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*is back for the summer of 2023!!*  
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## Easter Egg Hunt

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2022**  
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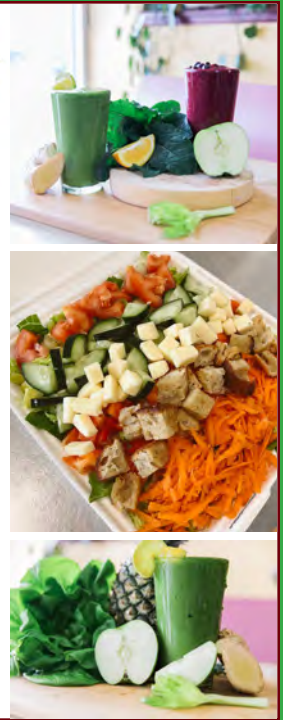
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**PALMER TOWNSHIP  
COMMUNITY WEEKEND**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th, 2022**  
**Movies In The Park At Dusk**

**FOLLOWED BY FOUR FUN FILLED DAYS**  
**August 17th-20th, 2023 - Fairview Park!**

## MS4 NEWS

### MS4 Best Management Practices (BMP) - Native Plants

Long before humans roamed the earth and started altering the environment, plants thrived in open space. Over time plants adapted to their surroundings, finding the best way to live with the other organisms in the area. Some examples of plant adaptation are cacti in the desert that have waxy coatings on their leaves to retain water (Plant Adaptations, 2022). When plants have evolved to be best suited to their environment, these are called native plants. Another definition would be a plant that existed in an area before colonization of Europeans (Landscaping with Native Plants, 2022). The opposite of a native plant would be an invasive plant, which is a plant from another environment that is introduced to an area where there are no natural predators. Native plants are important not only to Pennsylvania, but to all areas of the world because the plants are best suited to live there, but also because the animals rely on those native plants for their food source. Native plants attract pollinators like bees, moths, hummingbirds, and beetles to continue the plant population into the next year (Landscaping with Native Plants, 2022). The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DNCR) tracks and promotes plantings that will aid native pollinators (Landscaping with Native Plants, 2022).



When you plant native you should keep in mind to conserve existing native vegetation and plant communities; why dig up the native plants that are already there? Choose nursery propagated native plants to ensure that the species is native and not just labeled as a native plant (Landscaping with Native Plants, 2022). Keeping native plants in their habitat is the goal, so please do not remove any native plants from the wild to be transplanted in your own yard. Limit fertilizer and chemical usage to increase plant health and never plant an invasive species. The most important tip is to know your site! Is there wet or dry soil? Is it a sunny or shady spot most of the day? The site conditions truly determine what type or species of plant you should be choosing. Pennsylvania has a wide variety of native plants suited to every type of condition, you are guaranteed to find a native plant that will suit your garden or landscaping site! Do your part for the environment and choose native plants this spring! For more information, visit DCNR's website (<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>) for plant updates and native species for your own garden!

#### References

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**HOLIDAY  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
CLOSINGS:**

**Good Friday  
April 7, 2023**

## MS4 – HRG INC.

Palmer Township recently started working with Herbert, Rowland, and Grubic Inc. (HRG), an engineering firm, founded in 1962. HRG has 10 office locations across Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio and offers expertise in civil engineering, surveying, and environmental services. The firm also offers technical expertise in fields like asset management, bridge design, traffic engineering, and roadway design to name a few. HRG works with many different stakeholders including local government, regulating agencies, and private residents. Palmer Township will benefit from HRG's knowledge of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program requirements, and help Palmer improve the stormwater system. HRG helped develop the current regulations and trained officials who implement regulation measures for water quality.

HRG's mission is to "build a relationship with [their] clients to understand their needs and educate them and our team to deliver quality at the best value." HRG values ethics, business stewardship, and quality in everything they do. The company also offers a wide range of technical services such as erosion and sedimentation control, waterway permits, and stream restoration design.



*Palmer Township looks forward to working with HRG to improve its stormwater*




The Palmer Township ESC would like to thank the raffle winners Kim Abood and John Renfer who participated at the E-cycle event in September, and the Tree Lighting event in December! Kim won an electric weed whacker and leaf blower combo, and John won a battery powered mulching mower. A special thank you to all Palmer Township residents for helping us keep Palmer green and we look forward to more programs and raffles in the New Year!

*... Bill Ruch, ESC Chairman*

**Brian J. Panella, Esq.**

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## BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PALMER TOWNSHIP NEWS - BIP

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### Business, Industrial and Professional Association News

The BIP held their annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at Elpedio's Restaurant at the Historic Seipsville Inn. This year the BIP decided for their BIP Civic Trust Awards to recognize those local businesses and associations that recently reached some important milestones. The following were recognized:

**Steve's Pizzeria & Family Restaurant – 50 years**

**Superior Decorating – 50 years**

**Balloons the Clown – 50 years**

**The Palmer Township Athletic Association – 70 years**

Please visit: <https://bippalmer.org/2022-civic-trust-awards/> for complete biographies of each organization's milestones. We congratulate each recipient and thank you for your continued support and dedication to Palmer Township. Deb Young, Awards Banquet Committee Chair, presented awards to each recipient.



**Theresa D'Angelo**



**Mike Assise**



**Balloons The Clown  
aka  
Neal Fehnel**



**David Dumpel, President  
Palmer Township  
Athletic Association**

Also at the banquet, Palmer 5K Race Director, Jeff Kicska, presented a check for \$8,500.00 to Ric Agretto, President of the Northampton County Miracle League. The donation is the proceeds from this year's Palmer 5K Race that was held August 20, 2022, during Palmer Community Weekend. The BIP would like to thank our Board of Director's member, Jeff Kicska, for his time in making this event successful year in and year out.

The BIP held their annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 19, 2022, at Riverview Country Club. This is the BIP's largest annual fundraiser and we are happy to report proceeds of \$22,000 from this year's event. Each year the committee uses these funds for charitable projects or improvements within Palmer Township. Their most recent donation went toward the Kiwanis Youth Center of Palmer Township project currently under construction at the Palmer Athletic Complex.

Other BIP projects over the years included: community playgrounds, community pavilions, Palmer Library beautification project, and dog waste stations and benches along the township bike trails. Thank you to all our golfers, sponsors and volunteers that make this annual event a success for our organization.



*Photo left to right:  
Jeff Kicska and Ric Agretto*

## EDUCATION:



Suburban EMS is dedicated to providing educational opportunities to our employees that enrich and enhance their abilities and knowledge in emergency medical care & transportation. These classes focus specifically on our staff and surrounding emergency responders. Our in-house instructors can now teach EMR and EMT certification classes in addition to EVOC/EVDT and AHA CPR. The EMT

and EMR programs are now open to the public. Students perform clinicals on our ambulances every week with defined assignments related to the week's classroom material.

Becoming an EMT has never been easier, and the best part is that you can earn while you learn. Suburban EMS is offering a PA Bureau of EMS-approved EMT-Basic Certification Course. Train for a rewarding career in Prehospital Emergency Medical Services and get paid while you earn your certification.

We offer Competitive Salaries, Vacation, Sick Time, Medical, Dental, Vision Insurance, 401k Retirement plans, and other benefits. For more information about our program please email [rbruce@suburbanems.org](mailto:rbruce@suburbanems.org).

### **2023 SUBURBAN EMS DAY CLASS DATES**

**WINTER CLASS** ..... *January 9th – March 2nd*

**SPRING CLASS** ..... *April 3rd – May 25th*

**SUMMER CLASS** ..... *June 26th – August 17th*

**FALL CLASS** ..... *September 25th – November 16th*

## FEBRUARY:

We hope that 2023 has been off to a great start for all of you! Suburban EMS would like to remind you to keep your driveways and sidewalks shoveled, should you need our services. Continue to participate in safe driving practices, and watch out for black ice!

### **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.

**Interested? Contact Ed Dean at 610-253-2281**



## PLANNING

Congratulations to Jeff Kicska for completing the training modules of the Lehigh Valley Government Academy, an extension of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. By completing these courses Jeff has achieved the recognition of Certified Urban Planner. These courses are prepared and implemented by the Pennsylvania Municipal Education Institute (PMPEI) and offer a comprehensive understanding of the principals of municipal planning and development. Jeff has also achieved an “Outstanding Award” from the PMPEI. The George Fasic Outstanding Planning Education Achievement Award is provided to recognize officials demonstrating a commitment to planning education by completing all four of PMPEI’s core courses: Community Planning, Subdivision and Land Development Review, Zoning, and Zoning Administration.

Bob Blanchfield, Planning Commission Chairman added “I believe it is fantastic when Planning Commission members seek additional education in order to become better Commission members. Thank you, Jeff, for your efforts in this continuing education process.”

Jeff has been a member of the Planning Commission since 2015. He is a board member of the Businesses, Industrial and Professional Association (BIP) in Palmer Township. He is the founder and coordinator of the Palmer 5K race that raises money which has been donated to the Miracle League of Northampton County. Jeff and his business “And the Sign Says” are very active in the Palmer Community. We congratulate Jeff on his accomplishment and thank him for his dedicated service to our Township Planning Commission.

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING

All carts should be placed curbside by 5:00am. Materials placed outside of the carts will not be collected. Lids need to be closed and not overflowing to prevent litter and cart lid breakage.



**PAPER** – office and school paper, newsprint, junk mail, paper bags, phone books, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, wrapping paper (no metallic paper or bows.) Shredded paper should be bagged and placed in the trash cart.

**CARDBOARD** – paper towel rolls, cereal, cracker, and pasta boxes, shipping and shoe boxes, manila folders, etc. No wax-coated, pizza or other food, paint or oil contaminated boxes. Flatten and/or cut up to release from the cart easily.

**PLASTIC BOTTLES OR CONTAINERS** – Rinsed household tubs and bottles (such as soda, water, milk, juice, shampoo, detergent, condiments, yogurt, margarine, to-go containers, pet food, etc.) No plastic bags or Styrofoam. Look for the recycling triangle on the bottom with these numbers inside #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7. Lids attached.

**FLEXIBLE (NOT RIGID) PLASTICS** – these are able to flex or wrap and are rinsed clean of food contamination. Acceptable items include plastic shopping bags, potato chip and snack bags, produce bags including salad and carrot bags, shredded cheese packages, pet treat pouches, case wrap, shrink film, bread bags, cereal bags, bubble wrap, drink pouches, paper towel and toilet paper overwraps, detergent pouches, shipping bags.

**GLASS** - Rinsed clear, brown, and green bottles and jars. Discard lids.

**CANS** – Rinsed aluminum, bi-metal, and tin cans as well as empty aerosol cans.

**METAL POTS AND PANS**

**CARTONS** – Rinsed food cartons that contain milk, juice, broth, cream, egg substitutes, soup, soy milk, and wine boxes.

**No food contaminated items, electronics, textiles, construction debris, or yard waste.**

## 2023 HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

Waste and recycling collections will be delayed by one day following these holidays: **Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.**

## CURBSIDE TRASH

- All trash goes into your green cart with the green lid. Materials outside the cart will not be collected.
- Trash should be bagged before being placed in the cart. Bagging helps keep your cart clean and reduces windblown litter.
- Prohibited items include recyclables (see left), tires, hazardous waste, liquid paint, motor oil, electronics, yard waste, construction debris (wood, concrete, window panes, etc.), dirt, rock, and car parts.
- **Overfilled carts or carts containing prohibited items will not be collected.**



## RECYCLING DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Open to Palmer Residents & Businesses Only

### Hartley Avenue Recycling Center

Monday, Wednesday, Friday,  
8:00am– 4:00pm  
Saturday, 10:00am-3:00pm  
Sunday, 12:00pm-4:00pm

Accepts paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and containers, glass, cans, scrap metals, and yard waste (no more than 3 small bundles of yard waste (no larger than 3' x 3' and not exceeding 40 lbs.) per visit. Free to Palmer residents and businesses.

### Berks Street Yard Waste Composting Center

Berks Yard Waste Center will be open the first Sunday of the month in December, January and February.

Accepts large amounts of yard waste for a small fee. NO plastic rope, bags, or twine; grass clippings, tree stumps, soil or dirt, sod, wood, animal excrement, or noxious weeds including bamboo of any kind. Tree limbs must be less than 12" inches in diameter.

Speed limit within the center is 5 MPH at all times.

*Up-to-date and more comprehensive information is always available at [www.palmerwp.com](http://www.palmerwp.com).*

## UPCOMING SPECIAL CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS

Place curbside on your scheduled collection day, but will be collected that week by a separate vehicle.

### BULK ITEM COLLECTION: Weeks of March 6, May 8, September 11, & November 27

One item per collection. Bulk items are defined as items too large to fit into the trash cart; with the general rule of thumb being an item the approximate dimensions and weight of a standard size sofa, and that can be carried by two (2) men. Acceptable items include plastic dishwashers, furniture, mattresses and box springs (wrapped in plastic), rugs rolled up and tied and no larger than 3' x 6'. Unacceptable items include, but are not limited to, electronics, construction debris (i.e. wood, sinks, toilets, doors, windows, siding, roofing shingles, etc.), large glass items (i.e. glass tables, china cabinets, or window panes), hazardous materials, tires, yard waste, grass clippings, or additional household trash. If you can't wait for a bulk item collection, you may request a special bulk item collection by contacting Waste Management Customer Service at 800.621.2100. Identify yourself as a resident of Palmer Township, PA to receive the Township's \$40 per item pickup price. Be sure to get the confirmation number in the event follow-up is needed.

### METAL AND APPLIANCES COLLECTION: Weeks of April 10 and September 25

One item per collection. Appliances such as microwaves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators and freezers (remove doors; FREON does not need to be removed); washers, dryers, metal dishwashers, steel or aluminum tire rims (w/o tires), hot water heaters, metal swing sets (taken apart and tied up), bicycles, BBQ grills (gas, propane, and/or charcoal removed), and push-behind lawnmowers (oil and gas removed). No electronics or plastic dishwashers. Metal items and appliances, as described here, can be taken to the Palmer Township Recycling Center, 3600 Hartley Avenue, year-round.

### YARD WASTE COLLECTION: June 5 and November 6

Unlimited amounts of yard waste (leaves, branches, twigs, flowers, roots, bushes, and garden clippings) will be collected curbside. Tree limbs must be less than 4" inches in diameter. NO plastic rope, bags, or twine, grass clippings, tree stumps, loose soils, sod, or any wood or tree limbs over four (4) inches in diameter, animal excrement, noxious weeds, or bamboo of any kind or soil.

### LEAF COLLECTION: Eight weeks in the Fall (typically mid-October to second week of December)

Residents must rake their leaves into the street and close to the curb. This collection is highly dependent on weather conditions.

### CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION – First three (3) full weeks in January

Remove any transport bags, tinsel, ornaments, lights, and tree stands.

## PALMER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

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:** Will be available to Palmer residents only for the month of January, beginning on January 4th, 2023 at 9:00am. Park rentals will become available to the general public on February 1st, 2023 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, Phone: 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**
  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 \$50.00**
- **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**

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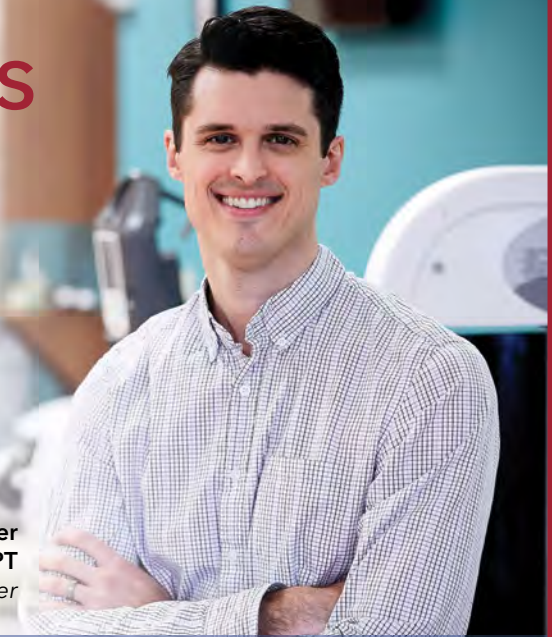
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## Stop in and see our new look!

The Palmer Branch looks a little different! Thanks to a joint partnership between Palmer Township and the Easton Area Public Library, the carpets were replaced throughout the library in November.



BEFORE



AFTER

This project was made possible by a generous bequest from Mr. Clifton Morris. National Library Relocations, from Long Island, NY, helped move all the books, furniture, and shelving units. Kustom Floors of Palmer Township, removed and installed the carpet. Thank you to everyone who made this project possible!

## PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS

### PALS (Palmer Adult Library Support)

The Palmer Branch invites adults with developmental disabilities to be an integral part of our library community. We offer daily opportunities for learning, creativity, fun, and friendship. Activities include art/crafts, games and puzzles, and simple STEM activities. Visit the Palmer Branch anytime to participate in PALS!



### Forever Young Adult Book Group

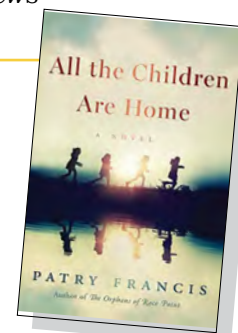
For adults who enjoy teen and young adult fiction. Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

- Wednesday, February 15 ..... *Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn
- Wednesday, March 15 ..... *Me, Earl, and the Dying Girl* by Jesse Andrews
- Wednesday, April 19 ..... *Monsters Born and Made* by Tanvi Berwah

### Palmer Adult Book Group

Meets the 4th Tuesday the month at 6:00pm. Contact Toni at [palmeradultbookgroup@eastonpl.org](mailto:palmeradultbookgroup@eastonpl.org) if you would like to receive monthly email reminders.

- Tuesday, February 28 ..... *All the Children Are Home* by Patry Francis
- Tuesday, March 28 ..... *Where the Desert Meets the Sea* by Werner Sonne
- Tuesday, April 25 ..... *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson



### Yoga with Ramona

Enjoy an afternoon yoga class with certified yoga instructor Ramona Trumbour. Adults of all skill levels are welcome to attend. **Meets the first Saturday of the month at 1:30pm.**



### Diverse Voices

Focuses on diverse voices across various mediums and meets virtually for a community discussion on the **last Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.** Email Angie at [angelar@eastonpl.org](mailto:angelar@eastonpl.org) for more information.

Pre-registration is required for all youth programs (children's and teen) unless otherwise noted.  
 Visit [www.eastonpl.org](http://www.eastonpl.org) or contact Katie at [katiec@eastonpl.org](mailto:katiec@eastonpl.org)  
 for more information about our upcoming activities!

## TWEEN AND TEEN PROGRAMMING



**Teen Writers Workshop**  
 Ages 12 and up.  
 Meets the **first Saturday of the month @ 1:00pm.**  
 No registration required.

**Anti-Valentine's Party**  
 Ages 14 and up.  
**Thursday, February 9**  
**@ 3:30pm**



**Chocolate Party**  
 Ages 10-13.  
**Saturday, February 4**  
**@ 2:00pm**



**Taste Test Challenge**  
 Ages 10-13  
**Tuesday, March 14**  
**@ 4:00pm**

## CHILDRENS PROGRAMMING

**Weekly Storytime**  
 We offer **weekly storytimes** for children up to five years old.

**Sensory Friendly Storytime**  
 Designed for children with sensory sensitivities. Meets **Thursdays mornings at 11:30.**  
 For ages 2-7.



**Hora de Cuentos**  
 An interactive, bilingual storytime with stories and songs in Spanish and English. Meets **alternating Saturdays at 10:30am.** For ages 0-10.

**Bedtime Storytime**  
 Children are invited to wear their PJs, bring a stuffed animal, and snuggle in for some fun bedtime stories! For ages 2-7.  
**Wednesday, March 8 @ 6:00pm**

**Homeschool Happenings**  
 Fun opportunities for homeschooling families to connect, socialize, and learn at the library!  
 Friday, February 24: Library Jenga  
 Friday, March 24: Homeschool Science Fair

**I Survived Book Group**  
 Ages 8-12.  
*I Survived the Wellington Avalanche, 1910*  
**Wednesday, February 22**  
**@ 4:00pm**



## Upcoming Library Closures

*Monday, February 20 (President's Day)*

*Friday, April 7 (Good Friday)*



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Palmer Township Police Association made sure no children were left out this Christmas by purchasing gifts at Palmer Elementary and a donation drive for Toy For Tots.



Palmer Township Police Association made sure our school district children will be warm this winter with purchasing winter jackets.



*Thank you police department!*



### MIRACLE LEAGUE

The Miracle League of Northampton County held its 10-year celebration on October 15, 2022. Games were played, and monetary donations were presented to us by the Rotary Club in Easton, Werner Enterprises, Palmer Township Athletic Association, and the Palmer Township Fire Company. Also, representatives from Lehigh Valley Health Network spoke regarding the pending three-year partnership with the Miracle League. It was a great turnout at our field, and our parents and players enjoyed lots of food, drink, and desserts.

It was also announced that our first Miracle League Golf Tournament will be held at Green Pond Country Club on Monday, May 22, 2023. More information will be posted on our website and Facebook. We will be looking for sponsors and hope to have a great turnout.

*thank you*

Palmer Township gratefully acknowledges the generosity and support of the businesses and individuals who have placed advertisements in our newsletter. This newsletter has been designed and printed at no cost to you, our residents. We encourage you to patronize these businesses as they play a vital role in the economic stability of our community.

This article is the third in a 4-part series on the Palmer Township Watershed. As was explained in two previous articles, a watershed is a geographic area cut by rivers, streams and creeks that also encompass the outlying areas that drain into these waterways. The two waterway components directly affecting Palmer Township are the Bushkill Creek and Lehigh River. This article will concentrate on the Biology (animals & plants) and the Ecology (interactions of animals & plants) in the natural environment of this watershed.

As was printed in article two of this series, there are over 246 species of birds that have been recorded frequenting just the Bushkill Creek section of our watershed. There are many other inhabitants in the reptile, amphibian and mammal groups that abound in our watershed as well. Toads, Bull, Green or Pickerel Frogs, Red-backed Salamanders, Box, Mud, Painted and Red-eared Slider Turtles are frequently on the water's edge, under rocks or sun-basking on large dead trees that emerge from the water's surface.

A not so comfortable story is that of the Red-eared Slider Turtle (non-native to this area) which was accidentally introduced many years ago. It survived and bred so successfully, it is now classified as invasive. The Slider has unfortunately out-competed other species of turtles, especially the smaller and native Painted Turtle. These Sliders were sold in area pet stores as the half-dollar sized green turtles many of us older residents remember. They either escaped their owner's property or were purposefully released because the owners chose not to care for them anymore.

Garter, Milk and Common Water Snakes are more secretive than most of the amphibians but are sometimes encountered sun basking on our waterside bike paths. White-tailed Deer, Gray Squirrels, Chipmunks, both Gray & Red Fox, Rabbits and Muskrats are the most common mammals you may experience during the daylight hours.

There are copious varieties of plant species that inhabit Palmer's Watershed. While a separate article would be needed to describe these species in depth, there are a few facts regarding plant life that are essential in regard to the health of a watershed. Trees, shrubs, grasses, and even large weeds, that cover the waterway banks and ground areas of a watershed absolutely need to be preserved to prevent soil erosion. When vegetation is removed, soil adjacent to moving bodies of water gets washed downstream. When this erosion process starts it is self-perpetuating and gets worse with time. Significant erosion is capable of altering the course of a river or creek causing flash flooding and resultant damage to the properties along the waterways.



Please respect the habitats of the flora & fauna living in the watershed, not only for the enjoyment of the hikers, walkers, and bikers, but also for the preservation of the living organisms themselves. Removing vegetation or causing the demise of these natural inhabitants upsets the eco-system, which can result in a spiral of destruction we should want to prevent. Pollution of all sorts has an impact that may proceed unnoticed until the organisms begin to suffer. The pictures at left illustrate examples of direct effects of carelessness.

Litter & chemical pollution from our negligence is carried downstream and eventually becomes concentrated in the oceans. We do have the ability to control these issues. In the early 1900's, over fishing and cities dumping sewage directly into the Delaware River resulted in the decimation of the Shad fish population. Measures were instituted to rectify the problem to where some fishermen claim that in 2018 they witnessed the best Shad run they had ever seen.

Please consider these points in your daily activities. By respecting and preserving the watershed we live in, we will help ensure that we, and future generations of Palmer residents, have pristine areas to continually enjoy.

## Clearance of Snow from Public Sidewalks



Please remember that all snow, ice or sleet shall be removed from all public sidewalks abutting your property within 12 hours after the same has ceased to fall or accumulate thereon. This includes the accessibility ramps located at street intersections.

Whenever it may be impossible to remove all snow, sleet or ice, which may have become compacted by travel or formed on sidewalks so as to present a slippery surface, ashes, cinders, sand or any other suitable substance shall be applied as to facilitate safe walking upon the sidewalks.

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.

**§109-3(SS) - 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.*



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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)

## BUILDING CLOSINGS:

Good Friday – April 7, 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS:

- **SENIORS PINOCHLE:** Tuesdays 12:30 – 4:00pm. Join them as they play 3, 4, 5, or 6 handed pinochle! Don't worry if it's been a while, or if you only played one way... they will teach you. Come share in the fun and laughter, it's a great way to spend an afternoon! **Question? Call or text Marj at 610-762-7843 or email her at paulm1@rcn.com.**
- **SENIORS CARDS:** First, Third, and Fifth Thursdays 12:30 – 4:00pm. Come on in and play card games the old-fashioned way – with people! So far we've played Hearts, Spades, Pinochle, and Oh Darn! but are open to other games too! We figure it out once everyone has arrived. Every afternoon is different, and all of them are fun! **Questions? Call or text Marj at 610-762-7843 or email her at paulm1@rcn.com.**
- **AMBASSADOR CLUB:** Meets every 3rd Monday of the month at 1:00pm (Not in July, August, or December)
- **GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SEWING GUILD:** Meets 2nd Thursday of every month, no meetings May, July, or August - 10:00am-1:00pm
- **PENN ROSE QUILT CLUB:** Meets 1st Wednesday of each month, 10:00am, no meetings January or February
- **URW:** Meets third Tuesday of each month, 9:00am, no September or December meetings
- **ST. PATTY'S DAY ZUMBA:** Wednesday, March 15th, 6:00pm-6:50pm
- **THE KNIFE SHOW:** Saturday, April 15th and Sunday, April 16th. **For more information, visit [www.paknifeshow.com](http://www.paknifeshow.com).** You can buy, sell, and display knives.
- **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Friday, April 7th, 12:00pm – 7:00pm
- **SLOT CAR SHOW:** Saturday, April 8th, 9:00am – 2:00pm
- **THE CLOTHING TREE:** April 21st - April 23rd . **For more information, visit [www.theclothingtree.com](http://www.theclothingtree.com)**
- **CAT SHOW:** April 29th – April 30th
- **TOY SHOW:** Saturday, May 6th, 9:00am – 2:00pm
- **DREAM . . . BELIEVE . . . DANCE RECITAL:** Sunday, May 21st



**OPEN GYM** based on availability, please call.  
**\$5.00 WALK IN**





**JOIN THE FUN!**

## CAMP PALMER 2023

**CAMP PALMER is back for the summer of 2023 !!**

- Campers entering 1st through 6th grade.
- Weekly Field Trips !
- Daily visits to the Palmer Pool !
- Limited enrollment
- Registration begins March 1st at [www.palmercommunitycenter.org](http://www.palmercommunitycenter.org)

## PALMER POOL

Palmer Pool will be opening for the season on May 27th, 28th and Memorial Day, May 29th. Season passes will be sold at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township starting March 1st. Current members should look for renewal slips in the mail in February.

**Follow us on Facebook or visit [www.palmercommunitycenter.org](http://www.palmercommunitycenter.org) for updates on CAMP PALMER and The Palmer Pool.**



# Easter Egg Hunt

at the  
**CHARLES CHRIN COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Palmer Residents Invited!**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023**  
(Rain Date Saturday, April 8, 2023)

**10:00am - Ages 2-5**  
**11:00am - Ages 6-8**

**Bring Your Own Basket!**

Come and meet the **Easter Bunny!**



**EGG HUNT LOCATIONS** RT.22

The map shows the layout of the Chrin Community Center site. A green box indicates the location for the 11:00 AM egg hunt for ages 6-8. A red box indicates the location for the 10:00 AM egg hunt for ages 2-5. The site includes Bethman Road, Green Pond Road, and various areas like Irrigation Area 1, 2, and 3, a walking path, and a Miracle League Ball Field.



## 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.

**PARTY HOURS**  
All Dates & Times vary based upon availability.

### PRICING

Basic-up to 20 Children.....	\$250.00/Resident
	\$275.00/Non-Resident
Each additional child .....	\$5.00
Additional Pizza .....	\$15.00 each
Weekday birthday party .....	\$220.00 (Monday-Friday— Daytime parties based upon availability)



## St. Patrick's Day Zumba Event



**Instructor:** Lisa

**When:** Wednesday, March 15th

**Time:** 6:00PM-6:50PM

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

## Wear your green!



**Class Price:** \$5  
**Fit Pass Members Free**  
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**Dustin Greenhill, MD**  
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## Spring 2023

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### Spring 2023 Sessions

**Session 1:**

March 21, 28, April 4, 11

**Session 2:**

April 25, May 7, 9, 16

Cost \$80.00  
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)

## 2022-2023 After Care Program



Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township  
4100 Green Pond Road  
Easton, PA 18045  
(610) 252-2098

### **PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- CPR/First Aid Certified Staff
- Homework help
- Wifi capability for virtual assignments
- Snack time
- Occasional movie/television showings
- "Entertainment" bins for quiet play
- "Get up and Move" breaks
- Staff-led exercise breaks

**After Care Hours: Bus drop off  
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## Pickleball

### Learn to Play... or Improve your Current Game

Spring Pickleball Lessons are Available  
at the Charles Chrin Community Center

(includes: First Hour Instruction & Second Hour Instructional Game Play)

#### Intermediate Classes - Wednesdays - 9:00am - 11:00am

Spring Session 1: March 1st - March 22nd

Spring Session 2: April 5th - February 26<sup>th</sup>

Spring Session 3: May 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Beginner Classes - Wednesdays - 11:00am - 1:00pm

Spring Session 1: March 1st - March 22nd

Spring Session 2: April 5th - February 26<sup>th</sup>

Spring Session 3: May 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 24<sup>th</sup>

Minimum of 4 people to run session but will take up to 8 people.....

Register early at the Charles Chrin Community Center and make payment.

Any questions, please call 610-252-2098

**\$80 (per 4 week session)**



## The Charles Chrin Community Center Fitness Class Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>Yoga</b> 9:30-10:20am Becky		<b>Yoga</b> 9:30-10:20am Becky		
	<b>Zumba</b> 10:45-11:30am August	<b>Zumba Toning</b> 10:45-11:30am August	<b>Zumba</b> 10:45-11:30am August	<b>Bootcamp</b> 10:45-11:30am August	<b>Zumba</b> 10:45-11:30am August	
<b>Silver Fitness Classes!</b> ➔ See full schedule for more details.	<b>Zumba Gold</b> 1:00-1:45pm August <i>Silver Class</i>	<b>Silver Core Stretch</b> 1:00-1:45pm August <i>Silver Class</i>	<b>Zumba Gold Toning</b> 1:00-1:45pm August <i>Silver Class</i>	<b>Silver Bootcamp</b> 1:00-1:45pm August <i>Silver Class</i>	<b>Silver Yoga</b> 1:00-1:45pm Becky <i>Silver Class</i>	
	<b>Zumba</b> 7:00-7:50pm Lisa		<b>Zumba</b> 6:00-6:50pm Lisa			
						

**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, Active & Fit, Renew & Fit, Healthways, Health Plan Partners with qualifying insurance. Contact your insurance provider 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>	1:00pm-1:45pm	<b>Zumba Gold</b> August
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00pm-1:45pm	<b>Silver Core Stretch</b> August
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00pm-1:45pm	<b>Zumba Gold Toning</b> August
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00pm-1:45pm	<b>Silver Bootcamp</b> August
<b>Friday</b>	1:00pm-1:45pm	<b>Silver Yoga</b> Becky

**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.

**Silver Bootcamp** – 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.

**Silver 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.

### 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.*

**\*\*\*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**

# 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.

**SPRING 1 SESSION**  
 registration opens 2/1/23  
 6 weeks  
 2/27/23 - 4/7/23

**SPRING 2 SESSION**  
 4/10/23 - 5/19/23

\*snow days may be made up during no class weeks.

### TUITION RATES

Cost per 6-week session

30 minutes.....	\$84.00
45 minutes.....	\$96.00
60 minutes.....	\$108.00
75 minutes.....	\$120.00
90 minutes.....	\$150.00
Unlimited.....	\$195.00

Our all-inclusive rate entitles dancers to take any or all classes for their age group/level. No additional discounts given. Private classes/workshops/special events excluded.

Adults who have a child enrolled in class will receive a discount for their adult class.

We accept cash, check, ACH

If you have any questions, please email Miss Justine at [MissJustine@dreambelievedance.com](mailto:MissJustine@dreambelievedance.com)

### Instructor approval required for all classes

#### PRIVATE CLASSES AVAILABLE

30 min.....\$10.00 plus Instructor fee  
 45 min.....\$15.00 plus Instructor fee

Please see Miss Justine for each instructor's fees.



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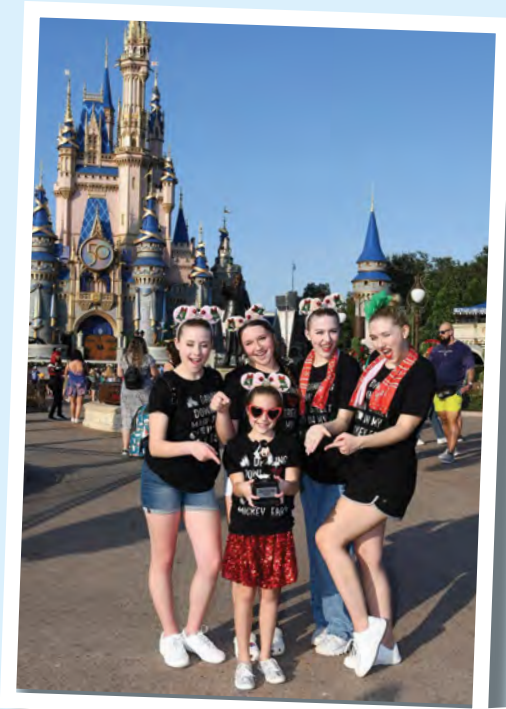
**Registration Opens**  
**2/1/23 for the SPRING SESSION**

please register at: [dancestudiopro.com/online/dbd](http://dancestudiopro.com/online/dbd)

### SPRING 1 DANCE SCHEDULE 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
PRINCESS PRE-BALLET Ages 2.5-5 5:15-5:45  Miss Justine	ACRO/GYMNASTICS 5:15-6:15 Ages 6-18 Miss Kayla	5:15-6:00 BALLET, TAP AND TUMBLE LEVEL 2 Ages 5-8 Miss Magie and Miss Abby	MINI COMP TEAM 5:15-6:15	
5:55 - 6:25 TINY TUMBLERS AGES 3-6- BEG Miss Justine	6:20-7:20  BALLET TEEN - ADULT 10-18 Miss Kayla	PRIVATE CLASS TIMES AVAILABLE	KIDS LYRICAL BALLET 6:20 - 6:50 AGES 5-13 Miss Justine	Private Classes
6:30-7:30 TEEN COMP TEAM Miss Justine	7:20-8:05 TEEN JAZZ/CONTEMPORARY INTERMEDIATE AGES 12 AND UP Miss Kayla		6:55-7:40 JAZZ/TAP KIDS 6-13 Miss Justine	
7:30 - 8:15 ADULT/TEEN LYRICAL/MUSICAL THEATRE Miss Justine	Additional non-recital classes may be added.  Stay tuned for more info.		Private classes	

## DREAM... BELIEVE... DANCE



You've worked hard for the last year. What are you going to do now? "We're going to Disneyworld!!!" said Ally Hoadley, Abigail Simko, Magie Parsons, Sara Rambo and Faith Blocker.

Ally, Abby, Magie, and Sara had the amazing opportunity to dance down Main Street in the Magic Kingdom bringing the holiday magic to thousands of people along the parade route. Faith Blocker who is only 8 years old could not participate in the parade due to her age. That was not going to stop her from spreading her own magic though. Faith was the youngest performer to dance on the big stage in Hollywood Studios. Faith mastered the same choreography that was given to girls much older than her.

This is an amazing opportunity for these dancers. They get to work in a professional environment with amazing choreographers and performers. They are working together with hundreds of other dancers they didn't know before the day they walked into the rehearsal room. As a teacher it makes you so proud as well as emotional to see your lessons throughout the years have created such amazing young dancers. Although dance was the main focus of the trip, the memories these young ladies made together will always be with them said Miss Justine director and instructor of Dream...Believe... Dance!!

After an early morning of rehearsal, staging, and photography followed by a very energetic performance in very warm weather through the Magic Kingdom, Abigail Simko is quoted as saying "I'd do it again!" We've already invited our senior dancers Magie Parsons and Sara Rambo back for a reunion tour!

***Congratulations ladies!!!! We couldn't be prouder of you!***



## Amazing Athletes® Educational Sports Programs

*At Amazing Athletes, we empower children by using sports as a catalyst to engage their inner strengths and abilities so they can confidently pursue an active lifestyle through each stage of development.*

Amazing Athletes is the premier multi-sport program for children ages 2-6 years old! We teach the basic fundamentals of 10 different sports in a fun, non-competitive environment where every kid can learn at their own pace! Text 908-291-2307 or email [gcarmona@amazingathletes.com](mailto:gcarmona@amazingathletes.com) to set up a free trial class at any time! Classes running year round, see website for exact days and time slots for your age group!

**To register, go to the following website: [www.amazingathletes.com/lehighvalley](http://www.amazingathletes.com/lehighvalley)**

*Click on classes and then scroll down to find your Charles Chrin day and time!*





## TUMBLE TIME



Amazing Athletes Tumble Time combines the fun, free play atmosphere of our tumbling equipment AND a taste of our Amazing Athletes sports classes each week! Our tumble time classes will consist of about 30 minutes of free play (parent supervised) on our tumbling equipment, 10 minutes of a structured sport with our Amazing Athletes coach and 5 minutes of bubbles/dancing at the end of class! With a variety of fun tumbling equipment and sports to play, your children will have a blast each week!!

**WHEN: Mondays 9:30-10:15am and 10:30-11:15am**  
**Thursdays 9:30-10:15am and 10:30-11:15am**

**WHERE: Charles Chrin Community Center**  
**Of Palmer Township**

**FOR CHILDREN UP TO AGE 5**  
**\$10.00 Cash Walk-in**



## 2023

### Jr. Panthers Spring Soccer

*with Coach Thom & Coach Angelina*

At the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township

#### SPRING OUTDOOR SESSION

*April 18th – May 30th – 7 weeks*

##### AGES 4 & 5

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

##### AGES 6 & 7

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

#### COST FOR OUTDOOR SESSION:

Residents \$100  
Non-Residents \$110



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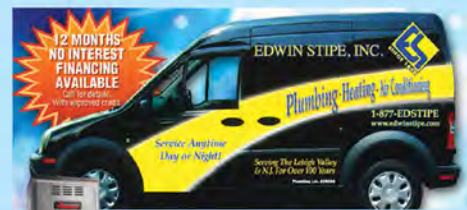
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