



# WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP NEWS

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**Art and Culture \*** – John Matthews (*Chair*), Lisa Blue, Charles Conwell, Barbara Orlando, Linda Reichert, Marcia Saunders, Gesa Sklaroff and Dina Schmidt

**Communications \*** – Suzanne Kaplan (*Chair*) Paula George, Frank Kaplan, Melinda Mercurio, and Lila Smith

**Emergency Management Planning \*** – Harold M. Hallman, III (*Chair*) - *Members Needed*

**Exceptional Value Stream Designation \*** - Robert F. Molzahn (*Chair*), Brian Glass, Thomas Kramer, Vincent Tricome, Ernest Holling

**Financial Review \*** – Wayne Freese (*Chair*), Ann Ashton, John Borzillo, Joe Loughran and Robert Mochwart

**Historic Architectural Review Board** – Tom Lutz, Tom Williams, Bob Plater-Zyberk, Peter Zimmerman, David Rupp, Todd Majors, Frank Best, Marjorie McCreight and John Brogan

**Historic Commission** – Bob Plater-Zyberk, Roberta Rometsch, Bryan Lord and Barbara Bergeron, Marguerite McCreight and Judith Bilenas

**Park and Recreation Commission** – Joe Carreiro (*Chair*), Sheila Brova (*Secretary*), Cathy Grady, Donna Archambault, Diana Urbanski, Darin Groff, Nancy Bartley, and Linda Glaum (*Alternate*)

**Planning Commission** – Franklin L. Best (*Chair*), Sean O'Neill (*Secretary*), Thomas Dinan, Paul Dowie, John Henssler, William Normoyle, Albert H. Wachsmuth and Frank Tavani (*non-voting*)

**Strategic Planning Committee \*** – Dale McCullough (*Chair*), Ernie Holling, Mario Di Benedetto, John Fiorillo, Eileen Juico and Steve Loving

**Zoning Hearing Board** – Steven Rhodes, Patricia A. Rugh and a vacancy and Charles Knapp and Peter Hughes, *Alternates*

\* Denotes new committee formed in 2008

## WHAT'S NEW IN TOWNSHIP LAND DEVELOPMENT?

The following projects are being considered by the Township's Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors:

*ACMEC of North America Hindu Temple – Conditional Use Application* - Located at 1459 Conestoga Road, the applicant (the Adhi Parasakthi Charitable, Medical, Educational and Cultural Society of North America) proposes to build a 27,000 square foot Temple with a connecting 9,000 square foot accessory building and 106-space parking lot.

*Yasgur Minor Subdivision Plan* – Located at 1479 Conestoga Road, the property is proposed to be subdivided from one lot to two lots.

*Anselma Crossing Land Development – Sketch Plan* – Located on Conestoga Road, this plan proposes a post office, feed store and other retail space.

### 7th Annual

#### Community Picnic and Silent Auction

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Binky Lee Preserve  
1445 Pikeland Road

Rain or Shine - Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00P.M. - 7:00P.M.

### Chester County Craft Guild

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Craft Show

April 19-20, 2008 at the West Pikeland Township Cultural Center, located at 1645 Art School Rd.

A gourmet café will serve light luncheon fare, coffee and snacks. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is FREE.



## Township Manager's Corner

by Jeri L. Diesinger, P.G.

The Board of Supervisors formed six new committees as noted on Page One of this newsletter. The new committees and their missions are indicated below:

**Arts & Culture** - The Arts and Culture Committee will advise the supervisors, serve as liaison to the many non-profits in our community, support arts-related organizations, encourage, oversee and assist high quality fine arts and performing arts events at the Cultural Center and generally nurture an arts-friendly atmosphere in West Pikeland.

**Communications** - The mission of the Communications Committee is to develop recommendations, for the Board of Supervisors, on communications topics, channels and processes to enhance two-way communications in West Pikeland, so that: 1) Residents are informed on topics of interest and importance; and, 2) The government has the information it needs from residents to govern in their best interests.

**Emergency Management Planning** – This committee will: carry out such duties as prescribed by law, and as directed by the Board of Supervisors and Township Manager; provide advice and recommendations on all matters pertaining to the delivery of emergency services (excluding the police department); prepare a long-range planning guide addressing the needs of the Township as presently and prospectively developed; and assist the community in Emergency Preparedness by offering various trainings, exercises and opportunities. *This commit-*

*tee is seeking new members.*

**Exceptional Value Stream Designation** – The mission is to evaluate the issues concerning a possible upgrade of the Pickering Creek Watershed and tributaries from their existing High Quality designation to Exceptional Value. A report was prepared and is available for review on the Township website.

**Financial Review** – Mission is to carry out specific assignments from the Supervisors or Township Manager and initiate its own studies for recommendation to the Board, analyze areas of the budget that have shown rapid change or are a significant percentage of the total, make recommendation on major financial issues, prepare business plans for major expenditures and periodically review financial controls.

**Strategic Planning** – The mission of the Strategic Planning Committee is the creation of a strategic plan by December 31, 2008 identifying, defining, prioritizing and supporting the goals and objectives integral to the township's vision.

In addition to the above-mentioned new committees, the Park and Recreation Commission recently formed two new subcommittees with the following missions:

- *Friends of West Pikeland Parks* – supports activities by volunteering to assist during events sponsored by the Park and Recreation Committee.
- *Trails Subcommittee* - to aid the Parks and Recreation Board and the West Pikeland Land Trust to establish trails within West Pikeland Township and to linking trails with other township and to help prioritize and identify lands to be protected in order to establish the trail system.

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## Notice from the Tax Collector

Please be advised that based on a voters' referendum on the November 2007 ballot, West Pikeland Township has enacted an Open Space Tax at a rate of 0.25% in addition to the Earned Income Tax already imposed and is effective as of January 1, 2008. The tax is levied on wages, salaries, commissions, other compensation and earned income of all residents of West Pikeland Township. The additional tax will be used solely for the purpose of purchasing interest in real property and/or to make additional acquisitions of real property for the security of open space benefits.

Employers are required to withhold the increased total tax rate of 1.25% for all employees that are residents of West Pikeland Township beginning on January 1, 2008 \*first quarter 2008). Employees not residing within the Township will continue to have 1% withheld. For any questions concerning this matter, please call Berkheimer at 610-599-3139

### *Manager's Corner – Continued from Page 2*

Our Township Engineer, Yerkes Associates, Inc. continues to work on our existing projects and has begun new projects approved by the Board of Supervisors. Presently, they are working on the following:

**Act 537 Plan Update** – This project is moving along after a brief delay while our new engineer reviewed the existing files. The Township requested that the Engineer adhere to an aggressive six-month schedule.

At the end of March a soil survey was conducted at the Windolph Knoll property to determine suitability for wastewater drip distribution. By early April specific needs

regarding sewage disposal should be determined. By early May, the types of available disposal alternatives will be evaluated, the feasibility of each alternative will be determined and a detailed cost evaluation will be prepared. By mid-June the Board and Engineer should be able to establish which alternative to apply. By July 1st comments from the public will be solicited.

**Pine Creek Park** – There are three active projects at the park at this time.

*Bridge Inspections* – The park entrance bridge and double bridge located further south on Yellow Springs Road have been inspected to determine factors such as: safety, noise, weight capacity, etc. We are awaiting the final report at this time.

*New Practice Field* – The Supervisors approved construction of a half-size practice field to be located on the bluff overlooking the existing fields located within the track area. Park and Recreation Commission members, Lionville Youth Association (LYA), Township staff and other volunteers are helping to prepare this field in time for spring practice.

*Park Maintenance Buildings* – This year the Township is investigating costs to repair barn roof damage and to provide heat in the adjacent cinderblock maintenance building.

**Horseshoe Trail West Bridge Study** – Stormwater and flooding have been ongoing issues. Our new Engineer has been tasked to design a remedy for this area. To date a stream flow model was prepared and a survey of the roadway and adjacent areas was conducted.

**Upper Pine Creek Culvert Replacement** – The Township currently is accepting bids to replace four culverts and piping along this road.

**Messner Road and Horseshoe Trail Traffic Study** – Traffic Engineer, John Caruolo Associates conducted a Traffic Study of the two roads. The report will be posted on our website.



Pennsylvania Academy of Performing Arts

### Spring Choral Concert Series

Conducted by Dr. Charles Moll,  
Mr. Chris McGinley and  
Ms. S. Katherine Shealy

Saturday April 26 - 7:30 pm

**A CHORAL JOURNEY**

Performed by PAPA Chorale (Teen Choir)

*and*

Saturday May 31 - 7:30 pm

**AN AMERICAN SONG**

Performed by Masterworks

West Pikeland Township Cultural Center Theatre

(Adult Choir) Adults \$10 Students & Seniors \$8

Tickets available at the door & from PAPA  
members

## What are Pennsylvania's Dog Laws?

All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued by the County Treasurer's Office. All dogs must be under owner control and must not run at large. Dogs are personal property, and owners are responsible for damage caused by their dog. It is illegal to mistreat or abuse any animal. Violations should be reported to a local humane organization or the police.

It is illegal to abandon or attempt to abandon any dog. No dog under seven weeks of age may be sold, traded, bartered or transferred. You must have a current kennel license if you operate a facility that keeps, harbors, boards, shelters, sells, gives away or transfers a total of 26 or more dogs in any one calendar year. Owners of dogs and cats three months of age or older are required to have a current rabies vaccination. It is illegal to interfere with an officer or employee of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture engaged in enforcement of dog laws. **LIFE-TIME LICENSE PLEASE CALL 610-344-6371**



**Coming in June!**  
**Farmers and Artisans Market Opens**  
**at**  
**The Historic Mill at Anselma**  
**Open Wednesdays, 2 - 7 pm starting**  
**June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## Preventing Septic System Malfunctions

Homeowners can help prevent malfunctions and ensure the long-term use of their on-lot system by doing the following:

- Conserving water and reducing waste flow into the septic tank.
- Having the septic tank pumped at least every 3-5 years, depending upon tank size and household size.
- Avoiding putting chemicals in the septic system.
- Not using the toilet to dispose of bulky, slowly decomposing wastes.
- Inspecting the septic tank, pipes and drainage field annually.
- Maintaining accurate records of the septic system (design, installation, location, inspections, pumping, malfunctions and repairs.)
- Preventing run-off from downspouts, sump pumps, and paved surfaces from getting into the septic system.
- Keeping heavy vehicles, equipment and livestock away from the septic system.
- Not planting trees and shrubs over or close to the septic system.

## Stormwater Pollution Prevention Employ Good Housekeeping Practices

1. **Use Drip Pans and Trays** under vehicles when there is a chance of fluids leaking and whenever liquids are transferred.
2. **Hazardous and other regulated wastes** should be picked up by licensed hazardous waste hauling/recycling contractors for disposal or recycling
3. **Pick up waste and dispose properly** in a trash can. Do not sweep or blow wastes into storm drains, streets and streams.

4. **Clean up small spills immediately** and know where spill cleanup supplies are stored and how to seal storm drains to block spills.



**Art Show and Sale**  
**Historic Yellow Springs**  
*April 26th - May 11<sup>th</sup>*  
**Art School Road, Chester Springs**  
*Visit the region's premier juried art show and sale~*

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

There are so many wonderful activities planned for our community this spring that we devoted an entire page (suitable for hanging on the fridge)!

**Sat., April 12th - Opening Day at the Historic Mill at Anselma, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** Join us for the first flour milling demonstration of the year. Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors, \$3 Children ages 6 -17 yrs. Located on Rt. 401, ½ west of Rt. 113. For info, call 610-827-1906

**Monday, April 14th - May 10th - Members' Exhibition Chester Springs Studio at Historic Yellow Springs,** Connie's House, Mondays-Fridays, 10 AM-4 PM, Saturdays, 12-4 PM

**Saturday and Sunday, April 19th and 20th – Chester County Craft Guild - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Craft Show** – Contemporary and traditional crafts at the West Pikeland Cultural Center, 1645 Art School Rd, over 25 vendors. Booths open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking - FREE.

**Saturday April 26th - May 11th: 35th Annual Yellow Springs Art Show and Sale at HYS -** Visit the region's premier juried art show and sale, free to the public starting April 26<sup>th</sup>, Preview Party April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday, April 26th – Pennsylvania Academy of Performing Arts (PAPA) Spring Concert Series** – Join us in the Cultural Center Theatre at 7:30 p.m. for the first spring series concert.

**Thursday, May 8th – 69th Annual Herb Sale - Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America** – Sale held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Historic Yellow Springs meadow located along Yellow Springs Road.

**Saturday, May 10th - Natural Lands Trust Binky Lee Preserve** – the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Picnic and Silent Auction – Games, music, food and more! From 3 to 7 p.m.

**Thursday, May 17th – The Mill at Anselma Goes Organic** - The Mill will celebrate the addition of organic flour and cornmeal to its stone-ground product

line. ~ Milling demonstrations and more ~ For info contact the Mill at: [info@anselmamill.org](mailto:info@anselmamill.org).

**Saturday, May 31st – Pennsylvania Academy of Performing Arts (PAPA) Spring Concert Series** – Join us in the Cultural Center Theatre at 7:30 p.m. for the *second* concert in the spring series.

**Sunday, June 1st – HYS Summerfest** — Fun for the whole family! Annual 5k Run in the morning. After the race enjoy *Sundaes on Sunday* (sponsored by West Pikeland Township) and *Jazz at the Springs*. Exhibition opening in the Lincoln Building, plus many other activities and programs for all ages all day!

**Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> - Farmers and Artisans Market Opens at the historic Mill at Anselma** - Open Wednesdays, from 2 – 7 pm starting June 4<sup>th</sup> and featuring fresh, local and organic produce and locally hand-crafted goods.

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 6th, 7th and 8th, June 13th, 14th and 15th and June 20th, 21st and 22nd – Almost, Maine – A play written by John Cariani** - Presented by Village Productions at the Cultural Center Theatre - 1645 Art School Road. *Show times: Friday (8:00 p.m.), Saturday (2 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.) and Sunday (3:00 p.m.)* – Tickets are \$14 students and seniors (age 65+); \$17 adults. Advanced tickets encouraged or buy at the door. Special discounted rates for groups of 10 or more!

**Monday-Friday, June 9th -20th Young Members' Exhibition, Chester Springs Studio at**

**Historic Yellow Springs**, Connie's House, 10 AM to 4 PM Opening Reception, Sunday, June 8, 2-4 PM

**June 21st – Swing Into Summer at the Mill -**  
The Anselma Mill kicks off the summer with a special evening of music by the West Chester Swing Kings and a mouth-watering barbeque by Tony's Restaurant. Hours from 6 to 9 p.m.

West Pikeland Township  
1645 Art School Road  
Chester Springs, PA

**May 17, 2008**  
**Chester County**  
**Household Hazardous Waste Collection**  
**9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**  
  
Owen J. Roberts Middle School  
881 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465

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**Village Productions Presents**  
***ALMOST, MAINE***  
**A Play by John Cariani**

On a Friday night in the middle of winter, residents of a small, mythical town in far northern Maine are falling in and out of love at an alarming rate. The town of Almost is very far inland, and very far north, where the sky is big, the winters are long, and there is lots of space. At the very same time, on the very same night and colored by the appearance of the

magical lights of the aurora borealis, nine couples are experiencing the power of connection. Some are resolving old relationships, others explore love for the very first time and still others come to the realization that their chance to connect has passed them by.

Presented as nine vignettes, *Almost, Maine* offers laughter, tears and drama. *Almost, Maine* is a comedy that will leave you spent from laughter and thoroughly warmed from the inside

out. With some strong language and controversial themes, *Almost, Maine* should be and could be good for the whole family!

West Pikeland Twp Cultural Center Theatre  
1645 Art School Road

## **ALMOST, MAINE**

Tickets: \$14 students and seniors (age 65+), \$17 adults

**Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays**

**June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>,**

**June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Show times: Thursdays (to be announced), Friday (8:00 p.m.), Saturday (8:00 p.m.) and Sunday (3:00 p.m.)*

Tickets on Sale Now! Call 610-323-6884

[www.villageproductions.org](http://www.villageproductions.org)