

# Palmer Holiday Test & Tree Eighting

at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township

Saturday, December 7th, 2024 6:15pm -Details inside!

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#### **EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Philip Zito, Public Works Crewman**

Philip Zito, a 2016 Pen Argyl High School graduate came aboard and joined Palmer Public Works March of 2024.

Philip worked previously for Rahn's Concrete as a ready-mix concrete driver. He has been in the United States Army Reserves for eight years as a heavy equipment operator, rising through the ranks to his most recent rank as Staff Sergeant. Philip, we thank you for your continued service to our country.

The Public Works Crewman position has many varied duties, Philip is one crewman you will see behind the Sweeper truck, continuing our aggressive MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan. He has also proven to



be an asset in stormwater maintenance. You will often find Philip involved in stormwater inlet repairs.

Philip married his wife Nicolle in 2019 and together they have three children, Daxtyn, Blaiklyn and Cayden. With three small ones the majority of Philip's free time is spent with his family. But you can catch him on a weekend watching a football game and sometimes spending time on his boat if it is not an Army Reserve drill weekend. If life is not busy enough, Philip is also a volunteer firefighter.

We welcome Philip to our team.

#### Sean McCollian, Public Works Crewman



Sean McCollian is a 1982 graduate of Bangor High School, graduating with honors and a graduate from Eastern Northampton Vo-Tech in 1982 with high honors. Sean has lived in Bangor his entire life.

Prior to starting his career with Palmer Township Public Works in July of 2021, Sean was owner and operator of Sean's Excavating and McCollian's Farms. Sean has worked in the construction field since 1984. He has held his Class A CDL since the start of his construction career.

Being a crewman within our Public Works Department, Sean finds himself being very versatile in all aspects of his job duties: truck driver,

equipment operator and laborer. His forte during the summer months is operating the "boom mower" along road shoulders, bike paths, sewer right of ways and Public Works Municipal garage complex. With the changing of the seasons, Sean changes up his job duties. Fall brings out the leaf pickers and winter the snowplows. With our newly implemented aggressive street sweeping program that the Township has adopted as part of the MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan, you will find Sean behind the street sweeper wheel as well. Sean is a huge asset to our team and Public Works family, and we are grateful for his dedication to Palmer Township and its residents.

Outside of work you can find Sean antiquing for John Deere tractors, watching college and pro-football, hunting and socializing with friends. Sean also sits on the Zoning Board of Washington Township, PA.

Our Public Works team is super dedicated to our Township, and Sean shines bright as part of our team.

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# Thank You to Our Sponsors for a Successful 40th Anniversary of Palmer Township Community Weekend!

We are thrilled to share that the 40th anniversary of the Palmer Township Community Weekend was a resounding success, and it is all thanks to the incredible support from our sponsors! This milestone event brought our community together like never before, offering a fantastic opportunity for local non-profit organizations to fundraise for their vital causes.

This year's celebration was truly special, featuring top-notch bands for all to enjoy. The music set the perfect tone for the weekend, creating an atmosphere of joy and togetherness that was felt by everyone who attended.

Of course, no Palmer Township Community Weekend would be complete without our spectacular fireworks display. Once again, we delivered the best fireworks show in the area, lighting up the sky in a dazzling finale that left everyone in awe.

None of this would have been possible without the generous contributions from our sponsors. Your support ensured that we could continue the tradition of this beloved event, bringing joy, entertainment, and community spirit to Palmer Township.

Thank you for helping us make the 40th anniversary of Palmer Township Community Weekend one for the books! We look forward to many more years of partnership and community celebration.

# Palmer Township Community Weekend Sponsors 2024









#### **STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Tyler Lapham, Project Manager

Tyler Lapham, Project Manager at Palmer Township, is a long-time Palmer resident who has been actively involved in the community throughout his life. Growing up, Tyler participated in Palmer baseball, lacrosse, football, and swimming, and is a proud graduate of Easton High School, where he served as drum major of the high school band. He went on to graduate from Kutztown University with a degree in Public Administration and Paralegal Studies. Tyler is excited to work within his community once again, using his experience and dedication to contribute to the continued growth and success of Palmer Township.









## What can your genes tell you about your health?

Participating in St. Luke's University Health Network's community health research program, DNA Answers, is quick, easy, and at no cost to you. You'll learn about your genetic risk for certain cancers and heart disease, for which actions may be taken to help prevent, delay, or reduce symptoms. You may share your results with any healthcare provider at any facility for consultation or care. These insights can help you and your healthcare provider make more informed and proactive care decisions for you and your family. Health insurance is not required to participate.

If you participate, you also have the opportunity to learn about your ancestry and other traits like, caffeine sensitivity, sleep patterns and more.

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#### **SANTA RUN 2024!** Were they naughty or nice? Santa and his firefighters need to know!



It's that time of year again and we need to start preparing for our annual Santa visit. Santa & his Firefighter friends will be visiting some of the kids in Palmer Township on December 21, 2024, between the hours of 9am & 3pm. If you would like Santa to stop at your house, please read how it works below.

#### How it Works:

- 1. You go out and buy a gift(s).
- 2. Bring it home, wrap it, write your child's name, address & phone number on it.
- 3. Drop the gift(s) (limit 2 per child) off, along with a \$10.00 per child donation at PMFD Station 1 (3254 Old Nazareth Road) **12/2** (6pm to 9pm) **12/9** (6pm to 9pm) **12/14** (9am to noon) and **12/16** (6pm to 9pm).
- 4. On December 21st between the hours on 9am 3pm Santa and some of PMFD Firefighters will make a special visit to your house.

During the day we will be continuously updating Santa's location on our Facebook page and Website.

www.PalmerFire.org

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Sorry, Santa can only travel to houses within Palmer Township! If you have any questions, Email - info@palmerfire.org, or call (484) 695-7373



#### **EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY - PALMER BRANCH**

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#### **Library News:**

Visit the library's online event calendar for a full schedule of all our upcoming activities!

View our full program schedule and register for programs online! Find the calendar by visiting www.eastonpl.org or bit.ly/EastonCal.

#### **Main Library Book Sale**

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 6 – Monday, November 11 for great deals on books, DVDs, CDs, and more! Visit our website for Book Sale hours.



#### **PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS**

**Read It and Eat It: Cookbook Club** – For each meeting, choose a cookbook following the monthly theme and share your favorite recipe. Each member cooks one dish from the book and brings it to the library so everyone can sit down together and discuss the book while sharing their homemade dishes. Meets select Saturdays at 11:30am.

Saturday, November 9 Saturday, December 7 Saturday, January 4

**Paint Night at the Library** – Make your own masterpiece with guided instructions and create a painting to take home. All materials will be provided. Registration is required.

Wednesday, December 4 1:00 and 6:00pm Wednesday, January 29 1:00 and 6:00pm

#### **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, fidgets, and simple STEM activities. Visit the Palmer Branch anytime to participate in PALS!

#### **Monthly Book Groups for Adults**

**Forever Young Adult Book Group** – meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6pm

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Adult Book Group} - meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6pm \end{tabular}$ 

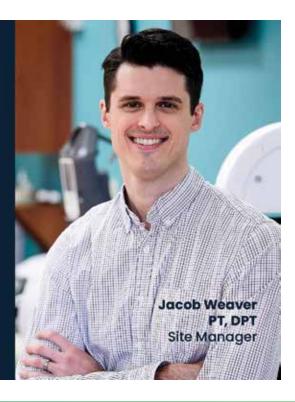
**Diverse Voices** – meets virtually the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm

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#### **CHILDRENS PROGRAMMING**

#### Don't forget to visit bit.ly/eastoncal for our full program schedule!

#### **Weekly Storytimes**

Registration is not required for weekly storytimes.

#### Little Storytime

Ages 0-2. Mondays at 10:00am

#### **Big Storytime**

Ages 3-5. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am

#### **Homeschool Happenings**

For ages 5-12. Meets the first Monday of the month at 1:00pm. Registration is required.

December 2 – "Boston Tea Party" Party January 6 – Deep Dive into Oceanography

#### **Pancakes and Pajamas**

For ages 4-10. Do you love pancakes? What about pancakes covered with delicious toppings? Wear your coziest PJs and decorate (and EAT) your own pancakes! Registration is required.

Friday, December 27 10:00am

#### **Noon Year's Eve Party**

For ages 4-10. Can't stay up late but still want to celebrate? Join us for a Noon Year's Eve party! We will have crafts, snacks, and a dance party while we wait for the countdown to noon. Wear your best New Year's party clothes! Registration is required.

Monday, December 30 11:30am

# Upcoming Library Closures

Wednesday, November 27 (library closes at 5:00)

Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

Tuesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

Wednesday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

Monday, January 20 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)



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 2nd, 2025 at 9:00am. Park rentals will become available to the general public on February 1st, 2025 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. <u>Penn Pump Pavilion Permit</u>\*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

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



#### Looking Ahead

#### New Recycling Center Opening Soon!

Palmer residents will be able to utilize the Township's new Recycling Center in the coming months! We are hoping to be able to open the center in early 2025. The new center will accept the same materials, but will provide service in a much easier and safer manner than the existing facility.

The new facility will be located next to the current center and will have the same hours of operation (seen below). We are excited to open this facility for the residents of Palmer Township!

#### How much money has Palmer received for its recycling efforts?

To date, Palmer Township has received a total of \$3,814,737 in grant money from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. This money is used to purchase equipment like trash and recycling toters, leaf collection machinery, and it is also used to fund the continued development of the new recycling center! A huge thank you to all the residents and businesses who continue to support and take part in Palmer's recycling program!

#### Save the Date!!! April 19th, 2025

The Palmer Township Environmental Steering Committee will be celebrating Earth Day on April 19th, 2025 from 10am - 2pm at Fairview Park! Join our Earth Day celebration and have a chat with various vendors, presenters, Township staff and committee members. We hope to see you there!



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#### Palmer Township Trash and Recycling Guide



Pictured above: Annual grinding of yard waste at the Berks Street Yard Waste Facility

# Is your trash/recycling toter damaged?

Call the Municipal Building at (610) 253-7191 to report the damage and we will have a Public Works crew come out to your property to fix/replace the toter.

Our crews have processed over 1,000 work orders since March of this year, so please be patient when awaiting your repair or replacement!

#### 2024 Important Dates

Bulk Item Collection - Week of November 18th

Yard Waste Collection - Week of November 4th.

Leaf Collection - Eight weeks in the fall.

Christmas Tree Collection - First three full weeks of January.

2024 Holiday Collection Delays - Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

#### Recycling Drop-Off Locations

Open to Palmer Township Residents & Businesses only

Hartley Avenue Recycling Center 3600 Hartley Avenue, Palmer, PA 18045

Hours of Operation: Year round Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8am-4pm Saturday

> - 10am-3pm Sunday - 12pm-4pm

Accepts paper, cardboard, plastic bottle & containers, glass, cans, scrap metals, and yard waste (no more than 3 small bundles, no larger than 3'x3' and not exceeding 40 lbs.) per visit.

Berks Street Yard Waste Facility Berks Street, Palmer, PA 18045

Hours of Operation:

Dec., Jan., & Feb. - 1st Sunday of the month - 12pm-4pm

March - Every Sunday - 12pm-4pm

April-November - Saturday - 10am-4pm, Sunday - 12pm-4pm,

Wednesday - 9am-3pm

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

Questions or concerns? Reach out to the Municipal Building at (610) 253-7191 to have your question addressed

#### **BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION NEWS**

The BIP held its annual July General Membership Luncheon on July 24, 2024, at the Marblehead Chowder House. Andy Carr, Owner of Snowscapes was our invited speaker. Andy shared his history of serving in the Palmer Township Municipal Fire Department and he shared his success in building his business, Snowscapes. Snowscapes is a Palmer based tree removal company specializing in difficult crane work and getting the job done with the latest and most powerful tree cutting and removal equipment.



Andy Carr

#### **13TH ANNUAL PALMER 5K**

The 13th annual Palmer5K race and walk was held on August 17, 2024, at Fairview Park. Each year this event is held Saturday morning of Palmer Community Weekend. This year we had 300 registered participants, setting a new participation record. This annual event is run by Race Director, Jeff Kicska, and a group of race day volunteers. The overall male winner was Evan Guydish with a time of 16:42:05. Overall female winner was Erin Vincent with a time of 19:40:71.

Proceeds from this event go to the Miracle League of Northampton County. A baseball facility built specifically for children and young adults with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Thank you to Race Director Kicska and all our volunteers, runners, and walker for making this event a success year after year.



Race Director, Jeff Kicska

#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW BIP MEMBER:

The BIP would like to welcome our newest member: Ken Sobieski, Lehigh Valley Rescue.





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#### PALMER PROUD - AUGUST 23, 2025

What does "Palmer Proud" mean? The "Palmer Proud" program is a locally focused event which encompasses the Keep America Beautiful 2024-2025 Campaign's goal of removing litter as we celebrate the Nation's 250th Birthday. This National Campaign identified that a majority of residents want to see enhancement improvements within their community: Beautification: 73%; Stronger: 66%; Healthier: 64%; more Neighborly: 63%. Palmer Proud takes it up a notch or two encompassing not just keeping our community litter free but also including opportunities to volunteer and participate in many more activities.

Palmer Proud is pride in one's community, its well-being and good health and promotes strong government. How does one show they are "Palmer Proud?" You can show you are "Palmer Proud" in many ways: by NOT LITTERING, showing respect for our environment and towards others, holding a door, saying "Hello" and via "VOLUNTEERISM!" Consider becoming actively involved within the community's many volunteering opportunities: join a Township Committee, become an active member of the Township's Volunteer Fire Department, participate in our excellent youth Athletic Association.

Do you want to be a LEADER? You can become one today by setting an example for others to follow. Volunteerism includes organizing neighborhood cleanups, or individually when taking a walk or walking your dog, bringing a bag and a picker to keep our neighborhoods, roads and trails litter-free. Consider adopting a storm drain in your neighborhood, keeping it clear of debris and litter and preventing pollution from entering our waterways and causing street flooding during storms.

We all have "RIGHTS" and those "RIGHTS" bring with them "RESPONSIBILITIES!" Palmer Proud is a rejuvenation of Small-Town Pride. Respect for yourself and for others. Caring of one's property, assisting others less capable of doing so. You chose to live in Palmer Township for a multitude of reasons – availability of grocery stores, shopping, access to outdoor activities and nature (Palmer's acclaimed Rails to Trails walking/bike trails), local colleges and universities education, sports, excellent entertainment, medical facilities, etc.

"PALMER PROUD" is Your Township's endeavor to 'Think Globally and ACT LOCALLY', resulting in a cleaner, healthier, more cohesive community for you and your family. Pride in the community reflects upon the community's residents - YOU! How often do you travel and observe different communities and think to yourself, "I wouldn't want to live there" due to shuttered stores, dilapidated homes, litter strewn streets – then the other end of the spectrum - well maintained residences, litter free streets, wide variety of businesses, and religious facilities! Which do you prefer for your Palmer Township, the decision is yours!

So be "PALMER PROUD," become an active participant in the Community Wide cleanup scheduled for 23 August 2025. Register to volunteer and become actively involved by contacting: earthstewardsofpalmer@gmail.com.



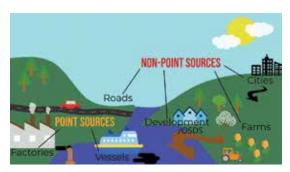




#### **WATER QUALITY AND IMPERVIOUS SURFACE**

All living organisms require space to live, food, and clean water. These needs may be fulfilled for us, but our daily lives can have a detrimental effect on wildlife and aquatic organisms. Car traffic, noise pollution, litter, and stormwater all have an impact on wildlife that we may not always consider, especially stormwater pollution.

Stormwater pollution can come from many different sources that may not always be traceable. When water pollution has multiple sources that cannot be defined, this is known as non-point source pollution. Non-point source pollution is one of the most significant sources of water quality impairment (Yount, 2024). A major part of non-point source pollution is that there is no filtration for stormwater



runoff. When stormwater enters storm drains, it carries pollutants from impervious surfaces including roads, roofs, patios and other material that doesn't allow water to infiltrate into the ground where it used to. Stormwater runoff can wash sediment, road salts, fertilizers and more into streams that have a detrimental effect on aquatic life and water quality (Yount, 2024). Sediment can create a cloudy stream which decreases the sunlight and available oxygen, and road salts and fertilizers increase the chloride and chemicals in the water that make conditions unsuitable for aquatic species (Yount, 2024). When water quality is impaired in streams, it reduces biodiversity and only allows for the most tolerant species, including invasive species, to survive in affected streams (Yount, 2024).

Increases in pollution can be due to changes in the natural landscape and increased runoff from impervious surfaces. When more than 10-20% of a watershed has impervious surfaces, it doubles the amount of runoff from rain and snowmelt (Yount, 2024). However, due to increasing stormwater requirements, installing stormwater basins and best management practices, stormwater pollution and increased flows are being managed more efficiently than decades ago. There are also measures you can take to help reduce stormwater pollution on your own property including removing impervious areas where practical and increasing water storage by having rain gardens, downspout planters and underground storage. For more information on impervious surfaces, stormwater quality, and how you can help manage stormwater on your property, please visit www.palmertwp.com/stormwater.html, the reference below, or Penn State Extension.

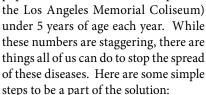
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#### **SUBURBAN EMS**

#### FACTS AND TIPS - Cold, FLU and RSV Season

Each year 8% of the US population gets sick with the Flu, that's 27 million people (about the population of Texas), RSV hospitalizes 60,000 – 80,000 children (about the seating capacity of



- 1. If you feel sick or have a fever, stay home.
  - 2. Ask you physician about vaccines.
  - 3. Cover your cough and sneezes.
  - 4. Wash your hands
- 5. Wipe down frequently touched surfaces with cleaners or alcohol wipes.

How to tell the difference between a common cold and the Flu:

SIGN AND SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU	
Symptom Onset	Gradual	Abrupt	
Fever	Rare	Usual	
Aches	Slight	Usual	
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly Common	
Fatigue	Sometimes	Usual	
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes	
Chest Discomfort / Cough Mild to Moderate		Common	
Stuffy Nose	Common	Sometimes	
Sore Throat	Common	Sometimes	
Headache	Rare	Common	

#### 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 snow 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.

#### WHEN IS A PERMIT REQUIRED?

The Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, as well as, the ordinances of Palmer Township require permits for many types of projects. Activities requiring permits include:

- · Any structural change/alteration
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Mechanical/HVAC (new and replacement)
- Water heaters (new and replacement)
- Re-roofing
- Decks
- Pools (permanent and temporary)
- Finished basements
- Driveways (replacement, expansion and resurface)
- · Signs (except political signs) and banners
- Additional living space conversions
- Patios and patio roofs
- Fences (temporary and permanent)
- Retaining walls
- Sheds and carports (accessory structures)
- · Pavilions/Gazebos

The above list may not include all necessary permits. You may contact the Permit or Building Department at

(610) 253-7191 for more information.

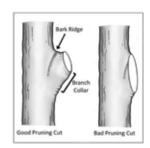
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# Rake Your Leaves, Check Your Trees! Winter Tree Care Tips



Fall is a great time to inspect your property, checking trees, bushes, and other plants for maintenance needs. Start by looking for dead, dying, or broken branches. Dead and dying branches should be trimmed out, and broken branches trimmed back to an appropriate location below the break. Where there is rubbing or crossing branches, it is a good idea to remove one of the two branches. Be sure to check Penn State Extension for more picture guides, information on how to care for mature and young trees, and why tree topping is never a good idea! <a href="https://extension.psu.edu/pruning-landscape-trees">https://extension.psu.edu/pruning-landscape-trees</a>



Check for pests by inspecting the bark and front and back of leaves.

Many infestations are very treatable when caught early.

Lean more:



https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/ForestsAndTrees/InsectsAndDiseases/Pages/default.aspx

Completely remove vines from your trees, including vine roots. If left alone, vines will compete with trees for sunlight, water, nutrients, air and space. Vines also weigh a lot and can topple trees or break branches.





These pose several issues including:

- Disease: Fungi can grow on stumps and spread disease to nearby plants and may present health risks to children and pets.
- Pests: Stumps provide a dark, cool, and damp environment that's ideal for bugs, rodents, snakes, and other pests. These pests can also invade other healthy trees on your property.



- Safety: Stumps can be tripping hazards.
- Property damage: Stumps and their root systems can cause damage to your property.
- Appearance: Stumps can make your yard look neglected and decrease your property's value.

Fall is also a great time to plant new trees! Check our tree guide, which is organized by height, to help you select the right tree. https://palmertwp.com/forms/approvedtreelist\_05202024.pdf

If you want to plant near your side or back property lines, be respectful of your neighbors and how the tree may affect their property (overhang, leaves, etc.) For tree health, apply mulch 2-4" deep, but **keep all mulch material away from the trunk.** Allow the root flare (where the trunk meets the soil) to show.



## Do You Know About Penn State Extension Services?



Penn State Extension is a modern educational organization dedicated to delivering science-based information to people, businesses, and communities. Partnering with and funded by federal, state, and

county governments, they bring unbiased support and education to the citizens of Pennsylvania, from the container gardener to farmer, from landscaper business to food safety, from hunters to pet owners!

#### Services include:

- Over 320 Subject Matter Experts are available to answer your questions, including how to plant and care for your trees and landscaping
- Over 1500 in-person and online events every year, including courses in Design Basics for Residential Landscapes, Pruning Small Trees and Shrubs, Plant Identification, and Weed Management
- Over 6000 articles, publications, and fact-sheets available online

Link to their website: <a href="https://extension.psu.edu/">https://extension.psu.edu/</a>

Link to specific information about trees, lawns, and landscaping: https://extension.psu.edu/trees-lawns-and-landscaping



Our local Northampton County office is located at 14 Gracedale Ave., Nazareth, PA 18064. Contact PSE at 610-813-6613

or northamptonext@psu.edu





#### **TRASH: THINK ABOUT IT**

Trash. We produce and throw a lot of it "away." But there really is no away: it goes largely to landfills, some of it is recycled, and a bunch ends up on the streets and in the environment.

We really, really need to reduce the amount of trash we generate because it uses massive amounts of resources to produce, distribute and dispose of.

Data for 2023 show that 7,025 tons of trash were collected from 7,417 households in Palmer Township. That is about 1,900 pounds of trash per household. The Earth Stewards of Palmer collected 5,645 pounds of trash from roads and streams. All of that trash goes to landfills.

While landfills are essential to modern living, health, and safety the acreage needed to toss all of that trash is not infinite and is growing more expensive.

• There are 3,000 active landfills in the U.S. with an average size of six hundred acres. Development usually involves deforestation and habitat destruction. That is 1.8 million acres of lost habitat. In the Lehigh Valley, Bethlehem Landfill's proposed expansion will result in the destruction of 275 acres of forest by the Lehigh River.



- As landfills fill up, more space is needed. Land has become very expensive, and most communities don't want them in their backyard creating expensive legal battles to open or expand them, adding more expense.
- The costs to collect trash are increasing as wages and fuel continue to rise. With Palmer Township's contracts coming up for renegotiation soon we can expect to see rising prices similar to municipalities around us.
- The production and transportation of all that "stuff" uses huge amounts of fossil fuels, water and pesticides for textiles to name only a few.
- We produce an enormous amount of "stuff" that is sold inexpensively. For example, "fast fashion" is low quality apparel produced rapidly to follow trends. However, textile workers and the environment pay a high price; workers are not paid adequately and a significant amount of waste in landfills is textiles.<sup>2</sup>

The ways to reduce what we throw away are endless. Once it is on your radar you'll notice articles and, of course, if you search the topic on the Internet you'll be "fed" more information.

- Think before you buy. If you spend less on impulse purchases the savings can be better spent on experiences where memories are made, or it can add up in retirement savings.
- See Palmer Township's newsletter November 2023 at www.palmertwp.com for "Environmental Holiday Gift Suggestions/New Year's Resolutions" for ways to reduce holiday trash.
- Trade food delivery and highly processed foods that are heavily packaged for whole foods with minimal packaging. It is far healthier and often less expensive.
- Swear off of single-use plastic water bottles and get a reusable, metal bottle. You will reduce the micro-plastics you are ingesting and significantly reduce plastic waste, a huge problem in the waste stream and the environment. And finally,
- Watch for and engage with Palmer Proud, an initiative to engage the whole community in cleanup activities coming in the summer of 2025.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE VACANCY**

The Palmer Township Environmental Steering Committee is looking to fill a current vacancy. The group is an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors on issues affecting the natural resources within our municipality. The committee runs programs and/or initiatives like Earth Day, electronic ecycling events and township educational programs. Ideal candidates should have a background, interest or experience in environmental sciences or similar fields. The committee meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Meeting Room. If you are interested, please send a resume and letter of interest to admin@palmertwp.com.



#### **INTERESTED IN LIFEGUARDING?**

If you are interested in completing a Lifeguard Training Certification Class, contact Andrew at andrew.azan3rd@redcross.org or 484-259-7740.

 $<sup>^1\,</sup>University\ of\ Colorado,\ Boulder.\ Kayla\ Vasarhelyi,\ The\ Hidden\ Damage\ of\ Landfills,\ April\ 15,\ 2021$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See The Ethical Consumer.com, What is fast fashion and why is it a problem?



Ever Wondered Why? Simplifying Planning and Land Development in Palmer Township

If you've ever wondered why certain decisions are made in Palmer Township's planning and land development process, you're not alone! Many residents have questions about the "why's," "how's," "where's," and "when's" of land development and planning applications. To help demystify the process, we're introducing a quarterly "Question and Answer" section where we'll address common inquiries from the public and provide clear, straightforward answers.

#### To kick things off, here are some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

- 1. What is the first step in submitting an application? Begin by reviewing Palmer Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). Forms and checklists are available on the Planning Department's website. The developer will submit the necessary documents to the Township for a detailed review. Document requirements vary by project but commonly include site plans, environmental and traffic studies, and stormwater management plans.
- 2. **How can the public get involved?** Public comments are one part of a comprehensive review process that also involves technical, legal, and policy considerations. All land development applications require a minimum of two public meetings, at the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and voice their support or opposition for projects, including providing their input on how a project may impact them.
- 3. How does zoning impact land development? Zoning laws dictate how land can be used, restricting certain types of development to specific areas. Certain uses may be allowed or disallowed depending on where they are located. In order to change a use that is allowed or not allowed, an amendment must be passed, which involves review by the Township and Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, a public hearing, and public notice.
- 4. **How does land development impact our infrastructure?** There's often confusion about who pays for roads, utilities, and other infrastructure in new developments. Many assume taxpayers fund everything, when in reality, developers frequently cover or contribute heavily to these costs through impact fees. Many new roads, sidewalks, sewer, and even trees are paid for by a developer, who is responsible for maintaining it up to 18-months after it is constructed to ensure there are no faults.
- 5. **How long does the land development process take?** The approval process can take anywhere from 90 days to 2 years, depending on the complexity of the project and cooperation of the developer. There are numerous steps involved, such as site plan reviews, outside agency approval, public hearings, and compliance with local, state, and federal regulations. If you want to learn about the status of a project, the best way is to attend a Planning Commission meeting or reach out to the Township.

For more detailed information or to stay updated, visit the Palmer Township Planning Department on https://www.facebook.com/Palmertwpplanning. Feel free to submit your questions for our next quarterly FAQ section to admin@palmertwp.com with the Subject: Newsletter question for Planning.

#### **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? Please contact Ed Dean at 610-253-2281





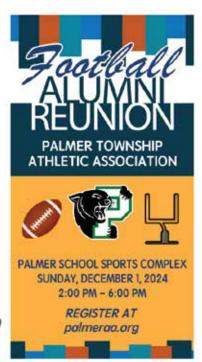
# **Christmas Tree Sale**

We will be holding our annual Christmas tree sale beginning on Friday, November 29, 2024.

The sale is located on 25th street in between Dunkin Donut and Wells Fargo, the sale runs until we sell out.

\*All proceeds from the Christmas tree sale support the sports programs for the children of Palmer Township.





#### 2024 ANTHONY J. MINOTTI SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Palmer Township Athletic Association presented \$1,000 scholarships to 16 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 hundreds of scholarships which have totaled over \$200,000.



#### Pictured from left to right:

Sydney Hutt, Lily Ringhoff, Mathew Knoble, Camryn Werkheiser, Olivia Keckler, Hannah Swinsburg, Jeremy Henry, Jackson Sook, Nicholas Amato, Dylan Ramirez

#### Front Row: Zachary Kraska, Michael Assise, James Geiger

Missing from Photo Emerson Beamer, Laura Guffy, Avery McAndrew

The Palmer Township Athletic Association recognized photographer Craig Lampa and Theresa Lampa for their dedication to youth sports. They have been taking team and individual pictures for the Athletic Association for 50 years. If you grew up in Palmer playing sports, you will certainly remember Craig getting children to smile by having them repeat funny words. His favorite was "Picklehead". Please join us in wishing Craig and Theresa a happy retirement. Thank you both so much for everything you have done for the youth of Palmer Township over the last 50 years.











#### THE WALKERS UNLIMITED

#### HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON HABITS

*The Walkers Unlimited* wishes you a wonderful and joyous holiday season. As you celebrate, please remember to stay active during the season. Here are some tips for staying healthy and maintaining your weight during the season.

- Take several self-reflection walks
- Catch up with visiting family and friends while enjoying an outdoor walk
- Keep up with your work-out routine
- Choose low-fat food options
- As much as possible keep your portion sizes small
- Limit the drinking of alcohol, especially before meals
- Keep hydrated, drink lots of water
- Reduce holiday stress
- Participate in holiday races
- Get sufficient sleep

*The Walkers Unlimited* will offer a January walking challenge to help with your New Year Resolution of improving your health. For more information, please reach out to us at our email address: TheWalkersUnlimited1@gmail.com *Scan the QR code to register to join the group.* 



#### **BROWN & LYNCH AMERICAN LEGION POST 9**

#### PAVILION PAVER BRICK PROGRAM "THE WALK OF HONOR"

The Bricks of Honor represent more than simple paving stones; they provide a unique and sincere way to honor individuals who have rendered significant service to our nation. With a donation, you have the opportunity to dedicate a brick inscribed with the name, service dates, and details of a person dear to you or to show your support and appreciation for our Veterans. This brick will be prominently displayed at the forthcoming memorial at the Legion Post at 2260 Corriere Road in Palmer Township, PA.

Each brick allows for up to three lines of text, with a maximum of 20 characters per line. Should you choose to include a logo, the character limit per line is reduced to 15. The cost per brick is \$55.00.

Brick order forms can be found at the Palmer Township Municipal Building. Please make checks payable to the: American Legion Brown & Lynch Post 9. You can either mail or drop off your form and payment to the American Legion Brown & Lynch Post 9 – 2260 Corriere Road, Easton, PA 18045. Please mark ATTENTION: PAVILION FUND.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact: Vince Menegus at (610) 417-4564.





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#### **Community Center Closings:**

Veteran's Day – Monday, November 11th • Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28th
Day after Thanksgiving Day – Friday, November 29th • Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th • New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1st
Martin Luther King Jr Day – Monday, January 20th

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS:**

- Seniors Pinochle with a Twist: Join us Tuesdays 12:30 4:00pm as we play double deck pinochle for fun with a few of our own special rules. No worries, the basics are all there, and we'll teach you the "twists". We prefer playing 4 handed, but divide the group as needed, so sometimes you might be playing 3, 5, or 6 handed. Don't worry if it's been a while, or if you only played one way... we will teach you. Come share in the fun and laughter, it's a great way to spend an afternoon! Questions? Call or text Marj at 610-762-7843.
- **Mah Jongg:** Are you looking for a friendly game of American Mah Jongg? We play just for fun on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00pm 3:00pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. Please bring your own game if you have one, but not necessarily needed. Join our Facebook group "Easton Pa One Bam Bird" for notifications of any schedule changes. Any questions, text El at 908-884-7066.
- Greater Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Sewing Guild: Meets 2nd Thursday of Each Month (No Meeting July and August) 10:00am-1:00pm
- Penn Rose Quilt Club: 1st Wednesday of Each Month, 10:00am
- URW: Meets third Tuesday of each month, 9:00am, no September or December meeting
- Ambassador Club: Meets every 3rd Monday of the month at 1:00 pm, no meetings in July, August, or December
- Toy Show: Saturday, November 9th, for more information visitwww.valleygoto.com or email mosttrains@yahoo.com
- **Annual Turkey Burn:** Please join us and work off that turkey and pie on Sunday, December 1st from 10:30am 12:00pm. Participants will get a mix of various exercises and styles. Cost is \$5 for walk-ins and free for Fit Pass holders.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Friday, December 6th from 12:00pm to 7:00pm.
- Palmer Holiday Fest/Annual Tree Lighting, Saturday, December 7th at the Charles Chrin Community Center at 6:15pm. Please join us for holiday activities. We will also have a special visit from Santa and some of his friends. This is a free event, come enjoy the holiday spirit with your family and friends! Please "Like" us on Facebook for the full itinerary of events or check out our website.
- Holiday Zumba Event: Please join us Saturday December 14th from 10:00 11:30am for our Holiday extended Zumba class! Wear your best holiday gear and get ready to shake it to some holiday tunes! Cost is \$5 for Walk-ins and free for Fit Pass holders.

# **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, 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 where 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. Monday-Friday times are flexible.

#### **PRICING**

Basic-up to 20 Children.....\$275.00/Resident

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# **Fitness Class Schedule**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	The Works 9:15-10:00am August	Yoga 9:30-10:20am Becky	The Works 9:15-10:00am August	Yoga 9:30-10:20am Becky		
<b>64</b>	Zumba 10:30-11:20am August	Zumba Toning 10:30-11:20am August	Zumba 10:30-11:20am August	Bootcamp 10:30-11:20am August	Zumba 10:30-11:20am August	
Silver Fitness Classes!  See full schedule for more details.	Zumba Gold 1:00-1:45pm August Silver Class	Silver Core Stretch 1:00-1:45pm August Silver Class	Zumba Gold Toning 1:00-1:45pm August Silver Class	Silver Bootcamp 1:00-1:45pm August Silver Class	Silver Yoga 1:00-1:45pm Becky Silver Class	
	Zumba 7:00-7:50pm Lisa		Zumba 6:00-6:50pm Lisa			
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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!

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including cancellations and class changes!

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Join us, where the rhythm of passion meets the stage of possibility. Dream big, believe in yourself, and let your dance soar at Dream\_Believe\_Dance of Palmer Townshipi

#### Fall sessions

Fall 2 11/4-12/16

No class dates 11/5, 11/11 and week of 11/25.
No class dates will be pro-rated.

Winter 1 1/6- 2/17

No class dates 1/20, 1/17

Check with your instructor for makeup classes

#### **Tuition Rates**

Cost per 6 week session

30 min - \$87.00

45mln - \$99.00

60 min - \$111.00

75 min - \$123.00

90 min - \$153.00

Unlimited - \$200.00

#### Private Class Rates

Miss Justine

30 min - 30 per class

45- min - 40 per class

Miss Abby and Miss Abby

30 Min - 25 per class

45 min - 35 per class

Half of the cost of the private class gets paid directly to the community center.

# DREAM BELIEVE DANCE





# REGISTRATION OPENS OCT. IST

# Schedule

#### Monday

5:15-6

LYPICAL

AGES 9-12

#### Tuesday

5:)5-5:45

JUNIOR LEVEL JAZZ AND PRINCESS BALLET

PRE-BALLET AGES 3-5 WITH

5:50-6:50

BALLET, TAP AND TUMBLE

LEVEL )

AGES 4-6 WITH SOME

S:50-6:50

NO OR LITTLE EXPERIENCE

#### Wednesday

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HIP/HOP/STREET JAZZ

AGES 5-10

BEGINNER

6-6:45

ACRO/ TUMBLE LEVEL )

BEGINNER

AGES 5-12

6:15-7:15 BALLET

4-5 - MINI COMP TEAM

5-5:30 PRIVATE

5:30 - 6:15

JUNIOR COMP

5:50-6:50

**Thursday** 

AGES 10-18

7:15-8:00

JUNIOR/TEEN LEAPS, TURNS
AND TRICKS

AGES 10-18

8-8:45 PRIVATE

#### 6-7PM

ACRO/TUMBLE
INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

\*CERTAIN SKILLS REQUIRED

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7-8:30 TEEN COMPETITION

#### 7-8PM

BALLET, JAZZ, AND TUMBLE LEVEL Z

AGES 5-10 WITH EXPERIENCE

For questions, please email Miss Justine missjustine@dreambelievedance.com

#### Register at https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/dbd

January session will be the last session open for registration until summer 2025.

Please check https://www.palmercommunitycenter.org/dance.html for any schedule updates for 2025.

Winter 1 registration will open in December.

#### Winter Indoor Session January 12th - March 16th, 9 Weeks

At the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township

Winter Indoor Session January 12th - March 16th, 9 Weeks

(No class Superbowl Sunday 2/9)

4 & 5 - Sundays 5:00-6:00 pm

6 & 7 - Sundays 6:00-7:00 pm

Cost for Indoor Session: Residents \$100 & Non-Residents \$125



- 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 & sneakers.
- · Volunteer coaches are welcome and encouraged!







#### **Turkey Burn 2024**

Sunday, December 1st, 2024 10:30AM - 12PM

\$5.00 for Walk-ins & Free to Fit Pass Members

Please join Lisa and work off that turkey and extra slice of pie!

Participants will get a mixed & extended workout of Zumba and Zumba Toning.

Come and feel great about yourself!



· Sports equipment for parents and children to play with at their own leisure (soccer

Older children we recommend join our Amazing Athletes or Soccer Stars program!

Children up to age 5 are permitted, although most equipment is best suited for 3.5 and under.

balls/nets, footballs and basketballs)



Learn to Play... or Improve your Current Game



Winter Pickleball Lessons are Available at the Charles Chrin Community Center

BEGINNER CLASSES — WEDNESDAYS- 11:00AM — 1:00PM

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

Winter Session 1: January 8th – January 29th Winter Session 2: February 5th – 26th

#### INTERMEDIATE CLASSES – MONDAYS – 9:00AM – 11:00AM

Winter Session 1: January 8th – January 29th Winter Session 2: February 5th – 26th

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 \$100 (per 4 week session)



Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States.

Popular with all ages, it is played with 2 or 4 people on a court about 1/2 the size of a tennis court. Some people say it's like a hybrid of tennis and ping-pong. You play with a Pickleball paddle and a special type of whiffle ball.

Sessions: 9:30am, 10:45am, 12:00pm, 1:15pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

#### **MUST PRE-REGISTER VIA SIGN-UP GENIUS:**

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48aba622a7f4c70-indoorl One Hour Court Time (no walk-ins accepted)

#### **Payment Options:**

Palmer Residents - \$20.00 per hour court time. ID necessary for resident rate.

Non-Residents - \$30.00 per hour court time

Cash, check, and credit card will be accepted. Payment must be made at the front desk before playing.

Insurance will no longer be accepted.

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#### **Educational Sports Programs**

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To register, go to the following website: www.amazingathletes.com/lehighvalley

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



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





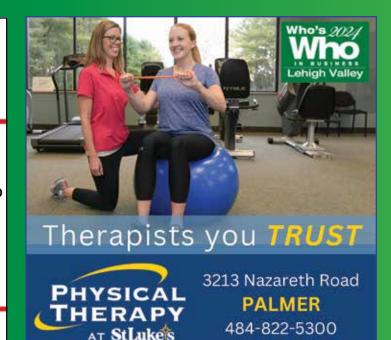
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