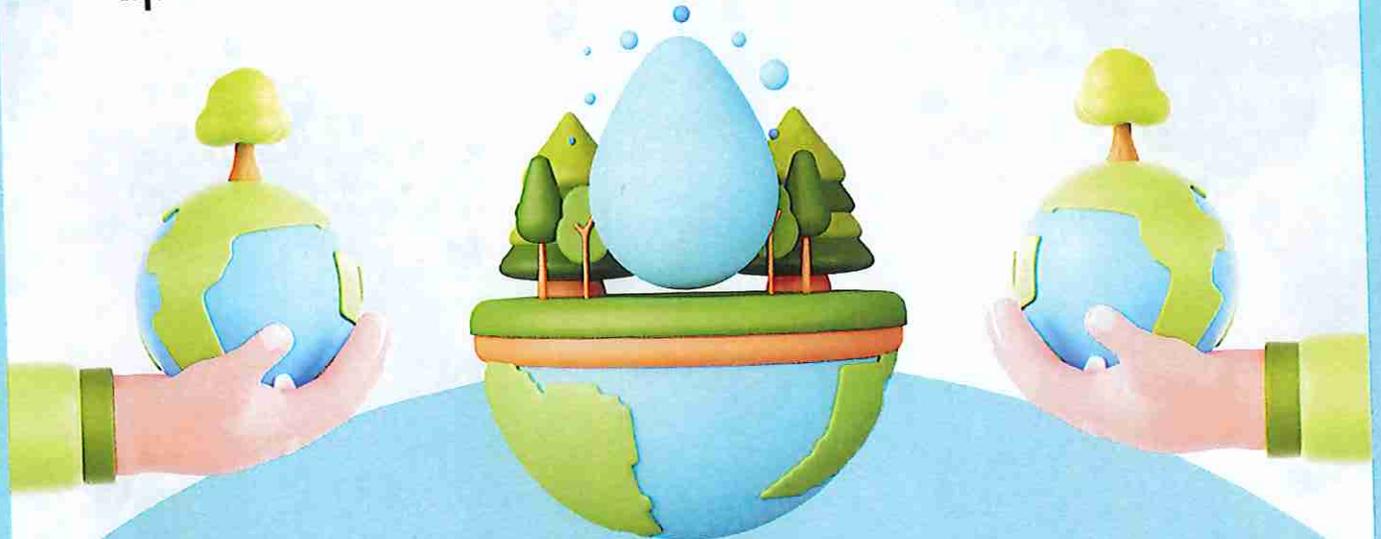


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# Hold the Stormwater, Please!

tips for stormwater management on your property



## DID YOU KNOW:

- We depend on rainfall soaking into the ground to recharge our groundwater levels.
- Increased number of impervious (non-porous) surfaces, such as asphalt and rooftops, result in fewer opportunities for rainfall to soak into the ground causing flooding and increased pollution of our streams.
- 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

Use a rain barrel to retain stormwater coming off rooftops for reuse in gardens or to release at a later time. For best results, direct overflow from your rain barrel to a more porous area such as a mulched bed or rain garden.

## When it RAINS it DRAINS!

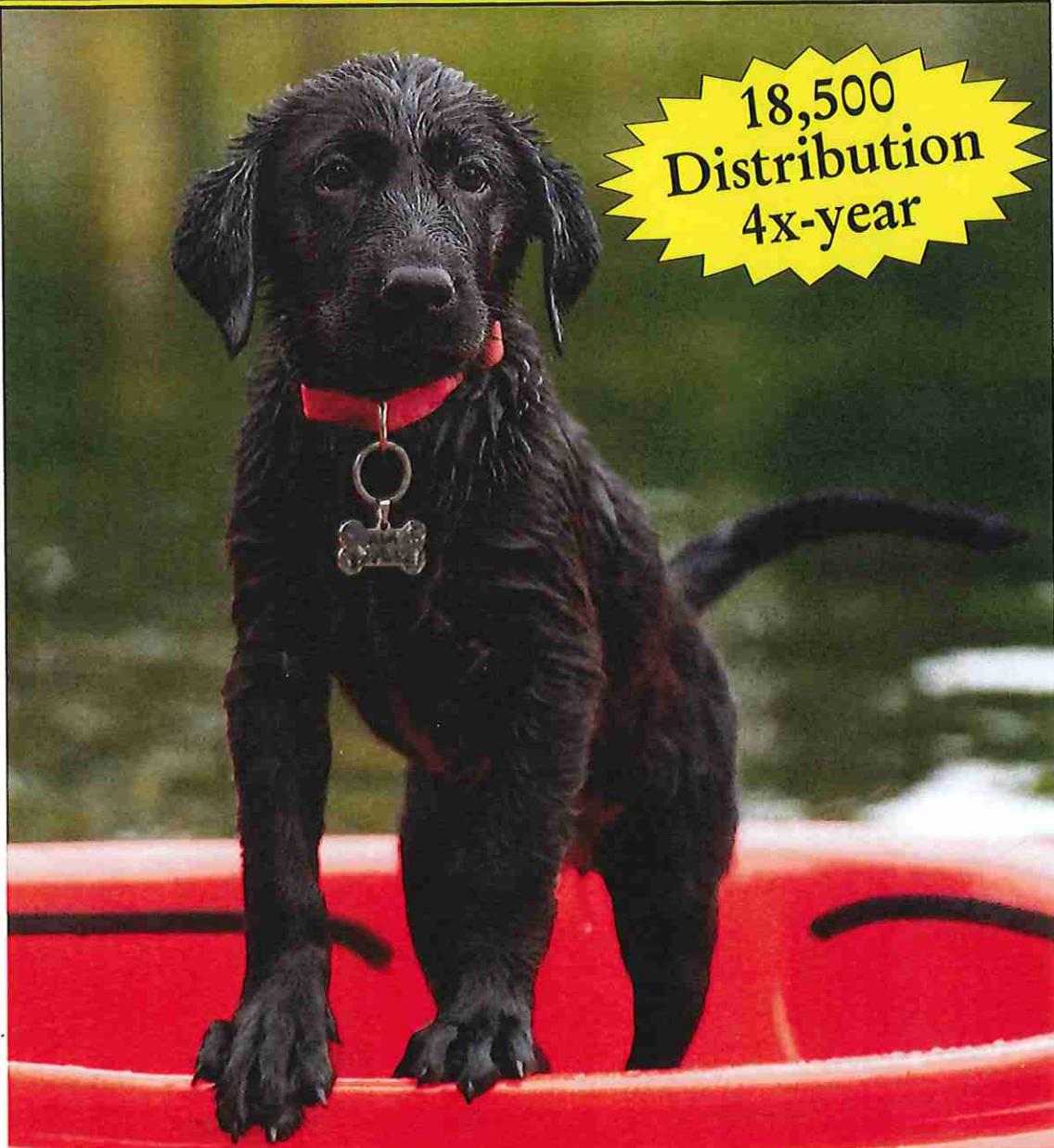
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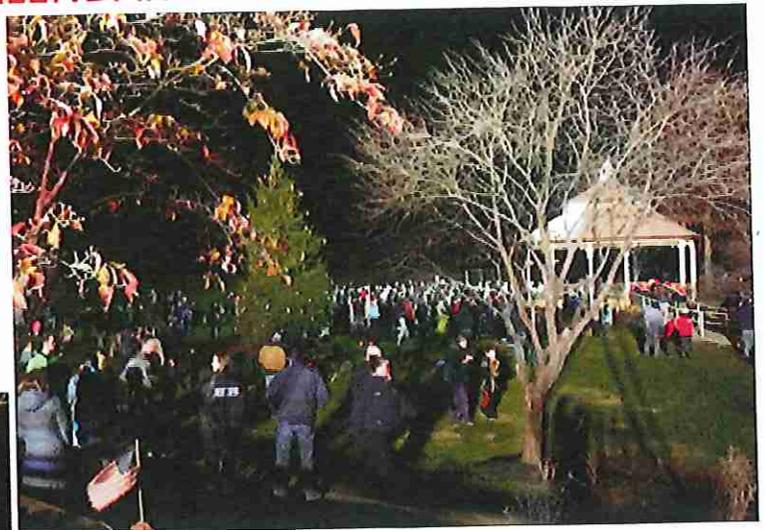
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## HOLIDAY EVENT - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Christmas Tree Lighting & Fireworks Planned for December 6th at Veterans Memorial Park

Marple Township Annual Christmas Tree Lighting & Fireworks Celebration started by Commissioner John Lucas. Mark your calendars and join your friends and neighbors for one of Marple Township's most beloved holiday traditions — the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks Celebration! This year's event will take place on Friday, December 6th at 5:00 PM at the Township Municipal Complex.

The evening will feature festive fun for the whole family, highlighted by the lighting of our community Christmas tree, followed by a spectacular fireworks display to kick off the holiday season.



Children and adults alike will enjoy a special visit from Santa Claus, who will be on hand to spread holiday cheer. Warm mugs of hot chocolate will be served, and the air will be filled with the joyful sounds of Christmas carols performed by local groups.

This annual tradition brings together residents of all ages to celebrate the spirit of the season, and we encourage everyone to attend and share in the holiday cheer. Bundle up, bring your family and friends, and help us make this year's celebration our brightest yet!

We look forward to seeing you on December 6th at 5:00 PM as we gather to light the tree, enjoy the fireworks, and welcome the holiday season together in Marple Township.



**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.

**THE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT PROVIDE FLOOD INSURANCE.**

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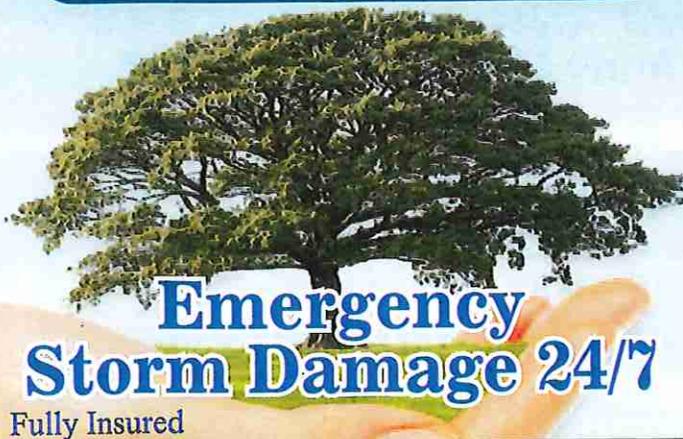
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