

# Today's Palmer



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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



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## Easter Egg Hunt

**Friday, April 10th, 2020 at 10:00 am**  
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## Palmer Pool Passes

**Available at the Charles Chrin Community Center**  
*Details on page 13*

*Opening weekend Saturday May 23rd, Sunday May 24th & Monday May 25th!*

## Camp Palmer Summer 2020 Registration!

**Registration begins on March 1st for all new and returning campers.**  
*Details on page 18*

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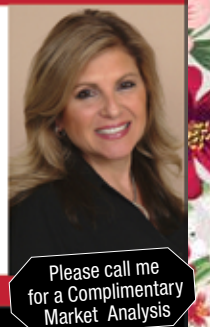
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**HOLIDAY MUNICIPAL BUILDING CLOSINGS:**

**Good Friday**  
Friday, April 10th



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**2020 PALMER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY WEEKEND**  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th, 2020 – MOVIES IN THE PARK AT DUSK  
FOLLOWED BY FOUR FUN FILLED DAYS  
AUGUST 20th-23rd, 2020  
AT FAIRVIEW PARK!

### 2019 Municipal Election

Palmer Township residents voted to re-elect Palmer Township Supervisor's Kendall (Mike) Mitchell and Jeffrey Young in the 2019 Municipal Election. Both were sworn-in to their new six-year terms on Monday, January 6, 2020, at the Township's Annual Reorganization Meeting. Palmer Township was honored to welcome Federal Judge Edward Smith who performed the swearing-in of both Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Young. Supervisor Mitchell was assisted by his wife, Joyce and Supervisor Young was assisted by his wife, Debra.



*Left to right: Mike Mitchell, Joyce Mitchell, Federal Judge Smith, Debra Young and Jeff Young*

### DAVID BRODHEAD RETIREMENT

On Tuesday, November 19, 2019, township employees said goodbye to their long-time co-worker, David Brodhead. Dave spent his career with the township working for the public works and parks departments and is retiring after 48 years of service. The township wishes Dave, and his wife Ann, all the best as they enter their retirement years together.



*Above, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Dave Colver presents Dave Brodhead with his retirement clock.*

## Deer Smorgasbord in Palmer Yards

It is an unfortunate situation when decades of planning and dedication, resulting in beautiful flowering plants and vegetables, are enjoyed by Palmer's deer population. Deer have a smorgasbord of daylily flowers, buds, leaves, hosta leaves, and other plants in many yards. Spraying Liquid Fence on the plants may deter for a while, but eventually dinner is enjoyed. Beautification chairperson, Dave Carr, recounts past events involving his own plants. "There came a point in September 2019 that a decision was made to give away my 50 or so daylilies and 50 or so hosta plants. Two friends came and within two hours the daylilies went to new homes." The good news for the people who walk on the bike path at Fairview Park, the hosta plants were transplanted in the garden on the north slope of the path. Ten tiger lilies were also donated by a relative and planted there. As November moved along, daffodil bulbs were added to the Fairview garden. Daffodils grow new bulbs at their base. So, with patience, a clump can develop over years. On November 22nd, Mr. Carr went to his garden where bulbs were growing a little above the soil. The picture (above) shows the clump that was about eight inches in all directions. There were 127 bulbs in all, and it is possible that they all grew from one original bulb. Separating the bulbs requires breaking some of the roots. The bulbs were planted in the compost, opposite the New Creation United Church of Christ. It may be asked, "What are you going to plant where the daylilies and hostas were?" Some of the new additions will include russian iris, calla lilies, butterfly bushes, and black-eyed Susan's. Carr states, "I have many hibiscus, calla lily, cleome, and butterfly bush seeds and elephant ears and cannas for Palmer residents for free. Let's chat about making your yard attractive to butterflies, hummingbirds, and your neighbors."



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*-Dave Carr, Chairperson. d.carr@rcn.com 610.704.5868*

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## Miracle League of Northampton County



Baseball is only part of what we offer to our families, thanks to the support of community friends! The field was tucked in for the winter after our Trick or Treat event on October 19, 2019, hosted by the Lehigh Valley Yankee Fan Club. With approximately 50 vendors, the event was enjoyed by hundreds of players, siblings, and their families. The league gave back to Keystone Military Families by collecting holiday donations for overseas troops. We would like to thank the community businesses and families that contributed. At our annual Holiday Party in December at the Charles Chrin Community Center, over 300 players, siblings, and families enjoyed an afternoon of indoor inflatables, dancing, activities, and a special visitor from the North Pole! A collection of non-perishable food items were provided to local food banks. In January, we had a bowling party at Hampton Lanes with players and siblings knocking down the pins and delighting in the buffet



afterwards. The field will be open to our players and siblings for an inclusive, accessible Egg Hunt before we throw out the first pitch. We'll open our Spring 2020 season shortly and enjoy the annual Miracle League Day at the IronPigs. Our supporters continue to enable the league to offer these events to our players and their families. The Board of Directors would like to thank the County, municipalities, individuals, organizations and businesses that support the league through grants, donations, volunteerism, and attendance at games. We also thank Palmer Township and the Public Works Department for maintaining the area around our field. Our spring season will open in May. Check out the website, [miracleleagueofnc.org](http://miracleleagueofnc.org), and social media for information about player signups, game schedules, and volunteer opportunities. It continues to be our mission to ensure that "Every Child Deserves a Chance to Play Baseball."

### ATTENTION HISTORY BUFFS:

The **Palmer Historical Society** invites your membership and attendance at their informative and educational meetings featuring local and area subjects of intent.

Meetings are held in the Palmer Library 10:00AM to Noon February – May and September – November. Membership is \$5.00 per year and includes invitation to all events.

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Beginning January 1, 2020, residents are requested to place their trash and recycling carts curbside before 5:00am on your scheduled collection day. This allows for earlier collection when needed resulting from street construction, street paving, weather issues, etc.



## 2020 Northampton County Special Recycling Collection Event Dates

(These events are rain or shine)

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Free for Northampton County residents

May 16th, 8:30am-2pm

Northampton Community College,  
3835 Green Pond Rd., Bethlehem  
(must use Main entrance on Green Pond Rd)  
No tires will be accepted.

### Electronics Recycling Collection Events

Fees apply for most electronics

April 18th, 9am-12pm

Waste Management Grand Central Landfill Office  
910 W Pennsylvania Ave., Pen Argyl

April 25th, 9am-12pm

Easton Area High School  
2601 William Penn Hwy, Palmer

May 9th, 9am-12pm

Easton Recycling Center, 500 Bushkill Dr., Easton

June 13th, 9am-12pm

Northampton Borough Community Center  
1601 Laubach Ave, Northampton

September 19th, 9am-12pm

Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink  
345 Illick's Mill Rd, Bethlehem

September 26st, 9am-12pm

Forks Twp. Public Works Bldg.  
100 Newlins Rd. East, Easton

October 17th, 9am-12pm

Easton Recycling Center  
500 Bushkill Dr., Easton

Northampton Borough Community Center  
1601 Laubach Ave., Northampton

### Paper Shredding

Free events for Northampton County residents

April 4th, 10am-12pm

Lower Saucon Municipal Garage  
3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem

May 2nd, 10am-12pm

Nazareth Borough Municipal Office  
134 S. Main St, Nazareth

September 12th, 10am-12pm

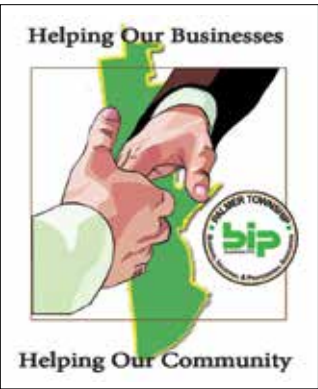
Cliff Cowling Field Pavilion  
(next to Basketball Court),  
301 Allen St, Bath

## PALMER ENVIRONMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE NEWS

Palmer's Environmental Steering Committee (ESC) is now a member of the Lehigh Valley Climate Action Network (LV CAN). This fast-growing new group was created to make climate and the environment a priority in the Lehigh Valley. The network is comprised of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, Northampton County Council, The Nurture Nature Center, and representatives from Sierra Club, PennEnvironment, Northampton Community College, Lehigh University, and local municipalities. Currently, the group is constructing a website that will post information on the local impacts of climate change, climate action plans from other municipalities, a climate action toolkit, and more.

Palmer's Environmental Steering Committee exists to support a healthy, clean environment for our residents to enjoy. We welcome your participation and invite you to join our monthly meetings, held the fourth Wednesday of every month (except November and December), from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, in the Palmer Township Library, One Weller Place. Join us to talk about how we can work together to improve and protect our environment!





The annual BIP Golf Outing was held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at the Riverview Country Club. The BIP holds this event every year to raise funds for BIP community projects within Palmer Township. To date, the BIP has donated over \$205,000 in community projects. Please visit our website: [bippalmer.org](http://bippalmer.org) to see many of the community projects that have been provided by the BIP. Thank you to our golfers and volunteers that make this event possible every year.

The BIP held their 43rd Annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, November 14, 2019. After BIP President Karin Vangeli's opening remarks, guests enjoyed entertainment by the Swing Time Dolls and dinner at the Seipsville Inn. Event Chairperson, Deb Young, presented this year's award recipients as follows:

**Booster Award – Officer Dave Brotzman, Retired Palmer Township Police Officer**

This award recognizes the outstanding contributions to the Palmer Township Community. It is presented to the person whom has exhibited outstanding service to others thus distinguishing Palmer Township through their contributions to their fellow man, business community or political environment.



**Community Service Award – Palmer Township Parks and Public Works/Utilities Departments**

The Community Service Award recognizes individuals and/or groups who by their service to other or contributions to the Palmer community help to distinguish Palmer as a caring community.

- Civic Trust Award – Shammy Shine Car Wash**
- Civic Trust Award – Don Juan Mex Grill**
- Civic Trust Award – Grocery Outlet**



Left to right, Deb Young and Jamie Paetzell, Township Public Works Dept., Deb Young and Juan Martinez, Don Juan Mex Grill, Deb Young and Tricia Knight, Shammy Shine

The Civic Trust Award is the highest tribute that the association of professionals can pay to a business, corporation or individual conducting commerce within the township boundaries of Palmer. It is intended to recognize significant physical improvement to existing properties, as well as new structures, which through the free-enterprise system in turn make an outstanding contribution to the business climate of the township.

In 2018 the Awards Banquet was held on a night when we received several inches of snow in the township and we were unable to recognize all 2018 Award recipients. This year we invited them back to join us so we could give them proper recognition. The 2018 Civic Trust Award recipients recognized were: Lehigh Valley Center for Sight and Goudsouzian Law Associates.

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***Event representative must have permit with them for duration of the event.***

**Park Reservations:**

Available to Palmer residents only for the month of January, beginning on January 2nd, 2020 at 9:00AM. Park rentals become available to the general public on February 1st, 2020 at 9:00AM. All reservations must be completed in person at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township, located at 4100 Green Pond Road, Palmer, PA, 18045. Ph. 610-252-2098



***\*Pavilion rentals are prohibited during Palmer Community Weekend.***

**Fees:**

• **Penn Pump-**

There are 2 permits available per day at Penn Pump Park. Penn Pump permits allow the consumption of alcohol and access to restrooms. Rental time 8:00AM–10:00PM

1. Penn Pump Pavilion Permit *\*Not to exceed 150 people.* Allows parking near the pavilion and pavilion access. Residents \$100.00 & Non-Residents \$175.00
2. Penn Pump Picnic Permit *\*Not to exceed 50 people,* required for 10 or more people. Picnic permit for Penn Pump allows access to tables outside of the pavilion. Residents \$50 & Non-Residents \$100



• **Riverview-**

Permit for Riverview Park allows the responsible use of alcohol.  
Rental time 8:00AM–10:00PM  
Residents \$100.00 & Non-Residents \$175.00

• **BIP Pavilion, Briarcliffe, Fairview, Keystone, & Mill Race**

– Alcohol prohibited. Rental time 8:00AM– 10:00PM  
Residents \$75.00 & Non-Residents \$150.00

***\*Briarcliffe is unavailable for rent on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day***



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- Any structural change/alteration
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Mechanical/HVAC (*new and replacement*)
- Water heaters (*new and replacement*)
- Reroofing
- Replacement windows
- Replacement siding
- Decks
- Pools (*permanent and temporary*)
- Finished basements
- Driveways (*replacement, expansion and resurface*)
- Signs (*except political signs*) and banners
- Additional living space conversions
- Patios and patio roofs
- Fences (*temporary and permanent*)
- Retaining walls
- Sheds and carports (*accessory structures*)
- Pavilions/Gazebos (*pre-manufactured or site-built*)

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**ADULT NEWS**

**Card Making with Kristine!**

Kristine Tanase will be at the Palmer Branch on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00pm to teach and demonstrate 'card making'. This class is for anyone 16 and up who would like to make their own greeting cards. Cost of the class is \$8.00. Participants will make 3 greeting cards. We ask that you bring their own adhesive, preferably rolling glue.

Sign up today for this fun, creative class!

**The Story of the Brooklyn Bridge**

Join us on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00pm when Palmer resident, Pat McIvor, presents a video presentation on the history of the Brooklyn Bridge. This bridge was called a "wild experiment" by the New York Polytechnic Society. Hear the fascinating story behind this famous bridge.

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**CHILDREN NEWS**

**SPRING STORY & CRAFT TIME** will run from March 9th – April 14th. Signups begin February 18th.

The branch will continue to offer 6 story times per week for ages 6 months – 6 years old. Stop in to see what days/times best suit your schedule.

Celebrating National Fire Safety Week with Avonni and twins Andy and Benny.



Sew Others Can Be Warm Group



**HOLIDAY PARTY!**



Thank you to the local Girl Scouts for their participation in the annual Military Holiday Card Program. Due to their creativity, over 300 servicemen and women received holiday cards reminding them of our gratitude for their services.

## BOOK GROUPS

**ADULT BOOK GROUP** will meet on the following dates:

February 25th, *The Dinner Party* by Brenda Janowitz

March 24th, *Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

April 28th, TBA

May 26th, TBA

New members are always welcomed!



### FOREVER YOUNG ADULT

A book group for adults who enjoy reading teen/young adult fiction. We meet the third Wednesday of every month at 6pm. All titles are available through the library in print and e-book formats.

#### Upcoming Titles:

February 19..... *Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson

March 18 ..... *Wilder Girls* by Rory Power

April 15..... *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* by Mackenzi Lee

May 20..... *The Fever King* by Victoria Lee

### TRUE CRIME LIBRARY

Are you hooked on Forensic Files? Can't get enough of Investigation Discovery and the Oxygen Network? Come be with your people! True Crime Library is a discussion group for fans of true crime. Every month we discuss a different case or theme and talk about the many perspectives surrounding it. The group meets at 6pm the first Wednesday of the month. Any and all true crime fans are welcome. Sign up for our email newsletter at [bit.ly/TrueCrimeLibrary!](http://bit.ly/TrueCrimeLibrary!)

#### Upcoming Meetings:

March 4 – Jodi Arias

April 1 – The Mob

May 6 – TBD

### I SURVIVED BOOK GROUP

For children ages 7-13, this group discusses books from the I Survived historical fiction series by Lauren Tarshis. Each meeting includes a discussion of the book and related hands-on activities. The first ten children to register for and attend the discussions receive a free paperback copy of the book to keep!

Wednesday, February 12 @ 6pm – *I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005*

Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00pm - *I Survived the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863*

### Teen Writers Workshop

For aspiring teen writers! This casual workshop led by Ashley S., who has a master's degree in creative writing, helps teen writers understand how to write creatively and share their stories with peers. The group meets select Saturdays at 2:00pm

February 8 – Fantasy February (stay after the meeting for pizza and story sharing/critiques!)

March 7 – Murder Mystery March

April 4 – Adventure April (stay after the meeting for pizza and story sharing/critiques!)

May 2 – Theme TBD



Thank you to all the patrons who gave so graciously to the "Giving Tree" this holiday season. Due to your spirit of giving, three local families enjoyed a holiday to remember!



A special thank you to Santa Claus (aka) Shawn Cahill for bringing cheer to so many children during the holiday season.

**Library Trivia:** Can you guess what book has the highest circulation in the Palmer Branch?

## TEAM HELPING HANDS



During the 2019 holiday season Palmer Fire Department started Team Helping Hands, and for Thanksgiving, firefighters donated 36 meals to families in the school district .

Palmer Municipal Fire Department's Helping Hands went gift shopping for a family in need, donating clothing and gifts to a family of 9.

## SMOKE EATERS



Palmer Fire Chaplain and photographer Peter Keady created "Smoke Eaters" capturing photographs of PMFD in action and their stories. His work was displayed at The Easton Hospital Art Gallery at The State Theater.

## SPIRIT OF COURAGE AWARD



In October, Firefighter Joe Fulse was awarded the Spirit of Courage award from the Burn Foundation Network for his role in removing a victim from a house fire.

## SWEET 16S • PROMS • HOLIDAY PARTY • WEDDINGS



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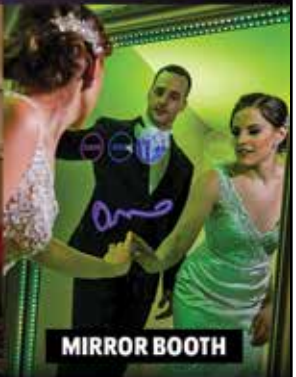
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- Season Passes must be purchased at the community center.
- Day passes are purchased at the pool, cash only.

**Family Membership:**

\*Family includes 2 adults and 4 children. \*\*\$20 for each additional child

- Palmer Resident: \$190.00
- Non-Resident: \$290.00

**Individual Membership:**

- Palmer Resident: \$100.00
- Non-Resident: \$150.00
- Senior Citizen (62+) \$50.00
- Children 2 & under are free
- Adults are 18 and older

**Daily Admission Prices:**

Weekday Adult:

- Palmer Resident: \$10.00
- Non-Resident: \$15.00

Child (3-17 years old):

- Palmer Resident: \$7.00
- Non-Resident \$15.00

Senior Citizen (62+): \$5.00

Military Discounts Available

**Opening:** Saturday May 23rd, Sunday May 24th, & Monday May 25th  
(Memorial Day)

*\*Open daily once Easton School District is done for the summer*

**Location:** 3001 Farmersville Road Palmer Township

**Hours of Operation:** 11:00am-8:00 pm Daily (Weather Permitting)

**Pool Phone (only accessible during summer):** 610-258-3576

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Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township  
4100 Green Pond Road Palmer, PA 18045

For questions or parties please email: [pool@palmertwp.com](mailto:pool@palmertwp.com)  
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## K9 Szultan



The Palmer Township Police Department would like to introduce the newest addition to the department, K-9 Szultan. Newly certified K-9 Handler Officer CJ Kuronya and his partner K-9 Szultan, have recently completed the Basic Police K-9 Handler Academy through Shallow Creek Kennels. K-9 Szultan is a dual-purpose Explosives Detection and Patrol Utility K-9.

For six weeks in the Fall of 2019, Officer Kuronya and K-9 Szultan spent over 300 hours training in explosive detection and patrol work such as tracking, criminal suspect apprehension, building and area searches, and obedience disciplines.

Officer Kuronya and K-9 Szultan are assigned to the dayshift.

## Retirement of Patrolman David Brotzman



On October 15, 2019, the Palmer Township Police Department announced the Retirement of Patrolman David Brotzman, Badge number 2716.

Officer Brotzman was appointed the position of Part-time Police Officer in September, 1988.

He was appointed to a Full-time Police Officer position in June, 1991.

During his 31 years of service, Officer Brotzman held responsibilities including:

- SWAT
- Acting Patrol Supervisor
- Community Police
- Bicycle Patrol

Officer Brotzman has been an outstanding member of the Palmer Township Police Department for the past 31 years and has made countless contributions for the betterment of the department and our Township.

His professionalism, experience, leadership, and friendship will not be forgotten.

The Officers and Staff of the Palmer Township Police Department wish Officer Brotzman the best in his retirement.

***Congratulations and thank you for 31 great years of service to our community.***

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# Charles Chrin Community Center News



**4100 Green Pond Road, Palmer, PA 18045 • 610-252-2098 • [www.palmercommunitycenter.org](http://www.palmercommunitycenter.org)**

## Upcoming Events & Programs:

- **SENIORS CARDS: Pinochle Players Needed: Tuesday Afternoons – 12:30 – 4:00pm.** Join them as they play 3, 4, 5 or even 6 handed pinochle! Don't worry if it's been awhile, or if you only ever played one way. They will teach you. Come share the fun and laughter. It's a great way to spend an afternoon. Any questions, call Marj at 610-252-7964 or email to paulm1@rcn.com
- **AMBASSADOR CLUB: Meets every 3rd Monday of the month at 1:00pm** (Not in July, August, or December)
- **GREATERLEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SEWING GUILD: 2nd Thursday of every month - 10:00am-1:00pm,** no meetings May, July, or August
- **ST. PATTY'S DAY ZUMBA: Saturday, March 14th, 9:45am-11:15am**
- **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Friday, March 27th, 2:00pm-7:00pm**
- **THE CLOTHING TREE: Wednesday, April 1st – Saturday, April 4th, Kids Consignment Sale,** for more information, visit [www.theclothingtree.com](http://www.theclothingtree.com)

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# Charles Chrin Community Center News

## Upcoming Events & Programs: *continued*

- **SELF DEFENSE SEMINAR:** *Saturday, April 4th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm*
- **SPRING SILVER SOCIAL:** *Monday, April 6th, 2:00pm-3:30pm.* Join us for some Easter crafting to celebrate the season. We'll be creating a special Easter bunny candy treat in a mason jar. It will also be a springtime potluck! Share your best dishes with everyone. Come relax and socialize with other members and instructors. Bring a friend to class and the event and you'll each receive a week of **free** classes!
- **THE KNIFE SHOW:** *Saturday, April 18th and Sunday, April 19th.* For more information, visit [www.paknifeshow.com](http://www.paknifeshow.com). You can buy, sell, and display knives
- **CAT SHOW:** *Saturday, April 25th and Sunday, April 26th*
- **QUILT SHOW:** *Saturday, May 2nd and Sunday, May 3rd*
- **DREAM...BELIEVE...DANCE RECITAL:** *Saturday, May 16th and Sunday, May 17th*
- **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** *Friday, June 5th, 2:00pm-7:00pm*

Open Gym based on availability, please call. Costs as of 1/2/18: \$5 Adults (18+) • \$2 Children (17 & under)

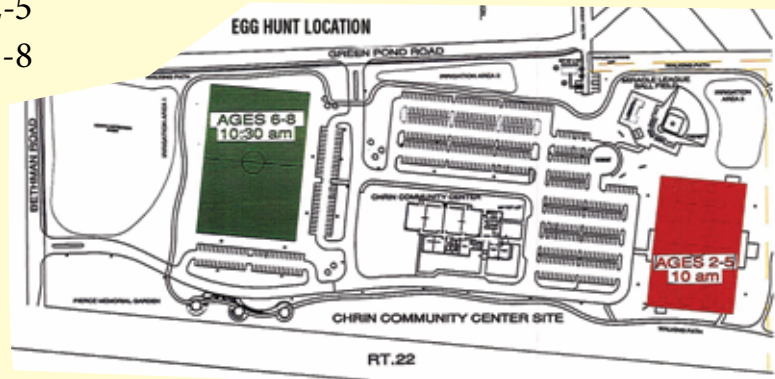
## Easter Egg Hunt at the CHARLES CHRIN COMMUNITY CENTER

**Palmer Residents Invited! Friday, April 10, 2020**

(Rain Date Saturday, April 11, 2020)

10:00am - Ages 2-5

10:30am - Ages 6-8



Bring your own basket!  
Come and meet  
the Easter Bunny!

## BIRTHDAY PARTIES

**Join us for your child's birthday party.** We provide two trained party coordinators who are ready to get kids moving and excited. We take care of set up and clean up to ensure a stress-free event. We provide pizza, juice, and all paper products. \*Birthday Cake is not provided.

Children will have the opportunity to play on different gymnastics equipment, including bars, beam, trampoline, and the air trak. They will also play games and play with the parachute! You may have a child that is interested in sports, so we can incorporate the sports theme into your child's special day! After one hour of play time, the party coordinators will escort the children to the food area, where they will serve the children pizza and juice. Don't worry about clean up! The coordinators take care of that in addition to bagging all the birthday gifts to take home! **Please contact Brenda at 610-252-2098 for more information.**

### PRICING

Basic-up to 20 Children.....	\$250.00/Resident
	\$275.00/Non-Resident
Each additional child .....	\$5.00
Additional Pizza .....	\$13.00 each
Weekday birthday party .....	\$220.00
<i>(Monday-Friday—Daytime parties based upon availability)</i>	

**Party Hours** All dates & times vary  
based upon availability.

# Camp Palmer 2020 (Ages 6-12)

9:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday

Extended care: 7:00-9:00am & 4:00-6:00 (Additional fees apply)

1	June 8th – 12th	Dorney Park (Ride Side)	Field Trips Subject to Change
2	June 15th – 19th	Crayola (6-8) / Dutch Springs	
3	June 22nd – 26th	Camelbeach	
4	June 29th– July 3rd	Go Carts / Laser Tag / Mini Golf	
5	July 6th – 10th	Movies	
6	July 13th – 17th	Trampoline Park	
7	July 20th – 24th	Roller Skating (6-8) / White Water Rafting	
8	July 27th – July 31st	Dave & Busters	
9	August 3rd – 7th	Aquatopia	
10	August 10th – 14th	Carnival at CCCC	

**Daily Trips to Palmer Pool!**

**Weekly Field Trips!**

### Cost Per Week:

**Palmer Resident Rate:** \$160.00

**Non-Resident Rate:** \$175.00

**10% Sibling Discount**

**No Additional Fees for Field Trips**

### Registration & Payment

All registration will be completed online at [www.palmercommunitycenter.org](http://www.palmercommunitycenter.org). Registration will open March 1st, 2020 for all campers. Spots are limited so register early.

Camp Palmer will take place at The Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township, 4100 Green Pond Road, Easton, PA. Daily swimming will take place at The Palmer Pool, 3001 Farmersville Road, Easton, PA. For more info, please call 610-252-2098 or email to [campalmercccc@gmail.com](mailto:campalmercccc@gmail.com).



## Jr. Panthers Soccer with Coach Thom and Coach Angelina

Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township Spring

Outdoor Session April 21st – June 6th, 7 Weeks

4 & 5 – Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm & Saturdays 10:00am-11:00am

6 & 7 – Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm & Saturdays 11:00am-Noon

### Cost for Outdoor Session:

Residents \$110 & Non-Residents \$125

*\*\$10.00 off players that were enrolled in the Winter 2020 indoor session.*

- Let your child be active, make friends, and learn a team sport while participating in our instructional league for soccer players throughout the Lehigh Valley
- Focus on the basics of playing soccer, coordination, running, skills and drills, passing and scoring goals!
- Please have children wear shin guards & cleats.
- Volunteer coaches are welcome and encouraged!
- *All practice and game locations will be announced*

Register on our website at [palmercommunitycenter.org](http://palmercommunitycenter.org) and payment must be made at the Charles Chrin Community Center prior to the start of the session.



## Tumble Time

For children ages up to 4 with a parent/guardian. Bring children to play in a safe, open play environment. They'll get to use our tumble equipment, toys, and balls. Each class is ended with bubbles and a stamp. Come early, as we only accept 30 children per time slot.

CASH ONLY payments are accepted before the start of each class.

### **Wednesdays:**

**9:30-10:15am and**

**10:15-11:00am,**

**\$5 walk-in per class**

*Cash Payments Only*

### **Thursdays:**

**9:30-10:15am and**

**10:15-11:00am,**

**\$5 walk-in per class**

*Cash Payments Only*

Last Tumble Time will be Thursday, May 14th, 2020 and will resume in September



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Register at [www.amazingathletes.com](http://www.amazingathletes.com); be sure to choose the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township location with Coach Gary! Registration Fee: \$15 (for new athletes only)



### **SESSIONS:**

- **Tues. Session 3: Feb. 4th - Mar. 24th**
- **Fri. Session 3: Feb. 7th - Mar. 27th**
- **Tues. Session 4: Apr. 7th - May 26th**
- **Fri. Session 4: Apr. 10th - May 29th**



For questions, please call (610) 252-2098 or visit [www.palmercommunitycenter.org](http://www.palmercommunitycenter.org)



## Winter/Spring 2020

Kindermusik Classes with Sing N Move  
at The Charles Chrin Community Center of  
Palmer Township



### Winter 2020 Sessions

#### Session 2:

February 11, 18, 25, and March 3

### Spring 2020 Sessions

#### Session 1:

March 17, 24, 31, and April 7

#### Session 2:

April 21, 28, May 5, and 12

Cost \$75.00  
per 4 week session


**Ages 0 – 2 at 10 – 10:45AM**  
**Ages 2 – 3.5 at 11 – 11:45AM**

Please register in person at The Charles Chrin Community  
Center of Palmer Township.

For registration questions please call 610-252-2098

For more information please e-mail [singnmove1@gmail.com](mailto:singnmove1@gmail.com)  
or visit the website [www.singnmove.com](http://www.singnmove.com)

## CHILDREN CLASS SCHEDULE SPRING 2020

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>AMAZING ATHLETES</b> 9:15-9:45am Ages 4-6 <b>\$104 (per 8 week session)</b>	<b>TUMBLE TIME</b> 9:30-10:15am Ages up to 4 <b>\$5 Walk In (per class)</b>	<b>TUMBLE TIME</b> 9:30-10:15am Ages up to 4 <b>\$5 Walk In (per class)</b>	<b>AMAZING ATHLETES</b> 9:15-9:45am Ages 4-6 <b>\$104 (per 8 week session)</b>
<b>AMAZING ATHLETES</b> 9:50-10:20am Ages 2.5-4 <b>\$104 (per 8 week session)</b>	<b>TUMBLE TIME</b> 10:15-11:00am Ages up to 4 <b>\$5 Walk In (per class)</b>	<b>TUMBLE TIME</b> 10:15-11:00am Ages up to 4 <b>\$5 Walk In (per class)</b>	<b>AMAZING ATHLETES</b> 9:50-10:20am Ages 2.5-4 <b>\$104 (per 8 week session)</b>
<b>SING N MOVE</b> 10:00-10:45am Ages 0-2 <b>\$75 (per 4 week session)</b>			<b>AMAZING TOTS</b> 10:25-10:45am Ages 18 months-2.5 <b>\$72 (per 8 week session)</b>
<b>AMAZING TOTS</b> 10:25-10:45am Ages 18 months - 2.5 <b>\$72 (per 8 week session)</b>			
<b>SING N MOVE</b> 11:00-11:45am Ages 2-3.5 <b>\$75 (per 4 week session)</b>			

**FOR ALL CLASSES: In the event of inclement weather, please check [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com) or our Facebook page. If Easton Area School District is closed or has a delayed opening, we will not run classes.**



# St. Patrick's Day Zumba Event



**Instructors:** Lisa & August

**When:** Saturday, March 14th

**Time:** 9:45AM-11:15AM

**Where:** Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township  
4100 Green Pond Rd., Palmer, PA 18045

## Wear your green!



**Class Price:** \$5

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## **APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> 1-3PM**

# **SELF-DEFENSE SEMINAR**

### **Event Description:**

Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township will be hosting a FREE Self-Defense Seminar. Guest instructor Louie Tita will be leading a 2-hour class on practical self-defense techniques. Louie is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree black belt in Karate, holds a purple belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, also having a background in KickBoxing and Yoshitsune Combat Jiu-Jitsu. Louie is a believer in giving back to the local community. The intent of this seminar is for everyone to gain confidence, become more aware of surroundings and enhance their ability to defend themselves if put in a position to do so. Expect a fun, relaxed, go at your pace environment!

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Center of Palmer  
Township**

**4100 Green Pond Rd  
Easton, PA**

**Self-Defense  
Seminar**

**Free Event!!!**

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members**

**RSVP by 4/1/19**



### **Learn to Play PICKLEBALL**

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Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. It is easy to learn and play regardless of your age, so give it a try!

Do you want to learn??? Clinics are available...

**Wednesdays 1-3PM**

(includes: 1-2PM Pickleball Instruction & 2-3PM Practice Game Play)

**Session 4: February 26th – April 8th (No class on Apr. 1st)**

**Session 5: April 22nd – May 27th**

**\$60 (per 6 week session)**

Register early, as we will only accept 8 participants.

Register in person at the front desk at the Community Center.

Payments must be made at the Community Center prior to the session start date.



# Charles Chrin Community Center News



## DREAM...BELIEVE...DANCE

### OF PALMER TOWNSHIP WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU!

With over 30 Years of teaching experience, we take pride in our program and dancers. A variety of Dance and Tumble classes are available for Ages 3 and Up. We offer both recreational dance and competition classes.

#### WINTER SESSION: 8 WEEKS

JANUARY 6 - MARCH 2, 2020

NO CLASS: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3, 2020

#### SPRING SESSION: 9 WEEKS

MARCH 9 - MAY 11, 2020

NO CLASS: WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2020

Register in person at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4:45-5:35</b> <b>TINY TUMBLERS NEW</b> <b>AGES 3-6</b>  Our Tiny Tumblers will learn proper stretching techniques, basic tumbling skills, floor beam basics and much more	<b>4:30-5:20</b> <b>RESERVED PRIVATE CLASS</b>	<b>5:15 - 5:45</b> <b>TINY COMP CHOREOGRAPHY</b>  Tiny Competition Members only	<b>9:30-10:20</b> <b>BALLET- TAP- TUMBLE</b> <b>AGES 3-5</b>  This class is designed for our youngest dancers who want to express their independence without the assistance of mom or dad. Dancer will be introduced to basic ballet, tap tumbling skills through the use of song, story telling and props.
<b>5:45 -6:35</b> <b>TINY JAZZ HOP AND TUMBLE</b> <b>AGES 3-6</b>  In this class dancer will be able to learn the basics of Jazz and Hip Hop in a fun and friendly environment. They will also learn basic tumbling skills such forward and backward rolls, cartwheels, tripods and more!	<b>5:30-6:20</b> <b>BEGINNER CONTEMPORARY NEW</b> <b>AGES 8-13</b>  Students will learn how to express a wide range of emotions through their dance based on musical interpretation. Contemporary combinations will consist of abstract movements that combine modern and classical ballet elements	<b>5:45 -6:35</b> <b>BALLET- TAP- TUMBLE II</b> <b>AGES 6-8</b>  This popular combination class is designed for students to express their individuality through the art of dance. This class introduces young students to ballet, tap, and tumbling skills through imagination activities and movement games. They will learn proper terminology, and will begin to build combinations from the steps they learn	<b>10:30-11:00</b> <b>LYRICAL BALLET AND TAP</b> <b>AGES 8- 13</b>  Lyrical -Dancers learn basic ballet barre along with a creative combination of ballet and jazz, meant to showcase the emotional spirit of the music through the body of the dancer. Tap- Learning some basic tap skills while improving their flexibility, sense of rhythm and overall coordination. Dancers will alternate weeks.
<b>6:45 - 7:35</b> <b>ADULT TAP FOR FITNESS</b> <b>AGES 18 AND UP</b>  Basic tap steps at the barre and across the floor. combinations and exciting tap routines. Great exercise for the brain and motor skills while "tapping" into your coordination! A great cardio and strength workout Tap shoes required	<b>6:30-7:20</b> <b>BEGINNER HIP HOP/STREET JAZZ</b> <b>AGES 7 -12 - NEW</b>  This class teaches rhythm, coordination, musicality and choreography without suggestive music or movements. Hip Hop moves combined with jazz technique combine for a sassy fun class.	<b>6:40 - 8:10</b> <b>JR. COMP TEAM CHOREOGRAPHY</b>	<b>11:10-12:00</b> <b>GYMNASTICS</b> <b>AGES 7- 13</b>  Students will work at their own gymnastics level with the guidance of our instructors.
			<b>12:10 - 12:40</b> <b>JAZZ</b> <b>AGES 8- 13</b>  Experience is required. Jazz dance is a fun and energetic style of dance to pop music. This class includes a warm-up, turns, leaps, jumps and runs.

#### PRIVATE LESSONS ARE BASED ON AVAILABILITY:

Private Lessons based on availability (solo, duo or trio) \$60 per dancer per 30 minuted class for the reservation of that time per 8 weeks. Technique Classes would be an additional \$60 to the instructor. If you are reserving the time for choreography, please check with your instructor for the choreography fee. *\*Missed lessons will be charged unless notified a week in advance.*

#### TUITION RATES

MINUTES PER WEEK	WEEKLY RATE
30 Minutes	\$14.00
50 Minutes	\$16.00
60 Minutes	\$17.00
80 Minutes	\$22.00
90 Minutes	\$25.00

Tuition is calculated by taking the weekly rate and multiplying it by the number of weeks per session. Example  $\$17.00 \times 13 \text{ weeks} = \$221.00$ . We accept cash, check, credit cards. 2% fee on credit card transactions.

#### REQUIRED ATTIRE FOR CLASSES:

- Ballet:** pink leather or canvas ballet slippers
- Tap:** beginners black Mary Jane style tap shoes
- Intermediate:** black oxford style taps
- Jazz:** tan slip on jazz shoes
- Gymnastics:** barefoot, ballet skippers, or gymnastic shoes
- Lyrical:** tan lyrical turners

QUESTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT MS. JUSTINE [missjustine@dreambelievedance.com](mailto:missjustine@dreambelievedance.com)  
[www.facebook.com/MissJustinesDanceClasses](https://www.facebook.com/MissJustinesDanceClasses)



## The Charles Chrin Community Center Fitness Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Zumba</b> 10:45-11:35am Varies	<b>Zumba Toning</b> 9:30-10:20am Jeanie	<b>Yoga</b> 9:30-10:20am Jessica	<b>Zumba</b> 9:30-10:20am Jeanie	<b>Yoga</b> 9:30-10:20am Krissy	<b>Zumba</b> 9:30-10:20am August	<b>Zumba</b> 10:00-10:50am Varies
		<b>Zumba/Tabata</b> 10:45-11:35am August		<b>Bootcamp</b> 10:45-11:35am August		
<i>Silver Fitness Classes!</i> → <i>See full schedule for more details.</i>	<b>Zumba Gold</b> 1:00-1:45pm Rebecca <i>Silver Class</i>	<b>Pilates Tone</b> 1:00-1:45pm August <i>Silver Class</i>	<b>Zumba Gold Toning</b> 1:00-1:45pm Rebecca <i>Silver Class</i>	<b>Core Stretch</b> 1:00-1:45pm August <i>Silver Class</i>	<b>Silver Yoga</b> 1:00-1:45pm Becky <i>Silver Class</i>	
	<b>POUND</b> 6:15-7:00pm Lisa	<b>Zumba</b> 6:00 – 6:50pm Cheryl	<b>Sculpt &amp; Tone</b> 5:45-6:15pm Alyssa	<b>Zumba Toning</b> 6:15-7:05pm Lisa		
	<b>Zumba</b> 7:00-7:50pm Lisa	<b>STRONG30</b> 7:00 – 7:30pm Lisa	<b>Zumba</b> 6:15-7:05pm Lisa			
	<b>Yoga</b> 7:15-8:05pm Amanda					

### FIT PASS: \$40.00/month

FP includes unlimited classes & use of the fitness center

### FIT CARD: 10 Classes/\$50.00

Fit Card does not expire

### SILVER PASS: \$20/month

SP includes unlimited silver classes & use of the fitness center.

### WALK-INS: \$5.00/class

### SILVER WALK-INS: \$3.00/class

### •NO REGISTRATION FEES

### •NO YEARLY CONTRACT

### •MONTH-TO-MONTH PAYMENT

We also accept Silver Sneakers, Silver & Fit, Healthways, Health Plan Partners with qualifying insurance. Stop at the desk and we can check to see if you are eligible.



\*Watch for upcoming special events throughout the year!

“Like” us on Facebook to stay connected with our up to date information including cancellations and class changes!

4100 Green Pond Rd. Palmer, PA. 18045 - [www.palmercommunitycenter.org](http://www.palmercommunitycenter.org) - 610-252-2098



## Silver Fitness Schedule

Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township, 4100 Green Pond Rd., Palmer, PA 18045



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>1:00pm-1:45pm</b>	<b>Zumba Gold</b> Rebecca
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>1:00pm-1:45pm</b>	<b>Pilates Tone</b> August
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>1:00pm-1:45pm</b>	<b>Zumba Gold Toning</b> Rebecca
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>1:00pm-1:45pm</b>	<b>Core Stretch</b> August
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>1:00pm-1:45pm</b>	<b>Silver Yoga</b> Becky



**Our Silver Pass is \$20/month**  
**(includes access to the Fitness Center and all Silver Fitness Classes only)**  
**Drop-in Fee is \$3/class**

**\*Check eligibility through your insurance for Silver & Fit, Silver Sneakers, or Healthways.**

**Zumba Gold** – Latin-inspired, dance fitness program designed for the active older adult, beginner participant, pregnant women, those who need modifications, arthritis sufferers, and those recovering from injury. This is a fun, feel-good, party-like class.

**Pilates Tone** – This is a great way to increase strength, flexibility, balance & coordination. Pilates is regarded as an ideal exercise regimen for people in or over their 50's due to low-impact exercise. Benefits are improved posture, stamina, and strength.

**Zumba Gold Toning** – “Muscle Toning for the Young at Heart”, combines the cardio element of Zumba Gold with strength training techniques.

**Core Stretch** – A full body stretch using movements that flow smoothly to increase flexibility, decrease muscle tension, develop core strength, and improve muscular balance.

**Silver Yoga** – This class will begin with a short breath practice and then work up to a mindful flow ending in a relaxing shivasana. Participants will explore getting into and out of different yoga postures and how to make adjustments when necessary. This class will use props, explore variations, and work on balance while increasing both strength and flexibility. No prior yoga experience necessary - all levels welcome! Come explore the beautiful blend of breath and movement to open up the body and enhance mobility.

### Join our Walking Club!

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This program will return this Spring during **APRIL & MAY**.

We will take advantage of the walking path surrounding the Community Center and the beautiful Spring weather and walk as a group, incorporating a few strength training exercises along the way. This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize and get in those daily steps!

**\*\*\*We also offer FREE quarterly social events!\*\*\***

You can find more information at [www.palmercommunitycenter.org](http://www.palmercommunitycenter.org)  
 or call 610-252-2098

## HELP PROTECT PALMER TOWNSHIP AND OUR DOWNSTREAM ENVIRONMENT FROM ILLICIT DISCHARGES TO PALMER TOWNSHIP'S STORM SEWER SYSTEM AND SWALES.

If an illicit discharge is found, do not investigate further. This material may be harmful to your health and safety. Notify the palmer township public services department immediately at (610) 253-7191 weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. After hours, a message can be left at the northampton county non-emergency phone number (610) 330-2200. Illicit discharges can be found at inlets to the storm sewer system, at storm sewer outlets or within swales.

Some examples of illicit discharges are: automotive fluids (antifreeze, used motor oil, brake fluid, fuel, etc.); concrete slurry; food wastes and greases; industrial wastes; medical wastes; paint products; process wastewater; sewage; and solvents.

For more storm water information you can go to the pennsylvania department of environmental protection's website.

### How to Spot Illicit Discharges

#### Sanitary Sewer Discharge

Observations:

- Sanitary debris
- Staining on pipe
- Heavy Foam
- Gray or Discolored Water
- Odors (sewage, chlorine, rotten eggs and detergents)



#### Illegal Dumping, Spills, or Floor Drain Connection

Observations:

- Oily sheen
- Trash, non-sanitary debris
- Petroleum odors
- Stained sediment, rocks, and vegetation



#### Industrial Discharge

Observations:

- Discolored water
- Chemical odor



#### Agricultural Runoff, Fertilizers, or Sanitary Sewer Waste

Observations:

- Algae growth at or near outlet
- Heavy vegetation at or near outlet



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# Electrical Safety

## around swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas

For many of us, water activities equal fun. But it's important to be aware of electrical hazards while enjoying the water. Know how to be safe around swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

- If you are putting in a new pool, hot tub, or spa be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations.
- Outdoor receptacles must have covers that keep them dry even when appliances are plugged into them.
- Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are special devices designed to protect against electric shock and electrocution. They are required for most pool, spa or hot tub equipment. They may be in the form of an outlet or a circuit breaker. Test the GFCIs monthly according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Electrical appliances, equipment, and cords should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water. When possible, use battery operated appliances and equipment, such as televisions, radios, and stereos.
- Avoid handling electrical devices when you are wet.
- Make sure that any overhead lines maintain the proper distance over a pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If unsure, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.
- Do not swim during a thunderstorm.
- Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and—where necessary—replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool, spa, or hot tub electrically safe.
- Have a qualified electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

### KNOW THE RISKS!

Electrocution is death by an electrical shock. Be aware when skin is wet or when surrounding surfaces, such as the grass or pool deck, are wet. Wet skin or wet surfaces can greatly increase the chance of electrocution when electricity is present.

There are several signs of electrical shock. Swimmers may feel a tingling sensation. They may experience muscle cramps. They may not be able to move. They may feel as if something is holding them in place.

If you think someone in the water is being shocked, turn off all power, but do not attempt to go in the water. Use a fiberglass or other kind of rescue hook that doesn't conduct electricity to help the swimmer. Have someone call **9-1-1**.

If you think you are being shocked while in the water move away from the source of the shock. Get out of the water.

### FACT

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has reports of 14 deaths related to electrocutions in swimming pools from 2003 to 2014. Hot tubs and spas may present the same hazard as swimming pools.



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