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Easter Egg Hunt

Friday April 19th at 10:00am
at the Turf Field
at the Charles Chrin Community Center
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Palmer Pool Passes

Available at the Charles Chrin
Community Center
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Opening weekend: Saturday May 25th, Sunday May 26th, & Monday May 27th!

Camp Palmer Summer 2019 Registration!

Returning Campers
Friday February 22nd • 9:00am-6:00pm
Saturday February 23rd • 9:00am-Noon

New Campers
Friday March 22nd • 9:00am-6:00pm
Saturday March 23rd • 9:00am-Noon
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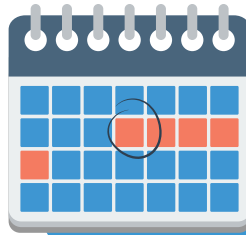
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**Holiday Municipal
Building Closings:**

Good Friday
Friday, April 19, 2019



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
2019 Palmer Community Weekend Dates!!
August 14 - Movies in the Park
Followed by 4 fun-filled days - August 15-18!

Xpress Bill Pay is Here!

Now you can pay your bills online. Palmer Township has partnered with Xpress Bill Pay, the premier provider for online payment systems. All you need is an internet connection through a web browser and an email address. Once you sign up for your free account and start using this service, you'll wonder how you ever got along without it! It's simple to use. Every month or quarter we'll send you a reminder email to let you know when your bill is online. Then, you just log into your account at xpressbillpay.com and view your bill. You can also see two years' history of your account online (once the history is built), so you can compare your current bill to a previous bill. When you're ready to pay your bill, select a payment type. You can pay with credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer. Enter the information and you're done! It's that easy, and it only takes you a few minutes each month (or quarter). Or you can set up your bill on Auto Pay and have it automatically paid for you each month (or quarter)! We offered this service at the request of our customers — you asked, and we delivered! To sign up, go to palmertwp.com and click on the "Utility & Trash Payments" button and follow the instructions. And remember, it's free to sign up and free to use.



NEW ORDINANCE: Palmer Township has enacted an ordinance prohibiting the depositing of snow by property owners, residents and any person(s) onto the surface of any roadway, street, highway and other areas within the township. There have been times throughout the winter season when snow has been thrown onto the roadway after plowing has been completed and thaws and refreezes as day and night temperatures fluctuate, thereby causing hazardous areas on the roadway for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, snowplowing, snow blowing, shoveling and dumping of any snow, ice or other frozen precipitation onto the roadway and other areas of the township.

Depositing snow prohibited: No person shall throw, blow, shovel, plow, push, dump or by any other manner, deposit any snow, ice, slush or other form of frozen precipitation upon any state highway, township road, median, roadside shoulder and swale, intersection sight triangle, inlet, public sidewalk, fire hydrant or privately-owned property without the permission from the property owner. Exempted from these restrictions are state and municipal employees and other individuals contracted by said state or municipal governmental authorities expressly for the purpose of snow and ice removal and/or plowing.

**2018 Anthony J. Minotti
Scholarship Winners**

The Palmer Township Athletic Association presented scholarships to 13 area students recently in the name of Anthony J. Minotti, a former principal and supporter of children's causes in the township. Since 1975 the Palmer Township Athletic Association has presented 356 scholarships which have totaled \$141,800.



The 2018 recipients: Back Row: Leanna Deagan, Kyla Smith, Hanna Doerner, Gregory Sales, Madison Shupp, Morgan Colver and Katelyn Young. Front Row: Courtney Wagner, Jahnel Oliver, Chairman, John Cacciatore, Carli Fulmer, and Courtney Speashok. Missing from Picture: Sophia Cinoa and Connor Duffy



Opening: Saturday May 25th, Sunday May 26th, & Monday May 27th (*Memorial Day*)

**Open weekends only until EASD is finished*

Location: 3001 Farmersville Road Palmer Township

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

Membership Rates:

- Season Passes must be purchased at the community center.
- 20% Discount for Military Personnel and Families (Retired/Active) - **Must Show Proof**
- *Day passes are purchased at the pool, cash only.*

Family:

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

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

Individual Membership:

- Palmer Resident: \$90.00
- 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: \$12.00

Child (3-17 years old):

- Palmer Resident: \$7.00
- Non-Resident \$10.00

Senior Citizen (62+): \$5.00

Passes are available for purchase at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township
4100 Green Pond Road Palmer, PA 18045

For questions or parties please email: Kremaly@palmertwp.com
"Like" us on Facebook at Palmer Twp. Community Pool

If you purchased a pool pass in the 2018 season, we will not require a new photo unless you've had a change in members. We will re-activate key tags issued last season at time of renewal. (*If you have lost your pass a new one will be issued for \$3 and the old one will be removed from the account.*)

You will need to visit the community center to re-new your pass for the 2019 season, your passes will not be activated until you do so.

Only new members and changes require photos to be taken.



Group Lessons

For your planning purposes, we will offer our Group Lessons during the following 2-week sessions in 2019:

- Session 1: TBD
- Session 2: TBD
- Session 3: TBD

Pool Parties

Evening Pool Parties 7:00-9:30pm
Up to 100 People; additional people \$50/every 25 people
Kids Area Only: \$350.00
Adult Area Only: \$350.00
Whole Pool: \$650.00
To book parties email the pool at: Kremaly@palmertwp.com

On-line registrations for Group Lessons and Pool Parties will be available on-line at the following address:

<http://www.palmercommunitycenter.org/palmer-pool.html>

It is the Parks & Recreation Department's goal to provide citizens with a safe environment in which recreational opportunity can be maximized. Due to the wide variety of patron needs and use of Township property, it is necessary to establish the following rules and regulations.



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

Reservations: 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 Days.**

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-10PM
 1. Penn Pump Pavilion Permit **Not to exceed 150 people.* Allows parking near the pavilion and pavilion access.
Palmer 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.
Palmer Residents \$50.00 & Non-Residents \$100.00
- **Riverview** - Permit for Riverview Park allows the responsible use of alcohol.
Rental time 8AM-10:00PM
Palmer Residents \$100.00 & Non-Residents \$175.00
- **BIP Pavilion, Briarcliffe, Fairview, Keystone, & Mill Race** - Alcohol prohibited.
Rental time 8AM- 10PM
Palmer Residents \$75.00 & Non-Residents \$150.00
Briarcliffe is unavailable for rent on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

MIRACLE LEAGUE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY



The field was tucked in for the winter after our Trick or Treat event on October 20, 2018 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. But, the fun doesn't stop after the fall season! A fundraising Paint Party was held in



November, and our annual Holiday Party was held 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! In January, we had a bowling party at Hampton Lanes with players and siblings knocking down the pins and delighting in the buffet afterwards. Our upcoming spring activities will include an Easter Egg Hunt and 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, 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."



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(Placed curbside the night before your regularly scheduled collection day; items will be collected that week by a separate vehicle)

Yard Waste Collection: Weeks of June 3 and November 4

Unlimited amounts of yard waste (leaves, branches, twigs, flowers, roots, bushes, garden clippings) will be collected curbside. Place your yard waste in any open top container (your old green, round recycling container or a clean trash container, NOT YOUR AUTOMATED CART), tie with cotton or hemp twine in bundles no larger than 3' x 3' x 3', and weighing no more than 40lbs, or place in compostable paper bags (NO PLASTIC BAGS, ROPE OR TWINE). No grass clippings, tree stumps, loose soils, sod, any wood or tree limbs over four (4) inches in diameter; human or animal excrement; noxious weeds or soil contaminated with hazardous substances.

Christmas Tree Collection: Weeks of January 6, 13 and 20, 2020

Please remove tinsel, ornaments, and tree stands. Trees in plastic bags will not be collected.

Household White Goods/Metals Collection: Weeks of April 1 and September 30

Appliances such as air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers (remove doors; All Freon must be removed professionally and tagged prior to being placed at curb), washers, dryers, hot water heaters, dehumidifiers, bicycles, and lawnmowers (oil and gas removed), BBQ grills (gas and/or charcoal removed), and various other household metal items.

Bulk Item Collection: Weeks of March 4, May 13, September 16 and December 2

Each residence is allowed to put out one (1) bulk item during each of these collection weeks, on their regularly scheduled collection day. Bulk items are defined as items too large to fit into the waste cart; and the general rule of thumb is an item the approximate dimensions and weight of a standard size sofa that can be carried by two (2) men. Acceptable items include furniture, mattresses, rolled up and tied rugs no larger than 3' x 6'. Unacceptable materials that will not be collected include construction materials, hazardous waste, tires, yard waste, grass clippings, or additional household trash.



Northampton County Special Recycling Collection Event Dates

(These events are rain or shine)

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event:

Free for Northampton County residents

- **May 18th, 8:30am-2pm** • Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Rd., Bethlehem
No tires will be accepted.
- **Earth First Recycling:** Tires can be recycled by calling 610-438-8330 for drop-off information at their Glendon location

E-waste Collection Events:

Fees apply for most electronics

- **April 13th, 9am-12pm** • Waste Management Grand Central Landfill Office, 910 W Pennsylvania Ave., Pen Argyl
- **April 27th, 9am-12pm** • Easton Recycling Center, 500 Bushkill Dr., Easton
- **May 4th, 9am-12pm** • Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink, 345 Illick's Mill Rd., Bethlehem
- **September 14th, 9am-12pm** • City of Easton Recycling Center, 500 Bushkill Dr., Easton
- **September 21st, 9am-12pm** • Forks Twp. Public Works Bldg., 100 Newlins Rd. East, Easton
- **October 5th, 9am-12pm**
• Northampton Borough Community Center, 1601 Laubach Ave., Northampton



Paper Shredding:

Free events for Northampton County residents

- **May 11th, 9am-12pm** • Bangor Municipal Office, 197 Pennsylvania Ave., Bangor
- **September 28th, 9am-12pm** • Weona Park, 1026 Blue Valley Dr., Pen Argyl
- **October 19th, 9am-12pm** • Centerfield School Bldg, 6984 S Delaware Dr., Martins Creek

Latex Paint:

ReStore (Habitat for Humanity) • 1053 Grape St, Whitehall

Latex Paint will be accepted the first Tuesday of each month **by appointment only**. Call to schedule an appointment at 610-776-7499. There is a \$1 fee per paint can.

Latex paint is not hazardous and will not be accepted at Northampton County household hazardous waste collection events.

Unusable paint can be placed in the trash if dry. Small amounts can be left open to dry or poured over newspaper to dry. Kitty litter will absorb and dry out larger amounts.



Protect Palmer Township and Downstream Environments from Illicit Discharges to the Storm Sewer System

Illicit discharges include dry weather flows from storm water outfalls along stream banks or an unusual looking or odorous discharge from a storm water outfall during wet weather.

If an illicit discharge is found, do not investigate further; this material may be harmful to your health and safety. Immediately, notify the Palmer Township Public Services Department at 610-253-7191 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (weekdays); and, after hours, a message can be left at the Northampton County non-emergency phone number 610-759-2200.

Some examples of illicit discharges are automotive fluids (antifreeze, used motor oil, brake fluid, fuel, etc.), concrete slurry, paint products and solvents. Visual examples of illicit discharges are shown to the right.

How to Spot Illicit Discharges

<p>Sanitary Sewer Discharge Observations: - Sanitary debris - Staining on pipe - Heavy Foam - Gray or Discolored Water - Odors (sewage, chlorine, rotten eggs and detergents)</p>				
<p>Illegal Dumping, Spills, or Floor Drain Connection Observations: - Oily sheen - Trash, non-sanitary debris - Petroleum odors - Stained sediment, rocks, and vegetation</p>				<p>Industrial Discharge Observations: - Discolored water - Chemical odor</p> 
				<p>Agricultural Runoff, Fertilizers, or Sanitary Sewer Waste Observations: - Algae growth at or near outlet - Heavy vegetation at or near outlet</p>  


PALMER TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

A short time ago, a Palmer resident came to my house and took six Calla Lily seed pods. He had read the November 2018 article which explained in detail Calla Lily plants and their success growing in our climate. Only one other person came to get the seeds that were, and still are offered for free. As of this date there are twenty small seed pods remaining. A very rough estimate would be 500 to 1000 seeds are available in the seed pods.

Two years ago, some hibiscus seeds were planted at the very west end of the bike path garden at Fairview Park. To my delight they all germinated. Some of them flowered in the first year and since they are perennials they continued to flower this summer. Their exact location is on the path side of the tall ornamental grasses. The nice thing about hibiscus plants is that they can have about ten flowers on a single stem. These plants grow about six feet tall in fertile soil with hours of sunlight. The hibiscus plants in my gardens produced six pounds of seeds in 2017, about half of them were given away. That leaves about three pounds plus the seeds that were harvested in 2018 that I plan to separate out of their seed pods on a warm day in January 2019. That is a lot of seeds. My ideal plan for these seeds would be for many of them to be cast in the Fairview Park garden in April or May 2019. This would entail roughing up the leaf compost, casting the seeds, and gently raking the surface. They do not need to be planted to any depth. The flowers are mainly white or red.

What I have included is perhaps more significant to people who may grow some of these plants in their garden. The picture is of one hibiscus plant taken from about three feet above the soil at 45 degrees. The stems have been cut off about five inches above the soil. The stems are dead and never will grow again. New stems will grow from the roots out of the ground around where these stems are. It is good to have short stems, so they do not interfere with the next years' stems. The dead stems could be cut back even closer to the ground. I like this length, so I can easily see where the plants are while walking in the garden. Help is needed because of nerve damage to my left leg resulting in limited stability. The instability explains why the gardens were not maintained adequately during the 2018 growing season. Those needing volunteer hours may contact Dave at d.carr@rcn.com or 610.704.5868





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Helping Our Businesses



Helping Our Community

The BIP held their September 26, 2018, Business Luncheon at the Marblehead Chowder House. Guest speakers were: Andrew Kleiner, Director, Redevelopment and External Affairs, and Doug Warfel, Director, Business Recruitment and Lending, from the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation.

Andrew stated that he is currently going around and meeting municipal leaders and elected officials in the Lehigh Valley communities. He reviewed some of his responsibilities which include managing grants for the Lehigh Valley communities. Kleiner went on to say the LVEDC has available resources that can help our communities' businesses. He offered their website, www.lehighvalley.org, where information can be found on many topics and he encouraged the business leaders to reach out to them



with any specific needs you may be experiencing. Kleiner added the LVEDC does a great deal of research on the talent supply available in the Lehigh Valley and matching the talent to the current and future needs of the community.

Doug began his presentation stating they want businesses to come here, start here and grow here. Warfel said a component of his responsibility is the financial piece. He stated they partner with regional banks and with non-profit and public financing resources. This provides a wide variety of financing options available to businesses in the Lehigh Valley. He encouraged anyone to reach out to him to discuss any of the options that are available in more detail.

The BIP also held their annual BIP Golf Outing on Monday, September 17th and once again it was a huge success. The BIP uses this event each year to raise funds to complete projects within our community. We thank all our sponsors, golfers and volunteers that participate in our annual outing. Without you our community projects would not come to fruition, year after year. THANK YOU!

On a very snowy November 15th the BIP held their 42nd Annual Civic Trust Awards Banquet. Debra Young, BIP Chairperson of the event presented awards to the following organizations:

BIP Special Award – to Suburban Emergency Medical Services

This special award was presented to Suburban Emergency Medical Services in recognition of their 65th Anniversary of providing emergency medical services to the Palmer Township community. Suburban EMS has historically made an impact, on not only the business environment of Palmer Township but also exhibits outstanding service contributing to the emergency health and wellness of the residents, visitors, and employees of our community.



Debra Young presents the Community Service Award to Barry Fulmer

Community Service Award – Barry Fulmer

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

Civic Trust Awards

This 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. This year there were three recipients:

BIP recognized Palmer Township for their new Public Works / Public Utilities facility. When the property was purchased for the Palmer Township Parks Facility and

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Recycling Center on Hartley Avenue, there was foresight to consolidate the different departments to one area on the 19.32 adjacent acres and build the Palmer Township Public Works / Utilities Building.

Boyle Construction served as general contractor for the new building, which brought together Palmer Township's Public Works, Utilities, and Sewage Departments under one roof. The 42,500 square foot facility features offices, a kennel, storage, a truck wash, a training room, a service center, 12 double-door truck bays, and 14 single-door truck bays. The facility's site allows truck bay access from both the east and west sides of the building, with a 35-foot aisle between the two-bay entrances and space for future equipment purchases. The Township Salt shed is also located on the rear of the property.

The new building includes offices for the Superintendent of Public Works/Parks/Utilities and his Assistant and there is an office for the Assistant Superintendent of Public Utilities. The Public Works and Utilities Department is home to 18 employees.

BIP also recognized Lehigh Valley Center for Sight. An established group of Ophthalmologists in the Lehigh Valley, which began 40 years ago, and specializes in glaucoma, retina, cataracts, LASIK and oculofacial plastics.

With their main office on Fairmont Street in Allentown, the practice decided Palmer Township would be the perfect location to reach the eastern region of the Lehigh Valley. They purchased the building at 3959 William Penn Highway, which was formerly Saylor's Florist. After purchasing the building, the renovations began.

The reception area welcomes you with a modern design; there are six exam rooms to serve their patients and they also provide complete eye exams within their optical department. The lower level is renovated into a kitchen and break room for the employees. The outside color scheme and landscaping fits in its surroundings and offers plenty of parking convenient to the building. They are happy to build on their patient relationships in this location and have settled in nicely in Palmer Township.

BIP's third Civic Trust recipient this year is the law firm of Goudsouzian & Associates. They have been in existence since 1995 and have been in Palmer Township since the year 2000. Formerly in the office building at 2925 William Penn Highway. The firm recently purchased the building at 2940 William Penn Highway that was a real estate office, and renovations began.

New doors were installed as you enter the building, new flooring and carpet throughout, the HVAC system was replaced, open spaces were converted into offices. They currently have 16 offices and three conference rooms, and they have made use of all three floors. Outside, they are ADA compliant with a handicap accessible ramp, a new surveillance system was installed, and the parking area was extended and paved.

Goudsouzian & Associates currently has six attorneys and a total of 15 employees. They are a full-service law firm with attorneys who specialize in wills, trusts, business matters, criminal defense, and personal injury.

BIP congratulates all our 2018 award recipients!



Palmer Township Public Works / Utilities Building



Lehigh Valley Center for Sight



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Library Holiday Hours:

The library will be closed the following days: **Monday, Feb 18, 2019:** Presidents' Day • **Friday, April 19, 2019:** Good Friday



Santa Claus visited the library early in December to gather all the children's wishes for the holidays. Thank you, Santa!



Booker our library elf had lots of fun hiding from our children this holiday season. Congratulations to all the children who won elves!

Lincoln (left), Lauren M (below)

Pete the Cat winner was Cole Bennett. Congratulations Cole!



Thank You

Thank Girl Scouts: Veteran's Day program

We would like to thank the local Girl Scouts for once again coming together to create holiday cards for our servicemen/women who would not be home for the holidays. The girls made 250 cards that were sent overseas by Support the Troops, Inc. We are grateful to this organization for remembering our troops not only during the holidays, but year-round. If you know of a soldier that would like to receive packages of goodies, please contact Valerie Ferguson at ssstroops@gmail.com.

Thank you to all patrons who gave so generously to our annual Giving Tree this holiday season. Two local families enjoyed a holiday to remember due to the kindness of our community.



Who Was Book Group:

"Who Was Roald Dahl?" by True Kelley will be the discussion on February 12, 2019 at 6:00pm. Children ages 7-13 are welcome to join in the discussion on this famous author. Call the library for more information at 610-258-7492.

I Survived Book Group

A book group for children ages 8-12 who enjoy Lauren Tarshis's I Survived book series. We'll discuss I Survived the Bombing of Pearl Harbor on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00pm. Registration begins February 27!

New for EAPL patrons!

Easton library card holders now have access to the New York Times newspaper from home! Our library offers free home access to this nationally acclaimed newspaper. To access this database, go to the library's homepage, www.eastonpl.org. Click 'databases' on the right side of the page, scroll down to New York Times. First time users must create an account.

Northampton Community College's Success Express is a new RV equipped with computers, Internet access and gives prospective Northampton Community College students the ability to fill out applications, get career information and apply for financial aid. It also is a source for students with Dual Enrollment. The RV will be stationed in the library's parking lot on February 13th and every other Wednesday thereafter from 11am-12:30pm.

Children News

Story time sessions:

Spring Story Time: March 11-April 16, 2019. Sign-ups begin February 19th. Stop by the library to see what session best suits your schedule. We offer 6 story times each week for children ages 6 months to 6 years old.

American Girl Book Group

Feb 23rd, 2pm - 3pm • Title: TBA

Girls ages 7-13 years old are welcomed to join this book group. You do NOT need to own an American Girl doll. This group meets monthly to discuss a specific American Girl and scrapbook. If interested, please email stephanies@eastonpl.org.

Upcoming dates include: Saturday, March 23rd, Saturday, April 20th and Saturday, May 18th.

Attention History Buffs: The Palmer Historical Society invites your membership and attendance at their informative and educational meetings featuring local and area subjects of interest. 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.

Interested? Contact Ed Dean at 610-253-2281

Adult News:

The **Palmer Adult Book Group** meets the 4th Tuesday of every month, except December, from 6:00-7:30pm.

Upcoming discussions include:

- February 26th, "Woman in the Window" by A.J. Finn
- March 26th, "Alice Network" by Kate Quinn
- April 23rd, "A Spark of Light" by Jodi Picoult
- May 28th, TBA

New members always welcome.

True Crime Book Group

Do you enjoy reading true crime books? Consider joining **True Crime Library**, our adult true crime book group. This group meets the third Thursday of every other month from 6:00-7:00pm.

Scheduled meetings are: Thursday, March 21st and Thursday, May 16th. Topics to be announced. For monthly updates and meeting reminders, sign up for the True Crime Library newsletter: bit.ly/TrueCrimeLibrary

Forever Young Adult Book Group is for adults who enjoy reading and discussing Teen/Young Adult literature. Monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Upcoming discussions:

- Wednesday, February 20th: *My So-Called Bollywood Life* by Nisha Sharma
- Wednesday, March 20th: *Sea Witch* by Sarah Henning
- Wednesday, April 17th: *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

Young Adult News:

Teen Writing Group

Teen Writer's Workshop is a laid-back program that helps teen writers understand how to write creatively and share their stories with peers. TWW meets on select Saturdays at 1:00pm. Contact Ashley at absupinski@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming dates are:

- Saturday, February 9th
- Saturday, March 9th
- Saturday, April 6th
- Saturday, May 4th.

Teen Chat & Chew

It's like a pizza club with a book obsession. This group for teens meets select Saturdays every other month. Teens can read any Teen/YA book on a selected theme and rave or rant about what they read. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

- Saturday, March 9 at 2:00pm: Twists on Fairy Tales
- Saturday, May 4 at 2:00pm: Space Operas

YA Fest 2019

YA Fest is coming back to the Palmer Branch on August 10, 2019! We are excited to announce Gretchen McNeil, author of #murdertrending, and 24 additional young adult authors who will be participating in discussions and signing their most recent book release. For more information, check out the website at yafestpa.com and follow us on social media @YAFestPA.

Upcoming Summer Reading Program, 2019 • A Universe of Stories

This summer we will focus on space! Some of the fun programs we have planned are:

- Making a shooting star! • Creating a spaceship! • Crafting an alien!**
Learning about astronomy! • Building a robot! • Lots of STEM activities!

We will have our summer reading calendar online early in June. Signups will begin June 3.

The Palmer Branch will have the kickoff on Monday, June 10th. Stop by to see all the fun events

we have planned for you and your family! And don't forget, there will be lots and lots of "out of this world" prizes!

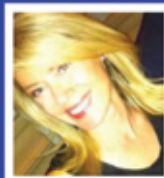


Would you like to be kept informed of upcoming events at the Easton Area Public Library? The Friends of the Library has sponsored an email online newspaper. This is a great way to know what current events are happening! Sign up to stay in touch. Go to www.eastonpl.org and click the "join the email list" button!

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Palmer Park Mall Assist First Responders with Training Needs

The mall management recently assisted Township First Responders with their training needs by supplying the vacant Bon Ton Store. Until the mall finds a new tenant for the open space, the fire department will utilize the building for numerous types of training scenarios.



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The Fire Department was saddened in December to announce the passing of Firefighter and Life Member Thomas "Pappy" Condosta. Beginning his service in January of 1970, Pappy proudly served the PMFD and residence of Palmer Township for 49 years.

Every September 11, fire departments around the world pay tribute to all the fallen hero's and victims from the 9/11 attacks. This past September 11, PMFD traveled to Liberty State Park to partake in the Tribute In Lights. After darkness set in, the tower lights illuminate Lower Manhattan in remembrance to all.



Palmer Township Police Department

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Phone: (610) 253-5844 – Fax (610) 253-4933



The Palmer Township Police Department will be instituting a Body-Worn Camera Program. This program will be paid for by U.S. Department of Justice and local gaming funds. As part of this program, we are advising the Palmer community such as residents, businesses, and other groups and organizations, seeking any comments, questions or suggestions they may have.

In this initiative, all uniformed Palmer Township Police Officers in the Patrol Division, the K-9 Unit, Traffic Unit, School Resource Officer and certain other specialized units will wear a body camera while on duty. These body cameras will record both audio and video encounters with citizens as they do their daily duties.

This program will enhance transparency and will capture police-citizen interactions in real time. Police body cameras will improve police community relations and public trust, protecting officers and citizens against false allegations, increase officer and citizen accountability, and will be used as a training and evaluation tool for the entire department.

I look forward to the start of this program. Over the next several months, our objective is for the Officers to begin training with the proper operation and care of the body-worn cameras.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the Body-Worn Camera program, please contact my office by phone at 610-253-5844 or contact my office for an appointment. We hope for a full implementation of the program in the very near future.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Larry Palmer, Chief of Police

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Upcoming Events & Programs at the Center:

- **Seniors Cards:** Come out and socialize, Tuesdays from 12:00-4:00pm.
- **Ambassador Club:** Meets every 3rd Monday of the month at 1:00pm (*No meetings in July, August, or December*)
- **Greater Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Sewing Guild** 2nd Thursday of Each Month until June 10:00am-1:00pm
- **Silver Spring Social:** Wednesday April 24th, 2019
- **American Red Cross Blood Drives:** Friday February 8th & Friday April 5th
- **The Clothing Tree:** April 9-13th, 2019. Kids Consignment Sale, for more information visit www.theclothingtree.com
- **The Knife Show:** May 4th 9:00am-5:00pm & May 5th 9:00am-3:00pm Admission is \$6.00. No charge under 13. For more information, go to www.paknifeshow.com. You can buy, sell, and display knives.
- **Cat Fanciers Cat Show:** April 27th & 28th

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

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9:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday

Extended care: 7:00-9:00am & 4:00-6:00 (Additional fees apply, \$25 each)

1	June 10th – 14th	Hey, what's up, hello	Field Trips To Be Determined *Check Our Website*
2	June 17th – 21st	Fiesta	
3	June 24th – 28th	Hawaiian Hullabaloo	
4	July 1st – 3rd (No camp 4th & 5th)	Stars & Stripes	
5	July 8th – 12th	Disco Days	
6	July 15th – 19th	Color Me Crazy	
7	July 22nd – 26th	Walk on the Wildside	
8	July 29th – August 2nd	Super Sports	
9	August 5th – 9th	Goin Green	
10	August 12th – 16th	Carnival	

Cost Per Week:

Palmer Resident Rate: \$160.00

Non-Resident Rate: \$175.00

Week 4 pricing:

Palmer Resident Rate: \$100.00

Non-Resident Rate: \$115.00

- A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve each child's spot per week
- Payment made in full for 5 or more weeks on or before June 3rd will receive a 10% discount.

Camp activities take place at The Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township-4100 Green Pond Road, Palmer, PA. Daily swimming will take place at The Palmer Pool-3001 Farmersville Road, Palmer, PA. Our weekly field trips take place on their location sites, a detailed information sheet will be given out prior to the trip. If a wavier is necessary, it too will be given out prior and need to be signed for camper participation. For more info, 610-252-2098 or camppalmer@palmertwp.com.

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HOW TO REGISTER:

In person: Register at The Charles Chrin Community Center. Please fill out all necessary forms in packet along with a non-refundable \$50.00 deposit (per week, per child)

Registration starts:

Returning Campers Friday February 22nd from 9:00am-6:00pm & Saturday February 23rd, 2019 9:00am-Noon

New Campers Friday March 22nd from 9:00am-6:00pm & Saturday March 23rd, 2019 9:00am - Noon

Withdrawals/Refunds:

Deposits and weekly payments are non-refundable.

Field Trip Consent Notice:

For all field trips you will receive information each Monday about the details of our trips; including date, time of departure and return, location, and anything that would be needed. You will sign a release for transportation when you register.

Helpful Tips:

- All campers should bring a water bottle with their name on it & packed lunch everyday
- Please label all camper belongings with their first and last name
- Campers will have time to apply sunscreen prior to outdoor activities and swimming
- Feel free to pack additional snacks inside their backpack
- Campers should be dressed in play clothes
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Jr. Panthers Soccer with Coach Thom: Spring Outdoor

Dates: April 23rd – June 6th • 7 Weeks, twice a week
 Located at Keystone park behind Tracy Elementary
 Registration starts March 1st!

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 \$100 & Non-Residents \$105
**If returning from indoor take \$10 off!*

- 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!
- All practices and games will take place at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township
- Please have children wear shin guards & cleats
- Volunteer coaches are welcome and encouraged!



Amazing Athletes

Our year-round developmental sport and fitness program teaches the basic-fundamentals and mechanics of 9 sports while mastering 7 key areas of motor development. Each class is 35 minutes in length, offers instruction on two different sports (baseball, football, golf, soccer, basketball, lacrosse, tennis, hockey, volleyball) enhances hand-eye coordination, muscle tone, speed & agility, and lots of FUN. Children will receive a t-shirt. Ages 2.5-6 Friday: 9:30am, 10:10am, & 10:50am; more times available based on demand. This program is at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township; Registration can be done online at the following:

1. Go to www.amazingathletes.com/lehighvalley
2. Click on "classes" and select "Charles Chrin Community Center" (You'll be looking for Coach Gary)
3. Click on "REGISTER NOW," and choose which age group they are signing up for
4. Fill out registration information and payment information.

Sessions:

- March 8th-May 3rd
(No class on April 13th & April 19th)

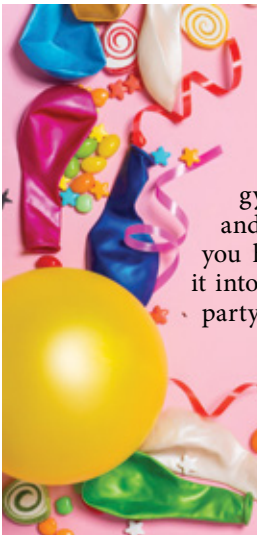


Early-Season Shrub and Perennial Care Workshop

Saturday, April 13, 2019 | 10 am to noon

Pierce Memorial Gardens at the Chrin Community Center Park
 4100 Green Pond Rd. | Palmer, PA 18045

Do you know how to deadhead perennials or when to trim your roses? Knowing how and when to prune is an important part of caring for your garden and landscape plants. Join us for an informal workshop and learn how and when to properly care for your landscape plants at the beginning of the growing season. This workshop is free, but registration is strongly recommended. Please register by April 11, 2019, by calling 484.483.3495 or by emailing info@carriagehousedesign.net. Light refreshments will be provided. Brought to you by Carriage House Landscape Design. www.carriagehousedesign.net Please look out for our next event scheduled for June 1st, 2019!



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Children will have the opportunity to play on different gymnastics equipment; including bars, beam, trampoline and the air trak, along with games and the parachute! Or if you have a child that is into sports, we can also incorporate it into your child's special day! After one hour of play time the party coordinators will escort the children to the food area, they will serve the children pizza and juice. Don't worry about clean up the coordinators take care of that also.

In addition to bagging all the birthday gifts to take home!

Please contact Brenda at 610-252-2098 for more information.

Party Hours

All dates & times vary based upon availability.

Pricing

Basic (up to 20 children)	\$250/Resident \$275/Non Resident
Each additional child	\$5
Additional Pizza	\$10 each
Weekday birthday party	\$220

(Monday-Friday — Daytime parties based upon availability)

Children's Programs

at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township:

Kindermusik - Sing N Move – A music class where you and your baby will get to sing, move, and play! They'll not only explore themselves but their surroundings and social skills. It's a learning and bonding experience for you both.

- Tuesdays: 10:00-10:45am Ages 0-2 \$75/session
- Tuesdays: 11:00-11:45am Ages 2-3.5 \$75/session

Sessions for 2019:

- February 12th, 19th, 26th, & March 5th (Register starting January 2nd)
- March 19th, 26th, April 2nd, & 9th (Register starting February 1st)
- April 23rd, 30th, May 7th & 14th (Register starting March 1st)

This class runs in 4-week sessions at a time with a break week between each, if you miss the start of a session you will have to wait for the next. We want to make sure you and your child get the most out of the experience!

You can register at the community center for this program! Sign up early as we only accept 10 children/class.

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, the air trak every other week, accompanied by fun music! Each day we'll end with bubbles and a stamp. This is a walk-in program. Come early as we only accept 30 children at a time. (Children under 1 are free)

- Wednesdays: 9:30-10:15am and 10:15-11:00am \$5 walk-in per class
- Thursdays: 9:30-10:15am and 10:15-11:00am \$5 walk-in per class



Easter Egg Hunt



Friday April 19th, 2019 at 10:00 am
at The Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township (RAIN OR SHINE)

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- Group One-----Ages 1, 2, & 3
- Group Three-----Ages 6 & 7
- Group Two-----Ages 4 & 5
- Group Four-----Ages 8 & 9 (Fourth graders)



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Charles Chrin Community Center Fitness Class Schedule



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Zumba 10:45-11:35am Varies	Zumba Toning 9:30-10:20am Jeanie	Yoga 9:30-10:20am Jessica	Zumba 9:30-10:20am Jeanie	Yoga 9:30-10:20am Krissy	Zumba 9:30-10:20am August	Zumba 10:00-10:50am Varies
		Zumba/Tabata 10:45-11:35am August		Bootcamp 10:45-11:35am August		
<i>Silver Fitness Classes!</i> See full schedule for more details. →	Zumba Gold 1:00-1:45pm Rebecca Silver Class	Pilates Tone 1:00-1:45pm August Silver Class	Zumba Gold Toning 1:00-1:45pm Rebecca Silver Class	Core Stretch 1:00-1:45pm August Silver Class	Pilates Stretch 1:00-1:45pm Tela Silver Class	
	Pound 6:15-7:00pm Lisa	STRONG 6:00 – 6:50pm Lisa	Turbo Kick 5:45-6:15pm Alyssa	Core Bootcamp 5:15-6:05pm August	Pilates 6:00-6:50pm Tela	
	Zumba 7:00-7:50pm Lisa	Zumba 7:00 – 7:50pm Lisa	Zumba 6:15-7:05pm Alan	Zumba Toning 6:15-7:05pm Lisa		
	Yoga 7:15-8:05pm Scheila			Yoga 7:15-8:05pm Scheila		

- ❖ **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 (1:00pm classes): \$3.00/class**

- **NO REGISTRATION FEES**
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- **MONTH-TO-MONTH PAYMENT**

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

**Watch for special events throughout the year!*

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



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Silver Fitness Schedule



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

Monday	1:00pm-1:45pm	Zumba Gold Rebecca
Tuesday	1:00pm-1:45pm	Pilates Stretch Tela
Wednesday	1:00pm-1:45pm	Zumba Gold Toning Rebecca
Thursday	1:00pm-1:45pm	Core Stretch August
Friday	1:00pm-1:45pm	Pilates Tone Tela

Our Silver Pass is \$20/month, and includes access to all Silver Fitness Classes only and access to the Fitness Center.

Drop-in Fee is \$3/class

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

We'll also have quarterly social events, more information to follow!

You can find more information at www.palmercommunitycenter.org or call 610-252-2098

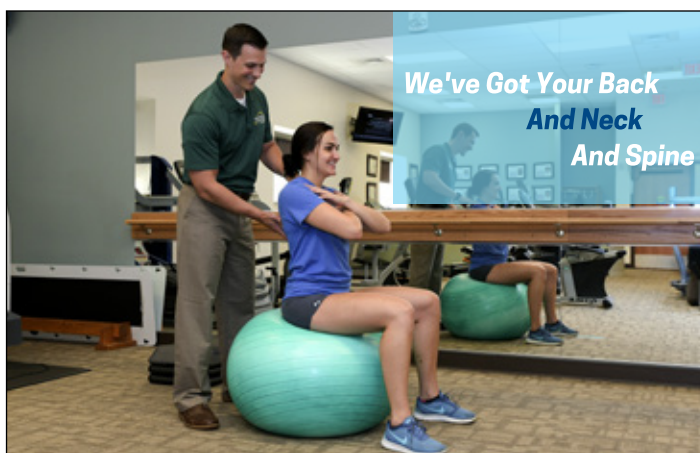
Brief Class Descriptions:

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.

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.

Pilates – 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.



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Winter Session: 8 weeks - January 7th-March 2nd 2019

Spring Session: 9 weeks - March 11th-May 18th 2019 (No class: April 15th- 20th)
Only returning dancers can sign up for our spring session due to recital.

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

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 x 12 weeks=\$204.00

Payments plans are available. We divide tuition evenly over the number of months per session:

- Fall 4 payments
- Winter 2 payments
- Spring 3 payments

Payments are due the first week of each month. We accept cash, check, credit cards. 2% fee on credit card transactions.

PRIVATE LESSONS ARE BASED ON AVAILABILITY:

Private lessons based on availability (solo, duo or trio) \$60 per dancer per 30 min 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.*

If participating in the May 2019 recital, dancers will receive 20% off the Spring 2019 session.

CLASSES OFFERED

Mondays:

- **Twinkle Toes** 5:30-6:20pm Ages 5-7 Building on ballet and tap movements introduced in First Steps.
- **Teen Jazz/Lyrical** 6:30-7:20pm Ages 12 & up. Joining of ballet and jazz techniques. Using emotion to connect and inspire. On alternate weeks, we will work on jazz warm-ups, progressions, and combinations.

Wednesdays:

- **Mini Jazz & Tumble** 5:30-6:20pm Ages 3-6 Beginner
- **Adult Ballet** 6:30-7:20pm
- **Adult Tap** 7:30-8:20pm

Saturdays:

- **First Steps** 9:30-10:20am, Ages 3-6 Beginner, we will incorporate ballet, tap, and some gymnastics in this class. Basic ballet and tap movements introduced.
- **Intermediate Lyrical Ballet/Tap** 10:30-11:00am Ages 7-11 *Experience required. Students will continue ballet technique, along with basic lyrical combinations. On alternate weeks students will learn level 2 & 3 tap technique combinations.
- **Gymnastics** 11:10-12:10pm Ages 7 & up, students will work at their own gymnastics level with the guidance of our instructors.
- **Intermediate Jazz** 12:15-12:45pm Ages 7-11 Experience is required, jazz dance is a fun and energetic style teaching flexible techniques and choreography. This class includes a warm-up, turns, leaps, jumps and runs.

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- **Monday - Tiny Competition** 5:00-5:30pm Ages 3-5
- **Thursday - Mini Competition & Choreography** 5:30-7:00pm Ages 5-7
- **Thursday - Junior Competition & Choreography** 7:00-8:30pm Ages 5-7

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