

COMMONWEALTH OF PA

REAL ID DAYS



To help ensure
Pennsylvanians are
prepared for the upcoming
federal REAL ID
enforcement date of May 7,
2025, PennDOT will host a
REAL ID Days 10 AM to 2
PM on the following dates
and locations:

Please note that locations with a gold circle and white star can print your REAL ID onsite, otherwise your REAL ID will be mailed directly to you.

FROM THE OFFICE OF REP. LIZ HANBIDGE

PICK UP PA

Pennsylvania's Largest Community Improvement Program

"As part of the Shapiro Administration's commitment to maintaining the Commonwealth's natural resources and enhancing tourism, Pennsylvanians are invited to register for the 2025 Pick Up Pennsylvania little cleanup initiative. A collaborative effort among the Pennsylvania Departments of Transportation (PennDOT) and Environmental Protection (DEP) and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, Pick Up Pennsylvania offers civic-minded volunteers an opportunity to help keep their communities clean and free from litter.

Litter can pollute streams and rivers with microplastics, degrading water quality, and harming the fish, birds, and wildlife that depend on healthy streams and rivers to thrive. Pick up PA, an annual volunteer effort to clean up Pennsylvania roads, parks, streams and communities, represents Governor Shapiro's commitment to protecting Pennsylvania's cherished natural resources. Earlier this year, the Shapiro Administration announced more that \$15 million in funding to conserve and protect waterways and watersheds, reclaim abandoned mine sites, and plug abandoned wells.

In 2024, more than **77,000 volunteers** participated in Pick Up Pennsylvania. Over **3.2 million pounds of litter** and trash were picked up, and **4.5 million pounds of materials recycled,** and more than **14,000 trees,** flowers, and other greens were planted.

To learn more please visit: https://www.keeppabeautiful.org/programs/pick-up-pa/



Financial Aid Planning Q&A with PHEAA

Articles related to funding a higher education are in the news almost every day and it can lead even the most knowledgeable of us into information overload. Have you ever wanted to simply ask a few specific questions, yet couldn't find anyone to ask? Maybe you have questions about planning for college, finding the right school, applying for scholarships and for federal and state aid, understanding offer letters, completing loan applications, comparing federal loans to private loans, repaying or refinancing loans after graduation, etc. Join Suzanne Sparrow, William McGinley, and Daniel Wray of PHEAA for a wide open 1-hour Q&A session.

Ask your questions in an open forum or privately via the chat. Hope to see you there!







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Paying for College and Options for Balances

This 1-hour webinar is for students and families that are starting to plan or are in the thick of decisions regarding what college to choose. Affording the costs is one topic that is on everyone's mind. This presentation by PHEAA'S Suzanne Sparrow, William McGinley, and Daniel Wray of the PA Forward and Keystone Loan programs will review the types of aid available, what needs to be done to check for eligibility, and provide tips on the options for covering the balances and making affordable decisions.

Don't miss it!



Register today at pheaa.org/virtual



PHEAA

To register for these webinars or find more information on other webinar events offered by PHEAA, please go to https://pheaa.org/virtual/. To learn more information about the PHEAA Keystone/PA Forward Loan programs, please go to https://pheaa.org/paforward



HACD Budget Briefing

The General Assembly is once again preparing a budget for the next fiscal year. Join Appropriations Chair Rep. Jordan Harris and the Southeast Delegation for a Community State Budget Briefing on Thursday, May 1, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Municipality of Norristown, Council Chambers, 235 East Airy Street, Norristown, PA 19401.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Register at www.MontcoPARecycles.org

DATES:

Saturday, April 26 Indian Valley Middle School 130 Maple Avenue, Harleysville

Saturday, June 7 Temple University-Ambler Campus

Temple University–Ambler Campus Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

Saturday, June 21

Norristown Area High School 1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

Saturday, June 28

Abington Middle School Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

Saturday, September 20

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center 400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

SUNDAY, October 12

Lower Merion Transfer Station 1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley Free residential collection events are held outdoors. There are no permanent drop off locations, only these collection events. Montco residents may also attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, or Philadelphia Counties.

Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.

Contact us at:
Recycling@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov
610.278.3618







MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Neil Makhija, Chair, * Jamila H Winder, Commissioner, * Thomas DiBallo, Commissioner

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

Registration is now available for the 2025 Montco Household Hazardous Waste events. Click on the link above for the list of scheduled events. To register, click here and select the preferred date and a time. Register for only one (1) time slot and print the ticket. If unable to print the ticket, write the date of the event and time on a piece of paper and have it displayed on the dashboard of your vehicle for the staff to see.

Attendees are required to remain in their vehicle at all times and any personal items should be removed from your trunk. Materials should be boxed for event staff to unload from the trunk of a car, cargo area of an SUV or the bed of a truck.

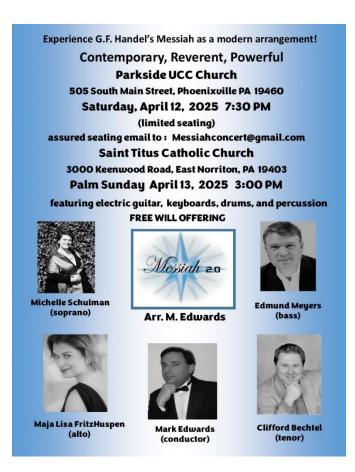
NO <u>TV's or Electronics</u> and NO <u>Latex Paint</u> is accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste events. Businesses and contractors will be turned away.

ART & POETRY OF FREEDOM CONTEST FOR K-12 STUDENTS DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 16

JUNETEENTH ART CONTEST

We are now accepting submissions for our fourth annual Art and Poetry of Freedom Contest! All K - 12 students in Montgomery County public, private, parochial, or home schools are invited to submit their own unique works of art and poetry speaking to the theme of Hope in Action. The deadline to participate is **Friday, May 16, at 11:59 p.m.** As in past years, winners will be

recognized during our Juneteenth Flag Raising event. Click here to learn more.



MUSICAL COMMUNITY EVENT G.F. HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Parkside Church of Christ – 505 S. Main Street, Phoenixville, PA – Saturday, April 12 at 7 PM Saint Titus Catholic Church – 3000 Keenwood Road, East Norriton, PA – Sunday, April 13 at 3 PM Victim Services Center of Montgomery County & Legacy Karate Academy present



VICTIM SERVICES CENTER

Open to ages 12+. All genders welcome.

This self-defense workshop is designed to be physically engaging and may involve moderate to high-intensity exercise. We encourage participants to assess their physical abilities and health status before attending. If you have any health concerns or physical limitations, please consult with a healthcare professional before participating. This will help ensure your safety and comfort during the event. A \$25 donation is required to participate in this event. RSVP is required by April 12, 2025.

FEEL EMPOWERED

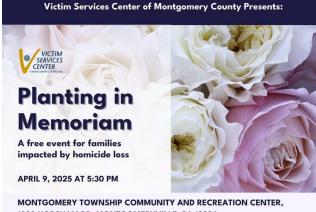


- - TWO-HOUR CLASS WITH MARTIAL ARTISTS
- OPEN TO AGES 12 AND OVER. ALL GENDERS WELCOME
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 - LEGACY KARATE ACADEMY, 326 N. LEWIS RD., ROYERSFORD, PA

RSVP required by April 12, 2025. A minimum \$25 donation is required to participate. Your support makes a difference: a portion of proceeds benefits Victim Services Center of Montgomery County. This workshop involves moderate to high-intensity physical activity. **RSVP & details available on our** website at www.victimservicescenter.org/events

CONTACT INFORMATION





1030 HORSHAM RD, MONTGOMERYVILLE, PA 18936

- · Plant in your loved one's honor
- Connect with other families
- · Share about your loved one
- · All supplies will be provided, and light refreshments will be served.



TO RSVP visit victimservicescenter.org/events or scan the QR code with a smart phone.

CONTACT INFORMATION (Office) 610-277-0932 ext 226 Erin Milbourne Direct Services Supervisor erin-milbourneevscmontcopa.org

PLANTING IN MEMORIAM

Join families impacted by homicide loss for a time of planting, community, and connection. All materials will be provided on-site.

Apr 09, 2025, 5:30 PM

Montgomery Township Community Center, 1030 Horsham Rd, Montgomeryville, PA 18936, USA

Interpreter services are available.

WISSAHICKON TRAILS

Wissahickon Trails invite you to participate in this special walk-through event, where you'll have the opportunity to share your thoughts in an easy and interactive way. The process takes just about 20 minutes, but the impact of your input will last for years to come. This will be held from 4:30p-7:00p at the Blue Bell Branch of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library. No registration is required!

Event Details:

https://wissahickontrails.org/events/community-feedback-event





NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Join us for a parent book talk on May 8, 2025 from 6-8 PM at the Educational Services Center (401 E Hancock Street, Lansdale).

The New York Times best-seller, *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt offers a thought-provoking exploration of the mental health crisis facing today's youth. Join us for an insightful discussion on the causes, consequences, and potential solutions to this rising concern. This is a great opportunity to connect with other parents, share experiences, and gather ideas on how we can support the mental well-being of the next generation.

Participants will take part in large and small group discussions surrounding the main ideas of the book. This event will be moderated by Melinda Lyon, community member, parent, and instructional coach for NPSD as well as Pamula Hart, Director of Curriculum and Equity.

To RSVP for this event, please fill out the form here.

LOWER GWYNEDD

PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION DISCUSSION



Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 5:00 – 8:00 PM Lower Gwynedd Township Building 1130 N. Bethlehem Pike

FILL A COP CAR



Saturday, April, 12, from 1 pm to 3 pm, the Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department will partner with the Spring House GIANT Food Store (1121 N Bethlehem Pike Spring House Pa 19477) to collect non-perishable food supplies to help those in need. The food collected will be taken to the Mattie Dixon Food Cupboard. Bring items with you or shop for non-perishable food items to donate upon exiting the store. Suggested Donations Include: Apple Sauce, Breadcrumbs, Ground Coffee, Hams, Juice Boxes, taco Kits, Aluminum Foil, Disinfectant Wipes, Kitchen Trash Bags and Ziploc Storage Bags (small & Large)

NORTH WALES



NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY 2025 TASTE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Through the Looking Glass: A Magical Feast The 5th Annual Taste of Montgomery County

Mark Your Magical Calendar:

Date: April 10th, 2025 Time: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: St. Rose of Lima's Great Hall

428 S. Main Street, North Wales

Secure your passage now:

https://givebutter.com/c/TheTaste2025

"It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live..."

Dumbledore So don't dream about it – be there!

All proceeds benefit the North Wales Area Library, keeper of stories and guardian of knowledge.

#TasteOfMontco2025 #ThroughTheLookingGlass #MagicalFeast



SANCTUARY HEALTH EXPO

My office is excited to announce our attendance at the Health and Wellness Expo.

Sanctuary United Methodist Church is excited to announce its upcoming 3rd Annual Health Expo, taking place on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This free event will offer a wide range of resources and information to promote health and wellness for all ages.

- Local healthcare providers
- On-site screenings
- Free information and giveaways
- Health and wellness across the lifespan
- Specialists

Sanctuary Church is thrilled to host this free Health Expo and provide our community with access to valuable health

resources. We believe that everyone deserves to live a healthy and fulfilling life, and this event is a step towards making that a reality. The Health Expo is open to the public, and all are welcome!

TOWAMENCIN

Towamencin - a new member of **Bird Town Pennsylvania**

On March 4th, Bird Town, PA's Outreach Committee accepted Towamencin's application, making it officially the 77th Bird Town in PA. Congratulations to the Township's Environmental Advisory Council, and lead member Vanessa Gaynor, for their dedication and efforts made over the last year leading up to this achievement!

On February 25, members of Towamencin's Bird Town Committee made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors – outlining the Bird Town, PA mission, threats to bird populations, program initiatives, and benefits provided to the municipality. At this meeting, the Board approved the EAC's participation in Bird Town, PA, passing a resolution of support.



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The Bird Town Committee is organized as an EAC subcommittee with the following members: Andrew Dolan, Bruce Bailey, Donna Hegge, Kelly Bonsignore, Vanessa Gaynor and Joyce Snyder. The Committee plans to hold public meetings on April 10, June 12 and September 11.

Visit Bird Town PA's website: https://birdtownpa.org/



BIRD TOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR **SPRING/SUMMER 2025**

Towamencin Day May 10

Join us for our annual Community Day! Enjoy vendors, activities, and more at this fun, free event for all. Interested in being a vendor? Visit our website for details. (12:00-4:00 PM)

> Fischer's Park 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, 19446

Summer Concert Series June - July

Bring your lawn chair or blanket for a relaxing evening in the park! Enjoy live music across various genres and delicious food from local vendors. (7:00-9:00 PM)

Fischer's Park 2225 Bustard Rd. Lansdale, 19446



Jigsaw Jamboree April 4

Join us for a fun and competitive evening of puzzles, food, and excitement! Register your team of 2-4 and race to complete a 500-piece puzzle. Prizes go to the fastest team! Space is limited. \$30 per group. (7:00-9:00 PM)

Towamencin Fire Hall



Classic Car Show June 28

Our classic car show is back! Stroll through the park and admire a stunning lineup of classic cars. Want to showcase yours? Visit our website for registration details. (9:00 AM - 12:30 PM)





NEW Flick & Float August 9

This summer, join us for a movie night at the Towamencin Pool! Float while you watch a film. Admission: \$5 for pool members, \$10 for non-members. Event runs from 8:00-10:00 PM.

> Township Pool 895 Weikel Rd. Lansdale, 19446

For complete event details or registration, visit our website or Facebook Page - www.towamencin.org/departments/events/





UPPER GWYNEDD

EARTH DAY 2025



Join us on Tuesday, April 22, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM for our Earth Day Celebration & Community Garden Kickoff! Enjoy engaging presentations on birds, bees, and solar energy while celebrating sustainability in our community garden with your neighbors. Open to adults, kids, and families—everyone is welcome











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Upper Gwynedd Township E-Recycle/Shredding Event

Saturday, May 10, 2025 9:00am- 1:00pm 1 Parkside Place, North Wales, Pa 19454

PAR Recycle Works & Monster Doc Shred will be onsite to assist residents with their electronic recycling and shredding needs!

This event is limited to residents only. Be prepared to have your Driver's License checked by our staff.

Shredding is free, but limited to 5 bags/boxes per vehicle. Please remove all metal clips or binders (staples are OK)







The following items include a cost to ensure they are properly recycled:

CRT Monitors, TVs & Projection TVs: \$40-\$80 (vary by size) Plasma Flat screen TVs: \$30 Computer Monitors: \$10

Humidifiers/Dehumidifier
Air Purifier/Air Conditioner: \$25
Mini fridges \$25
Microwayes \$15

PAR accepts cash, check, or credit care

E-RECYCLE/SHREDDING EVENT

For Upper Gwynedd Township RESIDENTS ONLY: "Attention Residents: Save the date for our upcoming E-Recycle/Shredding Event on Saturday, May 10th from 9:00am- 1:00pm."



May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

Join the AAPI Coalition for a familyfriendly Community Fair where you can connect, celebrate, and access valuable resources!

Meet featured vendors from our region's health and human services field and discover the resources available to you while enjoying an afternoon filled with food, games, cultural performances, and more!

Hosted By: Asian American Coalition



Jaisohn Community Wellness Plaza 1180 Welsh Road North Wales, PA

Collaborative

Food and Games





AAPI COMMUNITY FAIR

In honor or Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a community fair will be held at the Jaisohn Community Wellness Plaza on Saturday, May 3rd from 2-5 PM. There will be food and games, cultural performances, and resources.

Jaisohn Community Wellness Plaza 1180 Welsh Road, North Wales, PA

WHITPAIN

NATIVE TREE GIVEAWAY FOR WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS



The Shade Tree Commission is excited to announce that the Arbor Day Native Tree Giveaway will be on Sunday, April 27 at 8 a.m. at Prophecy Creek Park.

The Shade Tree Commission will be giving out over 450 trees to residents. New this year, residents will be allowed to choose up to two trees. Residents can choose to get two shade trees or one shade tree and one flowering tree. Trees will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. Hope to see you there!

Tree species expected to be given away this year are below. Descriptions of the species can be found at the Shade Tree Commission website.



COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, June 14 Montgomery County Community College Morris Road Lot