

### **COMMONWEALTH OF PA**

#### **REAL ID DAYS**



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:

To help ensure Pennsylvanians

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 <u>2025 Pick Up</u> <u>Pennsylvania little cleanup initiative</u>. 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 <u>Shapiro Administration announced more that \$15 million in funding</u> 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!



#### 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



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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!



Tuesday, May 6 Noon (ET)

Thursday, May 22 6:30 PM (ET)



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# Community Budget Briefing

SOUTHEAST

Learn about the State Budget from House Appropriations Committee Majority Chairman Jordan Harris and the Southeast Delegation.



 Municipality of Norristown Council Chambers 235 East Airy Street, Norristown, PA 19401

#### **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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WAST 2025 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required.

Register at www.MontcoPARecycles.org

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#### DATES:

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

Saturday, June 7 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 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 TV's or Electronics and NO Latex**

Paint is accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste events. Businesses and contractors will be turned away.



**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. <u>Click here to learn more</u>.

Experience G.F. Handel's Messiah as a modern arrangement! Contemporary, Reverent, Powerful Parkside UCC Church 505 South Main Street, Phoenixville PA 19460 Saturday, April 12, 2025 7:30 PM (limited seating) assured seating email to : Messiahconcert@gmail.com Saint Titus Catholic Church 3000 Keenwood Road, East Norriton, PA 19403 Palm Sunday April 13, 2025 3:00 PM

featuring electric guitar, keyboards, drums, and percussion FREE WILL OFFERING



Michelle Schulman (soprano)



Maja Lisa FritzHuspen (alto)



Mark Edwards

(conductor)

Edmund Meyers



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Clifford Bechtel (tenor)

### 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 <text><text><image><image><section-header><section-header><section-header>

RSVP required by April 12, 2025. A minimum \$25 donation is required to participate. Your support makes a difference: a partion 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

Erin Milbourne, Direct Services Supervisor Victim Services Center of Montagenery County

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24/7 crisis line 888-521-0983
erin-milbourneevscmontcopa.org
victimservicescenter.org/events

LEGACY KARATE ACADEMY, 326 N. LEWIS RD., ROYERSFORD, PA

#### 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.



#### 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 thoughtprovoking 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 <u>here</u>.

## LOWER GWYNEDD



# SPRING LEAF/YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Republic Services provides curbside leaf/yard waste collection throughout the Spring and Fall. The confirmed dates for this Spring are **Saturdays, April 12th & May 10th.** All leaf and yard waste must be put in biodegradable bags and placed curbside by 6am on the day of pick-up. There is a limit of eight bags per pick-up. ALL LEAVES SHALL BE PLACED IN BIODEGRADABLE BAGS AND PLACED CURBSIDE BY 6:00 AM ON THE DATE OF THE COLLECTION BUT NO EARLIER THAN 7:00 PM THE DAY PRIOR TO THE COLLECTION DATE.

#### **FILL A COP CAR**



LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP'S COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT, IN COLLABORATION WITH GIANT, IS HOSTING THE EVENT, "FILL A COP CAR" TO BENEFIT THE MATTIE N. DIXON FOOD CUPBOARD FOR EASTER.



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)



#### **BIRD WALKS**

Bird Town Pennsylvania works in partnership with local municipalities and like-minded organizations to promote community-based conservation actions to create a healthier, more sustainable environment for birds, wildlife and people. The program provides support to municipalities and their residents to assist in transforming landscapes to sustainable and lifesupporting habitats for everyone. It promotes environmental awareness through engagement, birding activities and community involvement. In Lower Gwynedd, we conduct bird walks (see schedule below), lectures and workshops, movie nights, and tie-

ins to existing, bird-friendly programs such as the annual tree giveaway. We work in tandem with the Wyncote Audubon Society and Bird Town PA to promote our events. Lower Gwynedd is part of the Montgomery County Bird Town Clutch which aims to unite efforts of neighboring Bird Town communities to conduct and promote outreach activities. To register please email: contactus@lowergwynedd.org

#### **AMBLER YMCA**



We believe that every child should have the opportunity to lead a healthy life! That's why we're hosting Healthy Kids Day! This event aims to share resources with our community that promote youth development and healthy living. Join us for a fun-filled day with lots of activities, including local vendors, games, activities, resources, and more! Each event is open to the community. Registration is not required.

## **NORTH WALES**

A Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Event! NORTH WALES BOROUGH Ϋ́ 三 D/AYEXTRAVAGANZA **BOROUGH RESIDENTS ONLY** Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 9am to 12pm LOCATION: BOROUGH HALL, 300 SCHOOL ST Used Eyeglasses Paper Shredding Old Shoes, Boots, Sneakers Used Clothing and Textiles Torn or Tattered US Flags Scrap Metal/Fire Extinguishers Items containing refrigerant; air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators, etc. E-Recycling | Limit (1) TV per household - No Console TV's LOCATION: Hink's Garage, 346 W WALNUT ST Auto Parts, Wheels New/Used Oil, Coolant, Chemicals Car Batteries Used Tires - Limit (2) per resident only Thank you to our Earth Day Sponsors: TEX 🥨 MEX RECTION WILLIAM R. MAY

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NOTE: This event is an outdoor event, it will be held rain or shine!

75 Years of Service

#### EARTH DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

April 26th, 2025 from 9AM - 12PM Borough Hall – 300 School Street Hink's Garage - 346 W. Walnut Street

## TOWAMENCIN



### **UPPER GWYNEDD**



#### UNPLUGGED WEEK

For more information regarding these FREE events please visit:

www.uppergwynedd.org/parks-recreation/news/join-us-unplugged-week

#### 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



### 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 Microwaves \$15 "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 with your community. Open to adults, kids, and families—everyone is welcome!"

#### **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."



#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP

PARKS & RECREATION

### 2025 Arbor Day Native Tree Giveaway

Whitpain Township residents, join us on Sunday, April 27th at 8AM at Prophecy Creek Park.

Residents will be able to choose up to two trees, either two shade trees or one shade tree and one flowering tree! Trees are given out on a first come first serve basis.

A list of expected tree species include the following:

Canopy Species: -Red Maple, Sugar Maple, American Beech, Tulip Poplar, Overcup Oak, Swamp White Oak, American Sycamore, Black Gum, Princeton Elm

Understory and Flowering Species: -Vellowwood, American Hornbeam, Redbud, Flowering Dogwood, Sweetbay Magnolia, American Hophornbeam 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 <u>Shade Tree</u> <u>Commission website</u>.



#### **COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

Saturday, June 14 from 8AM – 1PM Montgomery County Community College



Please scan the QR code to sign up and get instructions for loading the <u>iMapInvasives</u> app we will use on our walk.

Together, we can make a difference.



#### All Ages Welcome



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#### **EARTH DAY WALKS**

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 9:30 AM | 6 PM Can the QR code and sign up to get further instructions!