

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 (5 Gallon 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.

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](#)

Free Shredding Event

May 9 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (or until trucks are full)

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

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 14, 2026

10:30 AM—11:00 AM

Summer in the Park

Upcoming Reading:

May 14 (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:

Thursdays | 10:30 – 11:00 AM

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!



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**

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



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

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!



SUMMER KICKOFF



*START SUMMER
WITH US*

Saturday, June 13th 2026
Weingartner Park
5 PM to 9 PM



Live Music

Food Trucks

Local Breweries



AMERICA 

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

Saturday May 16, 2026,

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM



BOARD GAME MEETUP

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/>

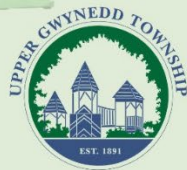
Upper Gwynedd Township

Community Happening

UPPER GWYNEDD E-RECYCLE/ SHREDDING EVENT

May 9, 2026 9:00AM- 1:00PM

1 Parkside Place, North Wales, Pa 19454



PAR Recycle Works & Monster Doc Shred, Inc. 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 check by staff.

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

Please look at the price list for E-Recycling fees. PAR Recycle Works accepts cash, check, & credit cards for payment

PRICE LIST

ACCEPTED ITEMS

FREE

- Computer Towers
- Laptops
- Printers
- Cables
- Keyboards/Mice
- Hard Drives
- Battery backups
- APCs
- Scanners
- Cable Boxes
- Gaming Consoles
- Monitors
- A/V Equipment
- Small Home Appliances
- Rechargeable batteries
- Networking Equipment
- Cell phones
- Fax Machines

ACCEPTED WITH A FEE

PRICE

- Plasma/Flat Screen TVs \$30
- CRT Monitors & TVs (depending on size) \$40-\$80
- Appliances (Washers, Dryers, Fridges, Stoves, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, etc.) \$25
- Microwaves \$15

Non Accepted Items: Construction Material, Fluorescent Bulbs, Flammable and Hazardous Materials, Car Batteries, & Alkaline Batteries

Whitpain Township

Community Happenings

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/198727647443126f--0dd1dfeator>

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/198727647443126f--0dd1dfeator)

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](#)



WHITPAIN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

CONCERT THURSDAYS START AT 7PM
CONCERTS HELD AT WENTZ RUN PARK UNLESS
OTHERWISE NOTED

JUNE 25 AMISH OUTLAWS AT MERMAID PARK

JULY 16 THE CLASS OF '84

JULY 30 THE SUPERNATURALS

AUG 20 ERICH CAWALLA & THE UPTOWN
BAND



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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 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...>