

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.

SEASON FIFTY FOUR
MASTERWORKS
CONCERT
SERIES



COPLAND'S THIRD

SATURDAY, 16 MAY 2026

7:30 P.M. • CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

In his *Third Symphony* legendary composer Aaron Copland transcends American idealism and offers a promise of hope. The concert begins with renowned Cellist Ovidiu Marinescu and his own Concerto for Two Cellos featuring the composer and SPSO Principal Cellist Alexandra Paino.

Saturday, 16 May 2026

7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church 1380 S. Valley Forge Road Lansdale, PA

Please click the link to purchase tickets:

[MASTERWORKS CONCERT IV: Copland's Third – Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony Orchestra](#)

Wissahickon Valley Historical Society

What a great time to take advantage of your dues at work
when you join your fellow history lovers at our May
Speaker Series event
featuring Dr. Philip Mead, former Curator at The Museum
of the American Revolution in Philadelphia!



Dr. Mead's presentation is titled:
In Search of Private Yankee Doodle--
Discovering the Material World of a Revolutionary War
Soldier

Monday Evening May 4 at 7PM
at us

HQ/Museum on Skippack Pike
799 W. Skippack Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Light refreshments will be served

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**.

Senator
Maria Collett

Representative
Greg Scott

STATE SENATOR
MARIA COLLETT

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

Summer nights are better with live music!
Enjoy great bands, cold drinks, and delicious
food trucks at every concert. More
information to come.

SAVE THE DATES

MAY 27
The Grundles

JUNE 24
Hindsight

JULY 22
Barefoot Bobby

AMPITHEATER AT
PEN AMBLER PARK



5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Free
Face Painting!

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**



**In partnership with the EAC,
Lower Gwynedd is offering an
educational recycling
presentation for all interested
residents.**

The event will be hosted by Republic Services, our town's service provider.

Date: May 13, 2026 Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Township Building 1130 N.
Bethlehem Pike, Spring House, PA
19477



Sustainability in Action

North Wales Borough
Community Happenings

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 Area Library

Community Happenings

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 fortheStars
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!

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 chessboard with pieces; and several dice. The text is arranged on the right side. At the top right is the North Wales Area Library logo, which features a stylized lighthouse and the text 'North Wales Area LIBRARY'. Below the logo, the main event details are written in a white, cursive font inside a rounded rectangular box. A second rounded rectangular box below that contains the text 'All ages are welcome to join up for a fun day of playing board games.' At the bottom right, there is a block of text providing contact information.

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*

Towamencin Community Happenings



Towamencin Day 2026!

FISCHER'S PARK

May 30
12:00 pm - 4:00 PM

2225 BUSTARD RD., LANSDALE



WWW.TOWAMENCIN.ORG
Vendor Registration Now Open!

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



FREE EVENT

Open to ALL Ages

UGT 250th May 250th Celebration

**Bring your kids and join Chief Bluejay from
Lenape Nation of PA
for some crafts, games & more!**

When: Friday, May 1st

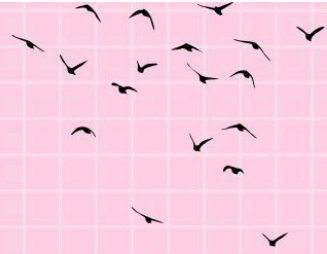
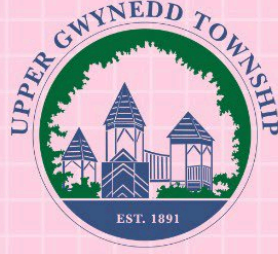
4:00 - 5:00PM

Where: Parkside Place: Pavilion



Chief Barbara Bluejay Michalski, was given the name Bluejay by her grandfather, Bill Thompson, late Chief Whippoorwill of the Unalachtigo (people near the ocean) Tribe of the Turkey Clan. She is a member of Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania (LNPA), and she has immersed herself in the activities of the Nation.

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

2026 Whitpain Trail Walks

Leisurely paced walks, guided by members of the Whitpain Township Park & Open Space Board and local experts. The walks cover 2 to 3 miles and take about 1 to 1-1/2 hours.

Dogs are welcome except please no dogs on the **bird watching** walks.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
April 22 (Wed)	Armentrout * with arborist Andrew Conboy	6 pm
May 20 (Wed)	Prophecy Creek * with naturalist John Cassels	6 pm
June 12 (Fri)	Armentrout bird walk ^ with naturalist Kristy Morley	8 am
Sept 19 (Sat)	Mermaid Park	11 am
Oct 20 (Tue)	Wentz Run Trail	6 pm
Nov 14 (Sat)	Crossways bird walk ^ with naturalist Kristy Morley	8:30 am

* Co-sponsored by the Environmental Advisory Council

^ Co-sponsored by Wissahickon Trails

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

May 13th

7pm

Whitpain Township Building

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**.



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=oddtitlereator>



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!](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1987276474431?aff=oddtitlereator)

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

Wissahickon Valley Public Library Blue Bell, PA

Thursday, May 7

6 PM - 7:30 PM



**Confused about Medicare? You're not alone
we're here to help!**

Know your Medicare Options

Educational Seminar

Thursday May 7, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Wissahickon Valley Public Library -
Blue Bell 650 Skippack Pike Blue Bell,
PA 19422



Confused about Medicare? You are not alone, we're here to help!

Get Your Medicare Questions Answered!

Join us for an informative session designed to guide you through the essentials of Medicare so you can make confident decisions about your healthcare coverage.

Whether you're approaching eligibility or helping a loved one navigate the process, this session will provide clear answers to your most important questions.

Don't miss this opportunity to get informed and prepared!



Wissahickon Valley Public Library Blue Bell, PA

Thursday, May 14 6 PM - 7 PM

Step back in time and uncover the secret world of espionage during the American Revolution!

Join us for **Spies in the Revolutionary War**, where you'll discover some of the most famous spies of the era, learn where they lived, and explore the clever methods they used to gather intelligence and outsmart their enemies. From invisible ink to coded messages, the world of Revolutionary War spying is full of intrigue and innovation.

Presenter:

Sue Johnston

Don't miss this fascinating look
at the hidden side of the Revolutionary War!

STEWARDING THE LAND

Learn How Invasive Plants and Animals are Invading
our Ecosystem and our Yards.

Find out what's popping up here in Whitpain Township , and how they
alter our native landscape.

Guest Speaker Kayla Keres

Forester for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and
Natural Resources

Tuesday, June 2, 6:00pm Blue Bell Library

Collaboration with Whitpain Township EAC and STC

To Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../stewarding-the-land...>