

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Community Happenings

Visit PA

April in Pennsylvania: cherry blossoms are blooming, and spring is finally taking over. This month is packed with flower fields, festivals, outdoor adventures, and plenty of family fun 🌸

Discover everything happening in Pennsylvania this spring and plan all your April adventures at the link below 📌

<https://bit.ly/4t7B5vm>



Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency – PHEAA

Financial Aid Assistance

Financial Aid Assistance Webinars



THURSDAY, MAY 7
NOON–12:45 PM (ET)



TUESDAY, JUNE 23
6:30–7:15 PM (ET)

Borrowing for Higher Education

You've identified the schools you want to attend, filed your FAFSA and State Grant Form, searched for scholarships, and reviewed your college costs. Now that you've calculated your funding gap, you may be realizing that education loans are a necessary part of the process. But what should you do next?

Join PHEAA's team of Account Executives for a webinar exploring the loan options available to students and families. They will break down the various federal and private loan programs, discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each type, and help you understand how to make informed borrowing decisions. The PHEAA loan team will also be available to answer your questions as you decide which options are right for you and your family.

Register today at pheaa.org/virtual



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Financial Aid Assistance Webinars



TUESDAY, MAY 19
6:30–7:15 PM (ET)



THURSDAY, JUNE 11
NOON–12:45 PM (ET)

Deep Dive into Covering the Gap

It's crunch time. This semester bill has arrived—and the deadline to pay is approaching quickly. The bill's format may look different from the financial aid offer you received earlier, and you may be wondering what costs aren't included on that bill. What happened to your Federal Work Study award? Are there additional expenses you should be planning for? Will you need to borrow—and if so, how much and through which loan programs?

Join members from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) for a webinar that will walk you through these questions and more. Together, we'll take a deep dive into **Covering the Gap**—helping you understand remaining costs, explore available loan options, and make informed decisions about how to finance your semester.

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Montgomery County

Community Happenings

Montgomery County Hazardous Waste Collections for 2026

Registration is now open for the 2026 Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.



Register at

www.MontcoPARecycles.org

Household Hazardous Waste

2026 Residential Event Dates

By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required.

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



Dates

Saturday, April 25

Indian Valley Middle School
130 Maple Avenue
Harleysville

Saturday, June 6

Temple University-Ambler
Campus
Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike
Ambler

Saturday, June 20

Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Drive
Norristown

Saturday, June 27

Abington Middle School
Enter at
2056 Susquehanna Road
Abington

Saturday, September 26

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

SUNDAY, October 11

Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 N. Woodbine Avenue
Penn Valley

Acceptable Household Materials

paint products	outdoor products	automotive products	household products	household other
Turpentine	Swimming Pool Chemicals	Grease & Rust Solvents	Drain Openers	Acids, Caustics, Solvents
Paint Thinners	Weed Killers	Fuel Additives	Rug Cleaners	Flammables
Strippers & Removers	Septic Tank Degreasers	Carburetor Cleaners	Wood & Metal Cleaners	Oxidizers, Reactives
Oil-Based Paints	Asphalt Sealers	Transmission/Brake Fluid	Mothballs/Flakes	Aerosols
Stains, Varnish	Caulking Compounds	Antifreeze	Adhesives/Solvents	Mercury (Thermostats & Thermometers)
Shellac	Joint Compound	Car(lead-acid), Truck, Motorcycle, Marine, Batteries	Rechargeable Batteries, Lithium, Ni-Cad, Button, Lead Acid	Fluorescent Tubes and CFLs
Other Solvent-Based Paint Products	Roof Cements	Gas, Oil, Gas Oil Mixture	Spot Removers, Dry Cleaning Fluid	Ballast (must be removed from light fixture)
Wallpaper Cement	MINI Propane Tanks, No BBQ Tanks	Road Flares, No Marine Flares	Fire Extinguishers	Electric Oil-filled Heaters
Spray Paint	Pesticide		Kerosene	

Unacceptable Materials

25-or 50-Gallon Drums (5Gallon Bucket Maximum)	Alkaline Batteries (Trash)	Appliances/White Goods	Asbestos
BBQ-Sized Propane Tanks (leave at local exchange sites)	Electronics/Televisions	Explosives & Ammunition	Freon/Refrigerants
Gas Cylinders	Helium Tanks	Latex Paint* (Water-Based)	Radioactive Waste
Sharps, Infectious or Medical Waste, Prescription Drugs	Smoke Detectors	Tires	Unidentified Waste

* Take off lid, dry out paint, discard can without lid, or pour paint into plastic bag with absorbent material (clay-based kitty litter, sawdust, rags) place bag and can without lid, in trash. Paint hardener can also be purchased at hardware stores.

For a list of where to recycle unacceptable materials, please visit the Recycling Guide: Recycling items from A - Z at <https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/1923/A-Z-RECYCLING-WHAT-TO-DO-WHEN-YOURE-DONE>

Drop off guidelines

- Leave items at home that are not for the event so that they are not removed accidentally.
- If you need your gas can or container returned, please tape a note to it stating that you want to keep it.
- You may arrive any time within your registered appointment window.
- Please print out your ticket or write your name and appointment time on a piece of paper, **and place it on your dashboard where it is visible to event staff.**
- If you cannot attend the event, please cancel your appointment through your Eventbrite ticket or by emailing Recycling@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov, as others may be waiting for an opening.
- NO TVs, electronics, or appliances will be accepted.
- Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicle.
- BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY, no commercial/industrial waste accepted.
- Bring all substances in original containers with labels. Items must be identifiable. Do not mix materials.
- Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger container with newspaper to soak up leaks.
- NO 25- OR 50-GALLON DRUMS ALLOWED. Five-gallon buckets are the largest acceptable container. Maximum amount accepted per vehicle is 25 gallons or 220 pounds.
- There are no permanent drop off locations in the region for household hazardous waste, only the listed collections.

MONTGOMERY CHILD ADVOCACY PROJECT

MAY 2



2026

HEROES

on the run

HOPE IN EVERY STEP

5K/1-MILE FUN WALK

Breakfast | Face Painting | Giveaways | Music and More!

Saturday, May 2, 2026

7:00 a.m. Check-in | 9:00 a.m. Start

Norristown Farm Park

2500 Upper Farm Rd, Norristown, PA 19403
(Whitehall Road Entrance)



Join us as a partner or volunteer and help make a difference for children in our community! Learn more at www.mcapkids.org/events/heroesontherun.

Montgomery County Senior

The Montgomery County Senior Games (MCSG) combine sports and recreation with fellowship among everyone involved. The mission of MCSG is to stimulate senior adults in Montgomery County to be active in sports and recreational events in order to maintain physical and mental well-being. Any individual who will be at least 50 years of age in 2025 may register.



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
SENIOR
GAMES
40!!**

**40 YEARS OF
FRIENDLY
COMPETITION**



May 4 - 8, 2026

Online Registration Only! Create an account at: montcoseniorgames.com
Registration opens February 27, 2026 at 9:00am. For info, please email: montcoseniorgames@gmail.com

2026 Events Include:
Archery, Badminton, Basketball, Billiards, Bocce, Bowling, Cornhole, Darts, Football Throw, Golf, Horseshoes, Orienteering, Pickleball, Running, Shuffleboard, Softball Throw, Stationary Bike, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, and Walking



DON'T FORGET: Senior Expo
Friday, May 8th
8:30 am - 11:00 am
Montgomery County Community College
Health Science Center
FREE Refreshments!!
More than 30 exhibitors with FREE products and FREE health screenings along with FREE information

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER.
REGISTRATION OPENS FEB 27, 2026 AT 9:00AM.



www.montcoseniorgames.com

Register now for the 40th ANNIVERSARY BASH



**PRPS
PENNSYLVANIA**



Mission Statement
Excellence in Recreation and Parks
Presented to
Montgomery County Senior Games
Executive Committee
Montgomery County Senior Games
In recognition of your efforts to promote
recreation and parks as an essential community service
Recognition and Awards Committee
March 16, 2023

Victim Services of Montgomery County



FREE COUNSELING AVAILABLE

for caregivers of children and teens who are victims of crime

Free counseling is available for non-offending parents and caregivers of child victims in Montgomery County including survivors of child sexual abuse, gun violence, and other traumatic crimes.

- ✔ **Virtual visits available.**
- ✔ **Interpreter services available at no cost.**
- ✔ **No insurance required.**



TO LEARN MORE

Call 888-521-0983 to speak with our 24/7 helpline or scan the QR code to ask for a callback from our staff.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Erin Milbourne
Direct Services Supervisor
Victim Services Center of Montgomery County

☎ (Office) 610-277-0932 ext 226
✉ erin-milbourne@vscmontcopa.org
🌐 victimservicescenter.org

Free Shredding Event

May 9 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Central Montco Technical High School

821 Plymouth Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA, United States

SHREDDING EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 9
10AM - 12PM
** OR UNTIL TRUCKS ARE FULL **

Central Montco Technical High School
821 Plymouth Rd.
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Three bags or boxes per person.
No electronics, plastic bags, three ring binders, cardboard, x-rays, CDs, or large binder clips.

Questions? Please call Senator Collett's office at **215-368-1429**.

STATE SENATOR
MARIA COLLETT

Senator Maria Collett

Representative Greg Scott

FREE paper shredding event

Date:

Saturday, May 9

Time:

10am-12pm

(or until trucks are full)

Location:

Central Montco Technical High School.

Please limit your shredding materials to **three paper bags** or small boxes so we can assist as many community members as possible!

We cannot accept electronics at this event.

Lower Gwynedd
Community Happenings

Summer Reading in the Park!

Thursday, May 7, 2026

10:30 AM—11:00 AM

Summer in the Park

Upcoming Reading:

May 7 (10:30-11:00 AM)

Join us for a magical May & June of stories, sunshine, and community fun at Pen Ambler Park! Bring a blanket, invite a friend, and enjoy delightful read-aloud sessions in the fresh air.

Event Dates:

Wednesdays | 10:30 – 11:00 AM

May 7 May 14

May 21 May 28

June 4 June 11

June 18 June 25

Location:

Pen Ambler Park

351 Mathers Road

Ambler, PA

Who Should Attend?

Perfect for toddlers, preschoolers,
and early elementary-aged children — and their grown-ups!
Come read, imagine, and explore with us this summer at the park!

Touch-A-Truck Event, May 16th

Bring the family for a fun, hands-on experience where kids can see, explore, touch, and honk a variety of trucks and vehicles! From big construction trucks to service vehicles, children will have the chance to get up close and learn about the machines that help our community every day.

- 👁️ See the trucks
- 🔍 Explore how they work
- 👉 Touch and climb inside
- 📣 Honk the horns!

We will also have a sensory-friendly hour from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, with reduced noise and a calmer environment for children who benefit from a quieter experience.



Summer Concert Series: The Grundles

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

5:30 PM—7:00 PM

The Grundles Live at Pen Ambler Park

May 27 at 5:30–7:00 PM

Amphitheater at Pen Ambler Park

Kick off the Summer Concert Series with The Grundles! Get ready for an evening of crowd-favorite hits, great energy, and the perfect start to summer.

Enjoy:

Live music in the park

Delicious local food trucks

Cold drinks

Beautiful summer evening vibes

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and gather your friends for a relaxing night at the amphitheater.

Admission is free!

351 Mathers Road

PA 19002

Free Rain Barrel Workshop

For Lower Gwynedd Residents only

Learn how to turn rain into a resource! This workshop covers the basics of stormwater runoff and how it impacts local waterways, along with simple, practical ways you can make a difference at home. Participants will learn how to harvest rainwater from their roofs, store it, and use it to support their landscape.

Date:

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Time:

10:00 AM—11:00 AM

Free Rain Barrel Workshop

[Sign up Here \(Required\)](#)

Location:

185 Penllyn Woods Park Drive

PA 19002



WALK
LOWER GWYNEDD
Club

May 6	10:00 AM	Cedar Hill Trail
May 13	10:00 AM	Penn Oaks Trail
May 20	10:00 AM	Pen Ambler Park Trail

**RAIN DATE: FRIDAY MORNING OF THE SAME WEEK.
RSVP: PROGRAMS@LOWERGWYNEDD.ORG**

North Wales Borough

Community Happenings

A Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Event!

NORTH WALES BOROUGH



BOROUGH RESIDENTS ONLY

Saturday April 25th, 2026 from 9am to 12pm

LOCATION: BOROUGH HALL, 300 SCHOOL ST

Paper Shredding	Used Eyeglasses
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:



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

This is an event for North Wales Borough residents only

Teen Advisory Board

Sat, May 02

North Wales Area Library

Are you looking for a fun way to get involved, build leadership skills, and make a difference at your library? Join our Teen Advisory Board!

North Wales Area LIBRARY

Calling all Teens!

JOIN TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FUN WAY TO GET INVOLVED, BUILD LEADERSHIP SKILLS, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT YOUR LIBRARY? JOIN OUR TEEN ADVISORY BOARD!

DETAILS:

- **TEENS AGES 15 AND UP**
- **HELP PLAN EVENTS, RUN PROGRAMS, AND PROVIDE INPUT FOR THE LIBRARY TO MAKE IT MORE TEEN FRIENDLY**
- **WE MEET THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH**
- **A GREAT LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**

First Saturday of the Month - 11:30 AM

SIGN UP NOW ONLINE!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL NICOLE AT NSKINNER@NORTHWALESLIBRARY.ORG

Heroes Come In All Sizes

NorthWalesCultural& ArtsCenter
Sunday, May 3rd, 2PM



**Reach for the Stars
Puppet Productions™
with puppeteer MomMom Nonna,
presents an imaginative puppet
show inspired by the classic fable,
“The Lion and the Mouse.”**

***The king of the jungle believes he
needs help from no one, especially
a tiny, carefree mouse.
What will the Lion do when he finds
himself trapped and in need of
help? Will the tiny Mouse come to
the rescue?***

***This delightful story teaches us to
believe in ourself and proves that
kindness is the greatest strength.***

***Enjoy the unique instrumental
storytelling and creative puppetry.
Before the show the audience is
introduced to the handcrafted
stage, puppets, and props. After
the show, there’s always a song to
‘shake the sillies off’ along with a
“backstage pass” to see where the
puppets hang out and the real
magic happens—an audience
favorite!***

Join us in Celebration of

AMERICA

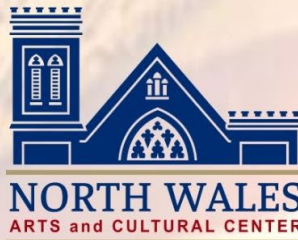


*History is brought to life through
patriotic favorites and timeless
classical music*

The Bethlehem Piano Quintet

Friday, May 8th

7:30 pm



*125 N. Main St
North Wales, PA 19454*

Admission: Donations are Welcomed

www.northwalesborough.org

**North Wales Parks & Recreation
Invites you to the**

*Fourth Street
Community Garden Spring
Planting*



Saturday, May 9, 2026

208 S. Fourth St.

9:30AM - 11:00 AM

**Little hands, big impact—bring the family, grab your
gloves, and let's grow something great together!**

North Wales Area Library

Community Happenings

Join Us!

Join the Swedesford Garden Club for a presentation by Paul Wesolowski, President of the Philadelphia Cactus and Succulent Society since 2024. With over 50 years of experience, he leads the club's annual exhibit at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Enjoy his engaging talk with live plants and slides! Guests are welcome.



May, 11, 2026 at 6:15pm
North Wales Area Library
233 S. Swartley Street, North Wales, PA



Swedesfordgardenclub.com

Swedesfordgardenclub@Outlook.com

Board Game Meetup

May 16, 2026, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

A promotional poster for a board game meetup. The background is black with a pattern of small, light-colored dots. On the left side, there are illustrations of board game components: a stack of cards with symbols like a question mark, a plus sign, and a downward arrow; a checkers board with red and purple pieces; and three dice (one white with black pips, one white with red pips, and one white with yellow pips). The title 'BOARD GAME MEETUP' is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font in the upper left. In the upper right corner, there is a logo for 'North Wales Area LIBRARY' featuring a stylized lighthouse icon. The main text is contained within two rounded rectangular boxes. The first box is red and contains the text 'Third Saturday of the month at 12pm' in a black, cursive font. The second box is also red and contains the text 'All ages are welcome to join up for a fun day of playing board games.' in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, there is a block of text in a white, sans-serif font: 'No registration is required. For more information, contact DMason930@comcast.net'.

BOARD GAME MEETUP

North Wales Area
LIBRARY

*Third Saturday of
the month
at 12pm*

All ages are welcome to
join up for a fun day of
playing board games.

No registration is required.
For more information, contact
DMason930@comcast.net

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Community Happenings

Save the Date

Celebrate America 250

June 25, 2026!



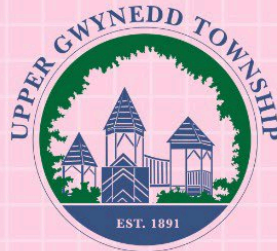
On July 4, 2026, the United States will mark 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Reaching this milestone invites us to reflect on our history, recognize the many individuals who have shaped our nation, and consider the future we hope to build for generations to come. **Join us** for a fun, family-friendly evening honoring our nation's history. Enjoy games, crafts, a petting zoo, food vendors, trivia, and live music, and reenactors will bring the past to life. We'll wrap up the night with a **spectacular patriotic drone light show you won't want to miss!** For more information, visit the Townships' website or Facebook Event Page.

Website:

<https://www.towamencin.org/departments/events/>

Upper Gwynedd Township
Community Happenings

Unity For Kindness 5th Annual Food Truck Festival



**UNITY FOR KINDNESS
FESTIVAL
KINDNESS AWARD**

**Nominate a community member that
demonstrates and spreads kindness
in our UGT community.**

**We will present the award at our
festival on Saturday, May 2.**

**Scan the QR Code
or
click on the link**



Whitpain Township

Community Happenings

WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP EAC

SAVE THE DATE

Batteries, Media and Watches Recycling Event

Residents can drop off used batteries (only small household batteries accepted, dvd, cd, cassettes and all types of watches.



JUNE 6TH 9AM-11AM



POLICE STATION LOBBY
960 WENTZ ROAD
WHITPAIN



Full list of accepted items and instructions [here](#)

FIVE EASY STEPS TO COMPOSTING

Want to learn how to compost at home?

Colleen Falicki from Back to Earth Compost Crew will present Five Easy Steps to Home Composting.

Join **composting** expert and founder of **Back to Earth Compost Crew**, Colleen Falicki, to learn how to easily keep food waste out of the landfill, create a useful soil conditioner/fertilizer and do your part to mitigate climate change by **learning to compost at home**.

See what system works best for you and the steps needed to create a supply of compost for your plants and/or garden in **five easy steps!**

[Sign up here to register for this FREE event!](#)

Five Easy Steps to Home Compost

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7pm

Learn to Compost! Join us for this lecture to learn how easy it is to compost at home in your backyard.

Whitpain Township EAC
Township Building,
960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell

Presented By:
Colleen Falicki of
Back to Earth
Compost Crew

Register Here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1987276474431?aff=oddtcreator>

Wissahickon Area Library

Community Happenings

Blue Bell Book Club



The Blue Bell Book Club meets on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at 10 am at the Blue Bell Branch. All are welcome to join our monthly book discussion group. We review our books from many different angles. A wide variety of books are read: fiction, non-fiction and light classics. The selection of what we read is made by our group.

Contact Mike via email at mkkashon@verizon.net to join or for more information. Join our discussion group; you will have fun.

2026 Books

May - [East of Eden](#) by John Steinbeck

June - [By Any Other Name](#) by Jodi Picoult

July - [Horse](#) by Geraldine Brooks

August - [Table for Two](#) by Amor Towles

September - [The Things We Cannot Say](#) by Kelly Rimmer

October - [The River is Waiting](#) by Wally Lamb

November - [Unbroken](#) by Laura Hillenbrand

December - [The Berry Pickers](#) by Amanda Peter

The Wednesday Night Social Group

Wed, 04/29/2026

6:30pm

Event location:

Blue Bell Library

650 Skippack Pike

Blue Bell, PA 19422

The Wednesday Night Social Group meets weekly, 6:30-7:45pm.

The self-guided group welcomes people, including adults with disabilities, who enjoy gathering with other adults, engaging in a choice of activities and socializing. The parent/caregiver is asked to stay in the building and only provide individual support if needed.

Schedule:

1st Wed: Mat Weaving

2nd Wed: Game Night. Bring your own game or puzzle to enjoy with others.

3rd Wed: Mat Weaving

4th Wed: Art. Bring your own supplies to create while chatting.

5th Wed: Open to group determination

Route 66: The Mother Road

Date:

Thursday, April 30

Time:

6 PM - 7 PM

Location:

Wissahickon Valley Public Library Blue Bell

650 Skippack Pike

Blue Bell, PA 19422

Overview

An exclusive, multimedia experience designed to bring the vibrant history of Route 66 to life.

Few American roads have captured the imagination quite like U.S.

Route 66. Designated in 1926, the “Mother Road” became a powerful symbol of mobility, opportunity, and reinvention, shaping communities, commerce, and popular culture across eight states.

Reserve your spot today:

[Route 66 : The Mother Road Tickets, Thursday, April 30 • 6 PM - 7 PM | Eventbrite](#)