

The South Whitehall Township E-Newsletter

August/September 2024



Introducing our NEW E-Newsletter!

The Township is modernizing the way we distribute information to our Residents! We will be emailing Quarterly E-Newsletters that will eventually replace our traditional Bi-Annual newsletter that is mailed to residents. Our Goal: to get our residents the information they need in a timely, accessible and digestible way.

Don't worry, important dates will still be mailed to residents in the form of an Annual Calendar once a year. We are working on that format now, and are excited to be able to offer both options to our residents. [All E-Newsletter issues will remain accessible on our Township website here.](#)

Thank you in advance for your patience as we master our timing and design for both the E-Newsletters and Annual Calendar!

Sincerely,
The South Whitehall Township Staff and Board of Commissioners.



TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S BULLETIN

Updates for Residents directly from the Township Manager.

The South Whitehall Township website (www.southwhitehall.com) is the primary resource for constituents to receive important updates concerning public meetings, timely news, ongoing projects, new regulations, initiatives and events. Please ensure to check the Township website for upcoming updates on all ongoing Township matters.

Important information will be forthcoming concerning a number of ongoing Township matters, including but not limited to, the Kline's Island Act 537 Official Plan Update, Zoning Ordinance revisions consistent with the *South Whitehall Township Comprehensive Plan*, results of ongoing studies, Active Transportation (*Transportation PLAN*), and the Open Space Plan (*South Whitehall Landscapes: An Open Space, Historic, Agricultural, & Natural Resources Preservation Plan*).

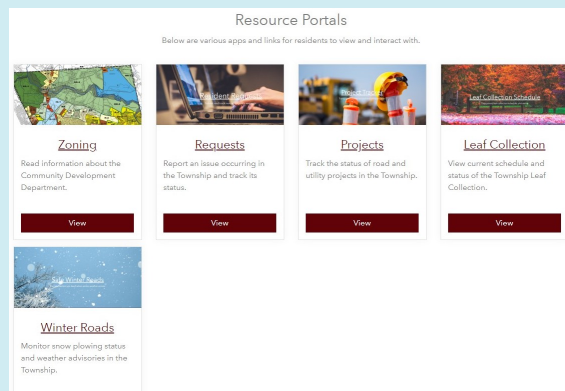
South Whitehall Township encourages its constituents to visit the Township website on a regular basis to receive important information and actively participate in the public process for these ongoing Township matters.

Sincerely,
Thomas R. Petrucci, MPA
Township Manager

Resident Resource Hub:

Did you know SWT has a NEW Resident Resource Hub?

This site provides one-stop access to various Geographic Information System (GIS) and planning resources made available through esri ArcGIS Online. See all of the **NEW** accessible applications below.



Resource Portals

Below are various apps and links for residents to view and interact with.

- Zoning**
Read information about the Community Development Department.
[View](#)
- Requests**
Report an issue occurring in the Township and track its status.
[View](#)
- Projects**
Track the status of road and utility projects in the Township.
[View](#)
- Leaf Collection**
View current schedule and status of the Township Leaf Collection.
[View](#)
- Winter Roads**
Monitor snow plowing status and weather advisories in the Township.
[View](#)

- [The Request Portal](#) - Use the Request Portal to submit, view and/or comment on existing **NON-EMERGENCY** requests.
NOT intended for Police assistance requests
- [The Zoning Portal](#)- An interactive representation of the SWT Zoning Ordinance using interactive maps and hyperlinks to various resources. See portal for a detailed explanation!
- [The Leaf Collection Portal](#)- View current schedule and status of South Whitehall Township Leaf Collection.
- [The Winter Roads Portal](#)- Monitor snow plowing status and weather advisories in South Whitehall Township.

Finance:



Utility Billing Info:

Why do I have to make Separate Payments for my Utilities?

- Your Water, Sewer, and Refuse bills are Separate Accounts so payments MUST be on Separate Checks or Transactions to be applied to the correct Utility Bill.

[CLICK HERE FOR ALL UTILITY BILL INFORMATION](#)

Did you know there is a Bill Pay "Quick Fact" page on our website?

- Payment FAQ's
- Online Utility Bill Pay Instructions
- Links to Bill Pay

[CLICK HERE FOR ALL UTILITY BILL INFORMATION](#)

Own a Business in SWT?

Our Township has a Business Privilege Tax. To ensure you have all the information you need, [visit the Business Privilege Tax web page](#).

Questions? Let the Finance Department help you navigate the Business Privilege Tax. Call or email 610-398-0401 (Ext 216), bplicense@southwhitehall.com.



Promote your Business within your Community with SWT Recreational Events & Programs! Get involved with SWT Recreational Events and Programs and get your name out to hundreds of local families while supporting your community!

Email matulal@southwhitehall.com for details and opportunities.



Public Works:

Public Works will be milling and paving according to the schedule below.

All milling & paving work will occur between the hours of 6:00am- 5:00pm.

Street parking will not be permitted while road work is occurring. PLEASE make sure you move your vehicle prior to work occurring, and follow Modified Traffic Patterns.

Milling & Paving scheduled for July 29th to Aug. 6th.

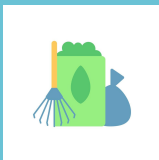
- Courtney Pl. (River Rd. to Cul-de-sac)
- Rachel Ln. (Lime Kiln Rd to Dead End)
- Elias Ct. (Rachel Ln to Cul-de-sac)
- Rose Ln. (Aster to Lime Kiln Rd)
- Astor Dr. (Rachel Ln. to Rose Ln.)
- Lime Kiln Rd. (Stadium Dr. to 650' east)

Milling & Paving scheduled for July 31st- Aug. 17th.

- 30th St. (Highland to Pennsylvania)
- 25th St. (Pennsylvania to Woodlawn)
- 24th St. (Highland to Woodlawn)
- Pennsylvania St. (Glenwood to 23rd)
- Whitehall Ave. (under 22 underpass)
- Huckleberry Rd. (Walbert to Whitehall Ave.)
- Jane St. (18th to 20th)

Milling & Paving scheduled for Aug. 14th- Aug. 30th.

- Americus Dr. (Township line to Mosser Dr.)
- Elm Dr. (Cedar Crest to Ryan Dr.)
- South Dr. (Ryan to Cedar Crest)
- Mosser Dr. (Cedar Crest to Dead End)
- Marshall St. (Elm to Mosser)
- Birch Ave. (Hamilton to Glick)
- Alma Dr. (Oakwood to Birch)
- Webster St. Birch to Lindberg)
- Webster St. (Byrd to Catherine)



Yard Waste Drop- Off Information:

Get your Sticker and get rid of your Yard Waste!

Our drop-off site is for Residents only, and requires a sticker for entrance. Submit our quick and easy [Registration Application](#) and your sticker will be mailed to you!

IMPORTANT: There are Strict Guidelines regarding Acceptable Items. Please visit the [Yard Waste Dropoff Site](#) webpage for details.

Recreation:



Programs:

Our summer programming is coming to an end, but don't worry, below are some upcoming Programs to Check Out and Register for!

- **SWT Summer Camp** has just ended! Stay tuned for a wrap up and 2025 Registration information!
- [Zumba in the Park](#) (starts Aug. 15, spots available!)
- [NEW Tennis Classes](#) (starting Sept. 2)
- [Mighty Kicks Soccer Classes](#) (starts Sept. 14)
- [Hoot Hike with the Wildlands Conservancy](#) (Oct. 17)
- [Senior Programs w/PASD & St. Luke's](#)

Park Pavilions:

Our Park Pavilions are a great place to have your next party or event! We are taking reservations through November 2nd!

[Click Here to see Pavilion Rental FAQ's, Rules, and Facility details.](#)

Mark your Calendars:

2025 Pavilion Rentals Open on January 1, 2025! [Make your](#)

[Reservation Online using our Online Recreation Portal!](#) See real-time

availability, then make your reservation & payment from home!

NOTE OUR UPDATED

PARK RULES:

- Vehicles are NOT permitted on the walking trails.
- Personal Grills are NOT permitted in the park.
- Inflatables NOT permitted

Thank you!

Events:

- Our final Summer Movie was a blast with our various community partners! We are already planning the Summer 2025 Movies & Concerts, so Stay Tuned!
- [NEW Sunset to Summer Festival with Trail Ribbon Cutting](#) (Sept. 28). Live Music, Vendors & More! See more details below.

SAVE THE DATE!

- [The Halloween Spooktacular](#) (10/20)
- **SWT's Trick or Treat Night (Friday, Oct. 25)**
- [Tree & Bridge Lighting](#) (Dec. 7)
- [Candy Cane Hunt & Food Drive](#) (Dec 14)

NEW SWT Recreation
**VENDOR & SPONSOR
OPPORTUNITY!**
**SUNSET TO
SUMMER EVENT**
SATURDAY, SEPT 28

Introducing SWT Recreation's **NEW** Community Event
the **Sunset to Summer Festival!**

If you love our Summer Concerts, you won't want to miss
this event!

We couldn't let the summer end without one of our Free Summer Concerts!
We will celebrate the completion of the section of the Jordan Creek
Greenway Trail in Covered Bridge Park with a Trail Ribbon Cutting
Ceremony AND Festival with LIVE MUSIC by TWO Bands, Vendors, Food
Trucks, Kids Entertainment, and More!

- Saturday, September 28th from 4pm-9pm at Covered Bridge Park
- Performances by: [Flirting with the Mob](#) and [We May Be Right!](#)
- Food Trucks: Grateful Dogs, J Rads Wood Fired Pizza, Grubnite Food Truck, and Mon & Mel's Sweet Truck.
- [CLICK HERE for more Event Information!](#)

Be a VENDOR or a SPONSOR!

**Promote your business or organization to hundreds of local
families while supporting your community!**

- VENDOR FEE WAIVED for SWT Businesses and local Non-Profits!
- VENDOR FEE DISCOUNTED for previous Fall Fest Vendors (this event replaces Fall Fest)
- SPONSOR Specific Items like Kid's Inflatables, or by Dollar Amount, with a Banner on stage for the concerts, or Donate Goods!
- [CLICK HERE for VENDOR & SPONSOR Information](#), or email matulal@southwhitehall.com for details.

Projects in the Parks:

Jordan Creek Greenway:

Progress continues on the Jordan Creek Greenway throughout South Whitehall! Construction is wrapping up on an approximately 1-mile section of trail through the northern side of Covered Bridge Park that will connect the existing trail on Wehr Mill Road with the parking lot/trailhead on Lapp Road. An official ribbon cutting is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th in conjunction with the Township's end of summer festival. This project is funded in part by grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. For more information on the Jordan Creek Greenway, [CLICK HERE.](#)



Vistas Park Improvements:

The Vistas Park is getting a facelift! As one of our larger neighborhood parks, this 7+ acre park is getting some much-needed improvements. In Fall 2024, construction will begin on two pickleball courts, shaded seating area, and parking lot expansion and connected pathways. Additionally, a ¼ mile walking path will be paved around the upper soccer field. As part of an effort to add more natural features to the site, a designated “nature play” area will be installed next to the basketball court with nature-based play features and climbing equipment. Additional plantings and natural features will be installed throughout the park to add more shade, natural habitat, and aesthetics to the site. These improvements are funded in part by grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

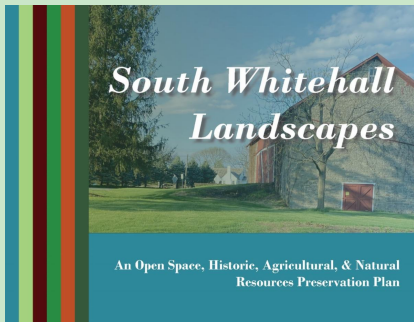
Vistas Park Improvements

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Nature Play

Community Development:



South Whitehall Landscapes

In Summer 2023, the Township Community Development Department kicked off planning for South Whitehall Landscapes, an Open Space, Historic, Agricultural, and Natural Resources preservation plan. This plan highlights the elements of those resources that make South Whitehall special and identifies specific strategies to preserve them. South Whitehall Landscapes is about preserving not just the features themselves, but how these resources work together to showcase the character of our community. This plan lays out goals and specific actions for the Township and community to work towards preservation of critical resources.

[Visit the webpage for updates on the draft plan.](#)

Police:



The DEA's Prescription Drug Take-Back initiative is a crucial public safety and health measure aimed at curbing prescription drug abuse. Over seven million Americans abuse prescription drugs, with many of these drugs being obtained from home medicine cabinets. Each day, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs for the first time. This Prescription Drug Take-Back event is aimed at providing a safe disposal method for unwanted and unused prescription drugs. It is a highly successful initiative, with about 3,000 participating agencies and over 121 tons of pills collected nationwide.

This initiative not only helps prevent prescription drug abuse but also ensures that potentially dangerous medications are disposed of properly.

The 2024 National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for October 26th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the South Whitehall Township Police Department. This event offers another opportunity for people to safely dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. Please note that liquid medications, inhalers, and needles ARE NOT accepted.

SWT Police STAT:

From January 1st, 2024 until July 1st, 2024 the South Whitehall Township Police Department wrote 7,422 reports.



NEW HIRE - OFFICER WARNET

Officer Jacob Warnet graduated from Indian Hills High School in New Jersey. He then attended York College of Pennsylvania where in 2016 he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Warnet began his law enforcement career as a Special Class Officer 1 and 2 with the Haledon Police Department in New Jersey where he worked summers from 2015 until 2019. Jake was hired by the City of Philadelphia Police Department in 2019. He comes to our department with over 5 years of experience as a certified Act 120 police officer.



YOUTH ACADEMIES

Congratulations to the students who just graduated from our 6th Annual Youth Law Enforcement Academy and 5th Annual Advanced Youth Law Enforcement Academies this summer! The purpose of the youth law enforcement academy is to foster relationships that will bridge the gaps between law enforcement and youth while also exposing them to future careers in serving their community. The goal of the program is to motivate young people to be outstanding citizens and to empower them to act as positive influences in our community. The academy blends classroom learning with hands-on activities to expose students to a variety of topics.

Emergency Services:



SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

FAMILY SAFETY DAY

Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 4:30PM
(rain date 9/21)



Fun for the Whole Family!

Family Safety Day is an annual event organized and run by South Whitehall Township's Emergency Services! Bring the whole family and enjoy activities, entertainment, and a Free Movie!

When: 4:30pm on

- **Saturday, September 14th, at 4:30pm**
(rain date 9/21)
- **At Fernwood Park** (1900 Molinaro Drive, Allentown, PA 18104)
- Face Painting, Jr. Firefighter Challenge Obstacle Course, games, prizes, and MORE!
- Free CPR Instruction and Child Safety Seat Inspections!
- SWT Fire & Rescue Demonstrations
- SWT Police Drone & K-9 Demonstrations
- **FOOD TRUCKS:** Big Poppas Backyard BBQ, Kona Ice, & Batch Micro Creamery Ice Cream!



Stay for the Free Movie!

7:30pm (dusk)

Movie Summary:

Planes: Fire & Rescue

A crew of rugged firefighters meet their match when attempting to rescue three rambunctious kids - starring John Cena

Human Resources:

**Retirement Announcement:
Gregg Adams**

25 years of service in the Community
Development Department.



Gregg Adams has dedicated 25 years of his professional career to South Whitehall Township and multiple Boards and Commissions. His Board meetings attendance records will be very hard to beat. His career track record of overall accomplishments and attendance at board meetings has been phenomenal, It is a great reflection of his hard work, dedication, and how much value he brought to the Community Development Department over the years.

One of Gregg's many lasting legacies at SWT is his "Computer File Protocol". His motto has been ingrained into the Community Development Department staff, "Consistency is the hallmark of a good filing system". Gregg has filed an overall total of the subdivision files accounts for 98,214,987,264 bytes of data.

His legacy will also include his Forms and Fee Schedules format for fee schedules will live on both at SWT and municipalities throughout the Lehigh Valley.

Gregg's greatness, is evident in his devotion to service. He served in the US Army, after his military service he devoted himself to serving his local community of Hamburg on the Hamburger Festival Committee and with Blue Mountain Wildlife.

We thank Gregg for his devotion to service to this country, local community and the South Whitehall Township community and we wish him a great retirement time. "Gregg's Impressive statistical track record:

- 308 Planning Commission meetings
- 227 Landscape and Shade Tree
- 163 Parks and Recreation Board
- 136 Board of Commissioner
- 36 Zoning Hearing Board
- 31 Public Safety Commission
- 30 Building Code Appeals
- 32 Comprehensive Plan (2 Comp Plans)
- 963 Board and Commission Meetings



Ask us about Advertising Opportunities

- the E-Newsletter, Printed Newsletter, and upcoming Calendar!

Community Resources:

Parkland Area School District Community News &



Events:

- Calling all former Homecoming Kings and Queens! Time to dust off those crowns and sashes for a grand reunion as we come together to celebrate Parkland's 75 years. You are invited to march in our annual Homecoming Parade during halftime at the football game on Friday, October 4th. For more information visit parklandsd.org/hoco
- Coming this year- "Coffee with the Superintendent!"
- Follow them on [Facebook](#) for up to date Community Information



The Parkland Community Library:

The library hosts many different programs and events.

- See up to date [News Here](#)
- See all upcoming programs & events on their [Event Calendar](#)

South Whitehall Township
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Keep in Touch!



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