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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



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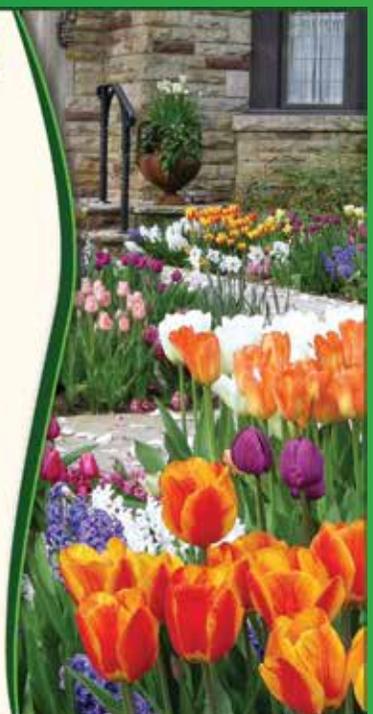
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## SENATOR LISA BOSCOLA

### PA BUDGET TACKLES AFFORDABILITY AND IMPROVING THE PA ECONOMY



Pennsylvania's budget came late, but it delivered in some critical areas. There were no tax increases; in fact, there were some tax cuts. It protects the Rainy-Day Fund, and it invests in the pillars of a strong economy, quality education, and affordable energy.

Importantly, the last couple of budgets have made some progress at the state level, putting money into people's pockets, especially for seniors and working families in Northampton and Lehigh counties.

It is undeniable that people are feeling the punch of higher prices. While the state government's impact is limited when it comes to surging prices, I like to focus on where we can help.

Since Governor Shapiro has taken office, we expanded the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program for Seniors. The first time in more than two decades we've increased income eligibility from \$35,000 to \$45,000 (With a COLA) and increased the maximum amount available (from \$650 to \$1000). Helping to reduce the impact of rising property tax bills.

We also made strides in helping families better afford childcare by expanding the childcare tax credit (up to 233% for some families), and in this year's budget, including a new childcare workforce retention program to help keep centers open and fully staffed.

Affordable and dependable childcare is a workforce issue. When care is reliable, parents can stay on the job, and employers can keep workers.

Speaking of our workforce and business environment in Pennsylvania. I feel we made Pennsylvania more competitive in a lot of ways this term.

We continued lowering our corporate taxes, taking us from 3rd worst in the Country to 13th.

We also did much to cut red tape for our licensed occupations in the state – something I'm really proud of. Helping doctors, barbers, nurses, and so many more professionals get on the job faster. Paired with some improved permitting reform we accomplished this session; these are translating into more job opportunities for the constituents in our region.

A recent study done by Moody's, released in October of this year, found that Pennsylvania is just one of 16 states where the economy continues to expand. Currently, Pennsylvania is ranked among the top 20 states to do business and the only one in the Northeastern United States on that list.

We need to keep this going.

On education, the budget delivers long-awaited cyber charter school reform and meaningful increases in basic and special education funding, bringing nearly \$13.5 million more to public schools in the 18th District. It also provides \$2 million in recurring funding for St. Luke's University's medical school, the only medical school in the Lehigh Valley. Every other area in the State receives state funding for its medical schools; it was long past time for the Lehigh Valley to enjoy the same.

On energy, the budget is a turning point, ending the RGGI stalemate and opening a path for bipartisan energy policy discussions that can lead to lower costs for Pennsylvania households. Included in the budget is a significant policy proposal I have supported, directing the PUC to improve electric load forecasting, a tool that will help reduce inflated demand projections and ultimately lower customer bills.

This budget delivers balanced, forward-looking investments that support working Pennsylvanians by keeping taxes steady, strengthening our schools, and improving Pennsylvania's competitiveness. I was proud to vote for it.

Finally, I was proud to work with Rep. Bob Freeman to secure a \$250,000 grant for Palmer in December for the Bike Path rehabilitation project. The Bike Path is a true community asset and this partnership with the Commonwealth will help ensure it remains a great place to exercise whether biking or walking.

*Lisa*

Senator Lisa Boscola  
18th Senatorial District

**HOLIDAY MUNICIPAL BUILDING CLOSINGS:**

**Monday, February 16, 2026**  
President's Day

**Friday, April 3, 2026**  
Good Friday

## YOU MADE PALMER PROUDER

The Earth Stewards of Palmer extends a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our supporters and participants within the “Palmer Proud” Community Wide Litter Cleanup Event held Saturday, 23 August 2025. This highly successful event had the support of the Board of Supervisors, Chrin Industries, Business and Industry in Palmer (BIP), the Palmer Municipal Fire Department and thirty (30) community minded volunteers who collected 3,600 pounds of litter from Palmer’s public parks, trails and roadways.

An earlier edition of “Today’s Palmer Newsletter” titled “Palmer Proud” focused upon the many reasons why one chose to live in Palmer Township and to instill that pride within those who have moved here in recent years. Past Palmer Township Supervisor, Charles “Zeke” Bellis spearheaded the drive to turn the Newsletter article into an actionable event.

“Palmer Proud” was designed to raise the awareness of the need to not litter the roads, trails, and parks within your community, and to pass the environmental baton on to younger generations. The Earth Stewards of Palmer is comprised of mostly retirees. We believe that we are stewards of the environment and that it is the duty of each generation to continue to promote projects that will ensure that your community will grow with a focus upon the environment thus ensuring clean water and air as well as reduction of all forms of pollution thus improving the quality of life within Palmer Township for all.

Every one of us has “Rights.” Along with those “Rights” come “OBLIGATIONS!”

Earth Stewards of Palmer’s website: [EarthStewardsofPalmer.com](http://EarthStewardsofPalmer.com) is where you can learn more about their events, and volunteer to participate in any or all the scheduled cleanups.

Do your children need to perform Community Service to graduate from High School? What better way to comply with that requirement than to participate within a cleanup event. We provide safety vests, gloves and mechanical pickers which you can continue to use when you walk around your neighborhood continuing to perform community service and remove litter left by careless individuals.

The next time you are out on the trails, roads, or sidewalks, remember to bring home everything that you brought with you, i.e. water bottles, soda cans, snack wrappers. Pick up and properly dispose of your pet’s litter. Collecting it and throwing it and the bag into the shrubs is NOT logical nor environmentally sound.

Microplastics are a “Hot Topic.” How do these microplastics get into the environment, simply by discarding plastics along the roads, trails, and waterways. As the various plastics break down it leaches into our waterways and then into our drinking water and us!

While riding your bike on Township trails, remember you are the vehicle and all others are pedestrians. Announce your intent to pass them so they are aware of your presence. It is not only for their safety, but yours as well!

We hear so many people complain about the lack of courtesy and respect. You get what you give. So, if not you, who will ensure that our water, air, and land is not despoiled with litter, discarded haphazardly by thoughtless acts of selfishness?

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Welcoming Newly Elected Members of the Board of Supervisors

Palmer Township is pleased to welcome two newly elected members to the Board of Supervisors: Marcella Cardone and Tung To Lam. Each brings a unique perspective, professional experience, and strong commitment to the community, and the Township looks forward to their leadership and service.

Marcella Cardone is an active resident and dedicated mother who brings a thoughtful, community-centered perspective to the Board. Her engagement in local issues, commitment to family and neighborhood values, and willingness to listen and collaborate will be valuable assets in her role as Supervisor. Marcella is known for her approachability, integrity, and strong sense of civic responsibility. As a Board member, she is expected to bring insight grounded in the everyday experiences of Township residents, along with a focus on transparency, collaboration, and responsible decision-making.

Tung To Lam is a lifelong resident of Palmer Township and a dedicated father, neighbor, and professional. An engineer by trade, Tung brings extensive experience in leadership, problem-solving, and project delivery. Throughout his career, he has led teams, navigated complex municipal and zoning challenges, and successfully delivered projects that have transformed communities. His technical expertise, analytical mindset, and familiarity with local issues position him well to contribute meaningfully to Township planning, infrastructure, and long-term development initiatives.

The Township is excited to welcome Marcella Cardone and Tung To Lam to the Board of Supervisors. Their diverse backgrounds, shared commitment to public service, and dedication to Palmer Township will help guide the community forward. We look forward to the positive contributions they will make as they begin their service to the residents of Palmer Township.



## HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DEDICATED TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES



Palmer Township proudly recognizes the retirement of three long-serving and highly valued employees whose collective service spans decades of commitment to our community: Brenda DeGerolamo, Richard Holjes, and Peter Kirchgassner. Their professionalism, dedication, and institutional knowledge have left a lasting impact on Township operations and residents alike.

Brenda DeGerolamo concludes an extraordinary 23-year career with Palmer Township, retiring from her position as Assistant Township Manager. Brenda began her service in 2002 as Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager, where her organizational expertise and strong administrative leadership quickly became evident. She later transitioned into the role of Assistant Township Manager, a position she held with distinction until her retirement in 2025. Throughout her tenure, Brenda played an integral role in supporting Township leadership, managing daily operations, and ensuring continuity across departments. In addition to her administrative responsibilities, she served as secretary for the Township's Business Improvement Program, further demonstrating her commitment to economic development and community engagement. Brenda's professionalism, reliability, and deep understanding of Township operations will be greatly missed.



Richard Holjes retires after six years of dedicated service to Palmer Township. Richard began his Township career in 2019 as a part-time employee in the Parks Department, where his strong work ethic and willingness to take on additional responsibilities quickly set him apart. In 2020, he transitioned to a full-time position in the Public Utilities Department, expanding his role in support of critical municipal services. In 2021, Richard was promoted to Permit and Code Officer, a role in which he served the community by helping to ensure compliance, safety, and quality development throughout the Township. His growth within the organization reflects both his commitment to public service and the trust placed in him by Township leadership.

Peter Kirchgassner's Township service spans more than two decades and reflects resilience and dedication. Peter began his career in the Parks Department in January 2001, contributing to the maintenance and enhancement of Township recreational spaces enjoyed by residents of all ages. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Peter was unfortunately laid off due to circumstances beyond his control; however, his value to the Township was unmistakable, and he was welcomed back to the department in 2021. Peter continued his service through 2025, bringing experience, dependability, and pride in his work to every task.

Palmer Township extends its sincere gratitude to Brenda, Richard, and Peter for their years of service and dedication. We wish them continued health, happiness, and fulfillment in their well-earned retirement.

## RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF RETIRING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEMBERS

Palmer Township expresses its deep appreciation to two distinguished members of the Board of Supervisors—Jeffrey Young and K. Michael Mitchell—who conclude long and impactful tenures in service to the Township. Their leadership, institutional knowledge, and dedication to public service have helped shape Palmer Township across multiple generations.



Jeffrey Young's service to Palmer Township spans nearly four decades and reflects an enduring commitment to the community. He first served as a Supervisor from 1987 through 1999, during a formative period of growth and change for the Township. After a period away from elected office, Jeffrey returned to the Board in 2014 and continued to serve through 2025, adding an additional 11 years of leadership. Across both periods of service, Jeffrey brought continuity, experience, and a deep understanding of Township governance. His long-term perspective and steady approach were invaluable assets to the Board, staff, and residents alike.

K. Michael Mitchell concludes 25 years of service on the Board of Supervisors, having served continuously from 2000 through 2025. His commitment to Palmer Township extends beyond elected office. Prior to his time on the Board, Mike served the community as a Palmer Township Police Officer from 1970 to 1976, demonstrating a lifelong dedication to public safety and service. He was also the owner of Suburban Cleaners, located on Freemansburg Avenue, contributing to the local business community and economy. As a Supervisor, Mike was known for his practical insight, strong work ethic, and focus on the long-term interests of the Township.

Together, Jeffrey Young and K. Michael Mitchell provided decades of leadership, stability, and institutional memory to Palmer Township. Their contributions have helped guide policy decisions, infrastructure investments, and community development initiatives that continue to benefit residents today. The Township extends its sincere thanks to both men for their service and wishes them continued success and fulfillment in the years ahead.





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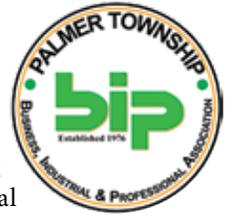
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## BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION NEWS



### September 8th Annual Golf Outing

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our BIP of Palmer golf outing!

Your smiles said it all—what an incredible day spent with amazing people.

We hope you had as much fun playing as we did hosting. A special thank you to Deb and Jeff Young, who did the majority of the work planning, organizing, and managing the outing that netted over \$22,000.

The money raised by the BIP will be used for 2026 scholarships and Palmer community projects. We have pledged \$15,000 to the township for two flashing safety lights, similar to the ones at the bike path crossing on Greenwood Avenue near the Post Office. These new lights will be installed at the bike path crossings of Stones Crossing and Northwood Avenue at Penn Pump Park.

An extra special shoutout to our amazing volunteers and generous sponsors, you made this day possible!



The quarterly lunch meeting opened with a brief remembrance of Palmer supervisor Charles “Zeke” Bellis III, who recently passed away. Bob Williams introduced the new Supervisor Baron Vanderburg, who was appointed to fill Zeke’s Board seat until the end of 2025.

Rick Principato, a longtime member of the BIP, will be leaving the Board of Directors at the end of the year. The luncheon group expressed their appreciation for all the time and energy Rick has provided the BIP for over 40 years. It was also announced that Katie Carr will join the Board of Directors in January 2026.

Rick Principato was the luncheon speaker, highlighting his affiliation with Northampton Community College’s Center for Business & Industry (CBI). During his speech, Rick mentioned the Center was created to support business and industrial organizations with the best possible practices and innovative approaches in an ever-evolving marketplace.

On November 12th, 2025, the BIP held its 48th Annual Awards Banquet at the Kiwanis Youth Center.

Congratulations to our 2025 Award Recipients!

### Booster Award - Brenda DeGerolamo

This award honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Palmer Township community. It is presented to those who have demonstrated exceptional service to others, distinguishing Palmer Township through their dedication to their fellow citizens, the business community, or the political environment.

### Community Service Award - Craig Conner

This award recognizes individuals and groups whose service and contributions help define Palmer Township as a caring and connected community. Their efforts exemplify compassion, volunteerism, and a true commitment to making a difference.

### Civic Trust Award - Brown-Daub KIA

The highest tribute presented by the Association of Professionals, this award celebrates businesses, corporations, or individuals conducting commerce within Palmer Township. It honors those who have made significant physical improvements to existing properties or developed new structures that enhance the township’s business climate and community appeal through the spirit of free enterprise.

### The Principato Civic Trust Award - Rick Principato

When BIP was founded in 1976, Dick Principato proudly served as our very first Vice President. From those early days of dedication and service, the Principato family has been an unwavering part of our story. For 49 years, through Dick and now his son Rick, a Principato has continuously served on our board, helping guide and strengthen our mission.

Their enduring leadership, commitment to community, and dedication to Palmer Township represent the very heart of what this award stands for: a continued legacy of service, pride, and community spirit that inspires us all.

This year, we are also proud to present Charles Chrin Companies with an award in appreciation of their continued financial support, generously providing popcorn supplies for Community Days year after year. Their partnership and community spirit help make our local celebrations extra special for everyone.



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## Importance of Recycling to the Palmer Township Community



When it comes to thinking about, let alone acting on, recycling, one word comes to mind: *overwhelmed*. If you’ve spent any time lately watching the news, reading the paper, scrolling YouTube or TikTok, you may have come across folks talking about the global effects of all of our collective trash: yard waste, electronic waste, clothes waste, food scraps, plastic, glass, cardboard...the list goes on and on. One of the things we know is that when a person feels overloaded with information, they have a tendency to detach or avoid the subject altogether. So, the Environmental Steering Committee (ESC) wanted to take a few of your very precious minutes today to try to help reduce that overload by focusing specifically on the importance of recycling to our community.

Did you know that recycling in our community is not just good for our environment, but it’s also good for our economy? In Palmer Township, we employ one full-time person dedicated to our Solid Waste and Recycling program, and our Public Works Department employs many local, full-time, part-time, and seasonal folks. These individuals not only maintain our roads, but they are also responsible for our Hartley Ave Recycling Centers and the Berks Street Yard Waste Facility.

Recycling also reduces the amount of waste that ends up in our local landfills. As of the writing of this piece, Palmer Township is currently contracted with Waste Management, who maintains and operates one of the largest of our local landfills, to collect and haul our trash. The Grand Central landfill is located in Pen Argyl, and according to the Waste Management Expansion FAQ page, this landfill will be at capacity in fewer than six years! Waste Management has been in discussion with Plainfield Township regarding a proposed 211-acre expansion of their property, but no final decisions have yet been made. This proposed expansion could give the area approximately 20 more years of waste disposal service. It would also mean we would not have to ship our trash to another state, **saving us money**. However, wouldn’t it also be wonderful if we, the residents of Palmer Township, could do our part and **recycle more, helping to slow down the growth of that landfill?**

To help make recycling easier and more accessible for our community, on November 7th, 2025, Palmer Township celebrated the **Grand Opening of our expanded Recycling Center at 3600/3650 Hartley Avenue**. In his invitation letter to the Grand Opening Ceremony, Mr. Trexler noted,

*This new facility represents a forward-looking investment in Palmer Township’s long-term sustainability and resilience, while remaining a 100% grant funded project from its inception. It will provide residents with a safe, efficient, and modern resource for managing recyclable materials.*

Wow! I don’t know about you, but I think grant writing is a difficult task. It is impressive that our Township leaders were able to procure more than **\$1 million in grant funding** to help make it easier and safer for our residents to make a positive impact in our own community.

So remember, if you have items that are ready for recycling, you don’t have to wait until your trash collection day. You can stop by the Recycling Center at **3600/3650 Hartley Avenue** and drop them off. “What can I drop off,” you ask. Great question! **The center accepts standard curbside materials** like plastic, glass, cans, etc., cardboard and paper, scrap metal, and some yard waste. The Recycling Center even accepts commercial and business recycling. For more information on how to properly prepare your household items for recycling, check out the “Trash and Recycling Additional Info” page on the Palmer Township website.

The Recycling Center is open **Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. But wait! Before you pack up your vehicle with your recyclables, be sure to check the Palmer Township website (<https://palmertwp.com/rw-hartley-ave.html>) for any holiday closures or schedule changes and for important rules and restrictions.

From one resident to another, thank you for taking the time to recycle, keeping our community sustainable and people employed!

### A Handy-Dandy Guide to Acceptable Items for the Recycling Center

Category	Accepted Items
<b>Standard Recyclables</b>	The <b>same items recycled curbside</b> (paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, cans, etc.).
<b>Preparation Note</b>	Cardboard does <b>not</b> have to be flattened. Paper and newspaper do <b>not</b> have to be bundled.
<b>Scrap Metal</b>	Washers, dryers, hot water heaters, bicycles, microwaves, BBQ grills (gas and/or charcoal removed), lawnmowers (oil and gas removed), and various other metal items.
<b>Yard Waste</b>	Accepts three (3) 3ft x 3ft bundles, 3 garbage cans, or 3 bags of yard waste. (Bags must be emptied into the dumpster.)  <b>No grass clippings or leaves.</b> Grass clippings can be mulched into your lawn, and leaves are collected curbside for 8 weeks during the fall. Residents must rake their leaves into the street close to the curb. Collection is weather dependent.
<b>Commercial/Business</b>	The center <b>does</b> accept recyclables from commercial and business facilities.

**February – From the Heart!**

Suburban EMS responds to hundreds of cardiac emergencies every year, and survival often depends on who's nearby and who's prepared.

- Attend a CPR or AED class through Suburban EMS.
- Add your home or business AED to your emergency plan.
- Encourage loved ones to get regular checkups.

**March – Step Into Spring Safely**

As the seasons begin to change, Suburban EMS encourages the community to stay mindful of safety at home, on the road, and outdoors.

- Slow down on wet roads and allow extra stopping distance.
- Be aware of pedestrians as more people head outdoors.
- Dress in layers to avoid overexertion during fluctuating temperatures.

**April – Spring Into Safety!**

Suburban EMS reminds residents to keep safety top of mind while enjoying the season.

- Wear helmets when biking, skating, or scootering.
- Watch for pedestrians and kids at play, especially near schools and parks.
- Know your address and location if you ever need to call 911 outdoors.

**May – Safety in Full Bloom!**

- Suburban EMS reminds residents to enjoy the warmer weather while keeping safety a priority as activities ramp up.
- Stay hydrated during outdoor activities as temperatures rise.
- Use sunscreen and protective gear when spending extended time outside.
- Take breaks and drink water during outdoor work or sports



Whether it's a medical emergency, a training class, or a safety event, our mission is the same: to care for our neighbors with skill, compassion, and heart—24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



There is a new flower garden across the street from the Palmer Township Post Office and because of the great working relationship between the Palmer Township Parks and Public Works Departments and Dave Carr, originator of The Palmer Township Beautification Project, the garden went from an idea to reality in a very few days. Palmer workers eliminated the very low-grade ground and replaced it with pure leaf compost. Dave provided the plants. Questions or like to help, please call Dave at 610-704-5868 d.carr@rcn.com

**KIWANIS CLUB**

**Palmer Kiwanis: Celebrating Leadership, Service, and a Growing Future**

The Palmer Kiwanis Club continues to live out its 50-year-old mission of serving the children and families of our community, one project, one partnership, and one volunteer at a time. As we look back on another successful year of service, we extend our sincere gratitude to outgoing president Ron Roth for his steady leadership, dedication, and passion for improving lives in Palmer Township and beyond. Ron's commitment has ensured that Kiwanis remains a cornerstone of community service in Palmer Township.

As we turn the page, Palmer Kiwanis enthusiastically welcomed Dan McMahon as our incoming president. Dan brings fresh energy, vision, and a deep belief in the power of service. Under his leadership, we look forward to growing our membership, enhancing our impact, and continuing the tradition of hands-on service that defines who we are.

**Our Mission: Serving the Community, Supporting Local Youth**

Palmer Kiwanis is proud to support vital community initiatives like the Kiwanis Youth Center, a space dedicated to nurturing, mentoring, and empowering young people. Through volunteer projects, fundraising, and year-round programming, our club

ensures that local children have safe, supportive, and enriching opportunities to learn and grow.

But our service extends far beyond one place. You'll find Palmer Kiwanis members in parks, at schools, at community events, and anywhere our neighbors need a helping hand. We are a service-driven, people-focused organization that believes in showing up, pitching in, and making a difference.

**Join Us And Be Part of Something That Matters**

If you've ever wondered how to get more involved in your community, meet great people, and take part in meaningful volunteer work, Palmer Kiwanis welcomes you. We are always excited to meet prospective members who share our passion for service and want to be part of making Palmer Township even stronger.

**Weekly Meetings:**

- Williams Family Restaurant
- Every Wednesday, 7:30 AM

Enjoy breakfast, connect with community-minded neighbors, and learn how you can make an immediate impact.

## 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 2nd, 2026 at 9:00am. Park rentals will become available to the general public on February 2nd, 2026 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 Only \$150.00**

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 \$100.00**

• **RIVERVIEW:** Permit for Riverview Park allows the responsible use of alcohol. Rental time 8:00am-10:00pm. **Residents \$150.00 & Non-Residents \$200.00**

• **BIP PAVILION, BRIARCLIFFE, FAIRVIEW, KEYSTONE, & MILL RACE** – Alcohol prohibited. Rental time 8:00am-10:00pm. **Residents \$125.00 & Non-Residents \$200.00**



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

## REP. JOE EMRICK (137<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT)

### Securing Grants, Protecting Taxpayers

By Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Northampton)

I am honored to be your state representative, and since taking office in 2011, I've made it a top priority to secure grants on behalf of our municipalities, ensuring that taxpayers are protected on multiple fronts.

Dating back just six years to 2019, I've worked to bring nearly \$3.8 million to Palmer Township to help pay for public safety needs, infrastructure upgrades and municipal enhancements with roughly \$1.3 million of that coming from gaming revenues.

More than \$811,000 of that gaming revenue, has been used for the township's first responders, specifically for various emergency medical services (EMS) vehicles and equipment for Suburban EMS.

The remainder of the gaming funds have been used for recreational development, with \$300,000 secured for the Brown and Lynch American Legion Post #9's construction of a new event pavilion. The other \$75,000 was used to develop a master plan for the portion of the 9/11 National Memorial Trail that runs through Mill Race Park.

In addition to the gaming-funded grants, another state grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development contributed \$110,000 toward the construction costs of a new facility for the Palmer Kiwanis Youth Center.

We also secured grants totaling \$1.25 million through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and for the townships municipal recycling program. That money was used to construct the new Palmer Township Recycling Center, a state-of-the-art recycling facility that will benefit township residents for many years to come.



Nearly \$560,000 in grant funding was secured for sewage, stormwater and flood mitigation projects, including \$250,000 for the significant infrastructure upgrades of the Norma Street Sewer/Stormwater Project.

Finally, we helped the township secure nearly \$260,000 in grants, mostly through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, to help with upgrading the traffic signals on Park Avenue and Route 248 as well as snow removal within the township.

It is always my goal to ensure the safety and well-being of my constituents, whether that is the physical protection afforded by our first responders, the public safety assured by improved municipal infrastructure, the preservation and enhancement of our community treasures, or the financial protection of your hard-earned tax dollars.



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View our full program schedule and register for programs online!

Find the calendar by visiting [www.eastonpl.org](http://www.eastonpl.org) or [bit.ly/eastoncal](http://bit.ly/eastoncal)



### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

#### Adult Coloring for Relaxation

Trade the screen time for "ME" time and enjoy the sublime pleasure of coloring. We will explore monthly themed coloring projects with coloring sheets for different skill levels and colored pencils. Feel free to bring your own supplies too! Zero art experience needed. Light snacks and refreshments will be available. Registration is required. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Easton Area Public Library. Tuesdays, February 24 and March 31, 10:30am-12:30pm

#### Paint Night at the Library

Make your own masterpiece with guided instructions and create a seasonal masterpiece to take home. No talent needed, but good vibes required. All materials will be provided. Registration is required and begins March 4. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Easton Area Public Library. Wednesday, March 25, 1:00 and 6:00pm



#### Monthly Book Groups for Adults

- **Forever Young Adult Book Group** - Meets at the Palmer Branch the third Wednesday of the month at 6pm. A book group for adults who enjoy reading teen/young adult fiction of all genres. No registration is required.
- **Tuesday Night Book Club** - Meets at the Palmer Branch the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6pm. A good-natured discussion of contemporary and popular fiction. No registration is required.
- **Diverse Voices** - Meets virtually via Zoom the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm. Each month, we focus on diverse voices across various mediums and meet virtually for discussion. Registration is required.
- **Good Librations Silent Book Club** - Meets the last Monday of the month from 5:30-7:30pm. Join us at The Tippy Crow at the Silk Mill for some Good Librations. As a Silent Book Club, there's no assigned reading, and participating is easy. Just bring your current read or select a book within the month's theme and join us! For adults 21 and over. No registration is required.



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**ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN**



**Weekly Storytimes**

*Registration is not required for weekly storytimes.*

**Baby Storytime**

Mondays at 10:00am - Ages 0-2 with a caregiver. This lapsit storytime for babies and toddlers introduces children to storytime with songs, bouncing rhymes, shakers, books, and bubbles.

**Preschool Storytime**

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am - Ages 3-5 with a caregiver. Designed to foster school readiness, this interactive storytime includes stories, songs, movement, and crafts to help develop early literacy skills.

**Saturday Morning Makers**

For ages 4+ with an adult.

Make themed craft projects for family fun and collaborative learning. Supplies and a sample project will be offered for your family to complete at their own pace. For ages 4+ with an adult due to small or sharp objects being present. No registration required.

Saturdays, February 28, March 28, and April 25 - 10:30am-12:00pm

**Homeschool Happenings**

Meets the first Monday of the month at 1:00pm during the school year

For homeschoolers ages 5-12, these monthly activities give homeschooling families the opportunity to meet, learn, and explore! Registration is required.

Monday, March 2 – Piece by Piece: The Art of Mosaics

Monday, April 6 – Titanic: The Unsinkable Ship

**Glow Paint Party**

For ages 10-14. Turn down the lights and turn up the creativity! Young artists will create bold, neon paintings that glow under blacklight. Registration is required and begins February 11. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Easton Area Public Library.

Wednesday, February 25 - 5:30pm

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION**



**Township Plants 50 Street Trees with New Program**

Early in 2025, the Shade Tree Commission piloted its first annual Street Tree Program. Our Township offered residents the opportunity to enhance their neighborhoods with free street trees that would provide shade, improve air quality, reduce storm water runoff, and beautify our community.



With a 50-tree cap, we quickly received requests from residents who were interested in the program. Commission members partnered with Public Works to survey residential rights-of-way and ensure the space would be able to accommodate a tree. Once a location was reviewed, residents were given the opportunity to choose the tree they wanted from a curated list of native species. These lists were specific to each resident's available right-of-way space. Red buds, dogwoods, and other small trees were proposed for areas that had overhead utilities or sidewalks, whereas maples, lindens and other large trees



were proposed in areas that did not. Residents committed to watering, seasonal pruning, and other maintenance that the newly planted trees might require in the future to support their long-term success.

Thank you to all the residents who participated in this program, and to the Township Supervisors, management and staff for their support. All the trees were planted in the first week of November 2025 and we await spring to see lots of new green!

Interested in applying for a street tree in 2026? Contact the Shade Tree Commission at [STC@palmertwp.com](mailto:STC@palmertwp.com) and make sure to follow our Facebook page for tree tips and other announcements!



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**4th Annual Arbor Day Celebration**  
**April 24th**



Dear Neighbors,

As your representative in the U.S. Congress here in the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos, I want to share an update on the work I'm doing to support our veterans, servicemembers, and military families. Ensuring that those who served receive the care, benefits, and recognition they deserve is one of my top priorities in Washington and throughout our community.

Across the region, too many veterans face challenges navigating the VA, accessing healthcare, finding housing assistance, or getting connected to mental health and community support. That is why my team and I have made veteran services a central part of our work. Whether it's resolving a benefits delay, replacing lost military records, or helping a family access survivor benefits, we are here to help.

Recently, our office hosted a Veterans Resource Expo that welcomed hundreds of veterans, caregivers, and community members from across the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos. More than 30 national, state, and local organizations joined us to offer assistance with VA benefits, health and wellness services, housing support, employment programs, education benefits, and community resources. Bringing these services together in one place helps veterans get answers, solve problems, and connect with the support networks they deserve.

In Congress, I'm working across the aisle to strengthen veteran care and improve access to benefits. One recent example is the bipartisan Improving Veteran Access to Care Act, legislation I introduced alongside Democratic Congressman Chris Pappas to streamline scheduling systems at the Department of Veterans Affairs. This reform will help veterans more easily schedule and manage the medical care they've earned without unnecessary delays or red tape.

No matter the issue or question, my district offices are here to serve you:

**District Headquarters**

1125 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.,  
Suite 109 (bottom floor)  
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**Downtown Allentown Office**

840 W. Hamilton St., Suite 201  
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Each location is staffed with knowledgeable caseworkers who assist our community members every day. We are here Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. It is an honor to represent you in Congress, and my team and I look forward to continuing to serve veterans and everyone across the Greater Lehigh Valley and the Poconos.

If you'd like to stay updated on our office's events, I encourage you to subscribe to my newsletter: <https://mackenzie.house.gov/contact/newsletter-subscribe>

Sincerely,

U.S. Congressman Ryan Mackenzie

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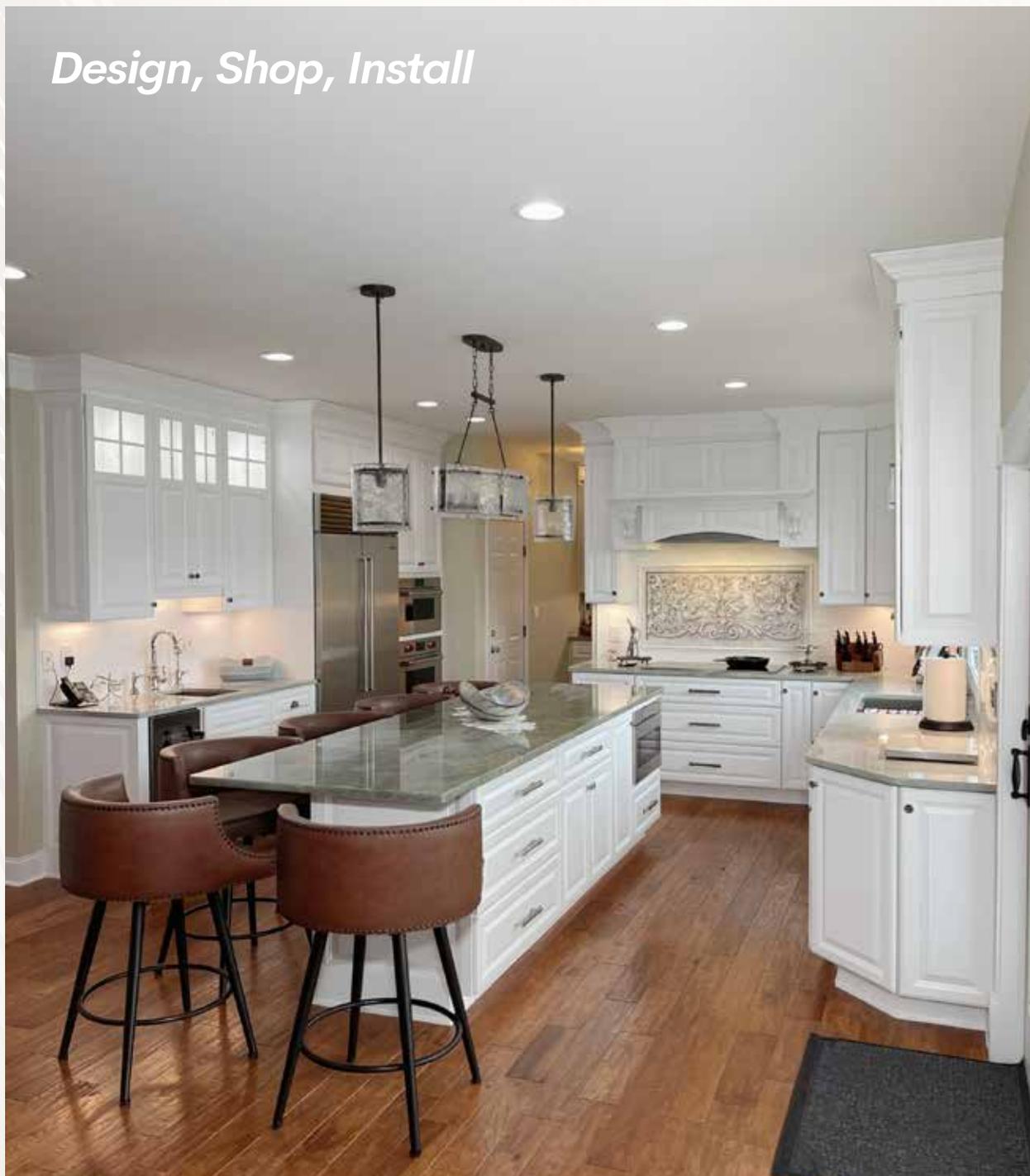
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## PALMER TOWNSHIP SECURES \$265,000 FOR BICYCLE PATH REHABILITATION PROJECT

Palmer Township is proud to announce **\$265,000 in grant funding** was awarded to the township to support significant improvements to the Palmer Township Bikeway trail. This funding includes \$250,000 from the Pennsylvania Local Share Account (LSA) Statewide Grant Program and \$15,000 from the Northampton County Grow NORCO Grant Program. Together, these funds will support new paving and new pedestrian safety facilities along one of the Lehigh Valley's most important trails.

In 2026, keep your eyes open for improvements to sections of the Palmer Bikeway between Sheridan Drive and 25th Street. Some sections will receive new paving, some new signage, and others new street crosswalks. Palmer Township has a goal of improving the entire 1.5 miles between Sheridan and 25th Street, as well as the entire 12 miles of Palmer Bikeway Trail. We're on the lookout for cracked pavement, uneven surfaces, and aging road crossings. Our trail is an important part of the Lehigh Valley's LINK Trail Network and the September 11th National Memorial Trail, together supporting nearly 150,000 residents connected to Palmer.

Planned improvements include:

- New asphalt trail surfaces
- ADA-compliant detectable warning pads
- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at trail crossings
- Thermoplastic crosswalk markings
- Updated and improved trail signage

These upgrades are meant to improve safety and visibility, strengthen trail connectivity between neighborhoods, parks, schools, and local businesses, and encourage active transportation and recreation throughout the Township. Additional project details, including construction timing and coordination, will be shared in 2026. Palmer Township appreciates the continued investment in local infrastructure and looks forward to delivering an improved, more accessible, and more resilient trail and bike path for the entire community.

## ENVIRONMENT & OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMIC REPORT

### NATURE WINS AGAIN!

Northampton County recently completed the 2025 Return on Environment & Outdoor Recreation Economic Report, and the findings are really extraordinary. Just from the title you can guess the County was eager to learn whether investing in parks, trails, and open space has a positive impact on our economy. The short answer is, 'Absolutely.' The County was also interested to know if protecting our streams and woodlands resulted in actual real dollar savings. Again, there's a short answer, 'Most Definitely!'

The report revealed our investments generate hundreds of millions of dollars annually in environmental benefits, outdoor recreation revenues, nearby residential property values, and support for our local agricultural economy.

**Agriculture**—700 jobs supported and \$43.2 Million in positive economic impact!

**Real Estate**—houses within ¼ mile of open space are worth \$12,852 more!

**Public Health Savings**---\$16 Million in Annual Healthcare Cost Savings because we get out there!

**Annual Ecosystem Benefits**--\$434.6 Million in all around revenue and savings thanks to us protecting open space, preventing flooding, and spending time in the outdoors!!!!

Just as important, when the access to our county and municipal parks and outdoor recreation was compared to the rest of PA, Northampton and all its municipalities ranked higher than state averages, by nearly 20%. That means our residents live closer to and have easier access to water recreation, trails, parks and preserved open space and natural areas. This actually translates into a stronger outdoor recreation economy than other places statewide.

Outdoor Recreation in Northampton—generates \$236.4 Million in output and supports 1,980 jobs!

What does this report mean for Palmer Township? First, it means that our Palmer Bikeway/ Two Rivers Trail, now hosting the September 11th National Memorial Trail, our proximity to and easy access to our parks, the River and the Bushkill Creek, and our restoration projects along the Schoenck Creek benefit residents of all income levels and reinforce our reputation as a desirable place to live, work, and play.

Additionally, the findings position open space not as an amenity, but as a strategic investment—one that supports economic vitality, public health, climate resilience, and future growth. The ROE study provides decision-makers with data-driven justification to continue and expand these investments as a core component of a long-term infrastructure and economic development strategy.

### Save the Date – Earth Day Celebration!

When: Saturday, April 18, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m

Where: Fairview Park

The Palmer Township Environmental Steering Committee invites you to join us for an Earth Day celebration! Connect with local vendors, enjoy presentations, meet Township staff and committee members and see a special display of artwork created by elementary students from Palmer Township schools for our Earth Day art competition.

Come celebrate our environment, support young artists and have fun with the whole family! We hope to see you there!

*Looking Ahead*

**New Recycling Center  
Now Open!**

Palmer residents can now utilize the Township's new Recycling Center! We opened the center in November of 2025. The new center accepts the same materials, but will provide service in a much easier and safer manner than the existing facility.

The new facility is located next to the old 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 \$3,934,934 in grant money from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. This money is used to purchase equipment like trash and recycling totes, 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!



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**Palmer Township Trash and Recycling Guide**



Pictured above: Grand Opening of the new Hartley Ave. Recycling Center.

**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 1,600 work orders since March of 2024, so please be patient when awaiting your repair or replacement!

**2026 Important Dates**

Bulk Item Collection - Week of March 2

Metal and Appliance Collection - Week of April 13

Christmas Tree Collection - First three full weeks of January.

2025 Holiday Collection Delays - New Years Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day

**Recycling Drop-Off Locations**

Open to Palmer Township Residents & Businesses only

**Hartley Avenue Recycling Center**  
3650 Hartley Avenue, Palmer, PA 18045

Hours of Operation:  
Year round

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8am-4pm  
Saturday, Sunday - 10am-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 - 10am-4pm  
March - Every Sunday - 10am-4pm  
April-November - Wednesday - 8am-4pm  
Saturday, Sunday - 10am-4pm

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

# Charles Chrin Community Center News



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## COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSINGS:

Monday, January 19, 2026 – Martin Luther King Day

Friday, April 3, 2026 – Good Friday

Monday, February 16, 2026 – President's Day

## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS:



**Seniors Pinochle with a Twist:** Join us Tuesdays 12:30 - 4:00 pm to 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? Email [chrinpinochle@gmail.com](mailto:chrinpinochle@gmail.com).

**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.

**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 June, July, or August - 10:00am-1:00pm

**Penn Rose Quilt Club:** Meets 1st Wednesday of each month, 10:00am, no meetings January or February

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Friday, February 6, 1:00pm – 7:00pm

**St. Patty's Day Zumba:** Monday, March 16th, 7:00-7:50pm

**Fundraiser in Memory of Charles Weigold, III** all proceeds go to National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI), March 28th, 11:00-12:30

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Friday, April 3rd, 10:00am and 11:00am

**Slot Car Show** - Saturday, April 4th, 10:00am – 2:00pm, for more information visit [www.valleygoto.com](http://www.valleygoto.com) or email [mosttrains@yahoo.com](mailto:mosttrains@yahoo.com)

**The Knife Show:** Saturday, April 11th and Sunday, April 12th. For more information, visit [www.paknifeshow.com](http://www.paknifeshow.com). You can buy, sell, and display knives.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Friday, April 17th, 1:00pm – 7:00pm

**Northampton County Senior Awards:** April 23rd

**Eggs Original Show:** April 25th and April 26th

**Toy Show:** Saturday, May 2nd, 10:00am – 2:00pm, for more information visit [www.valleygoto.com](http://www.valleygoto.com) or email [mosttrains@yahoo.com](mailto:mosttrains@yahoo.com)

**Dream...Believe...Dance Recital:** Saturday, May 9th

**Cat Show:** May 15th and 16th

## Fitness Class Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>The Works</b> 9:15-10:00am August	<b>Yoga</b> 9:30-10:20am Becky	<b>The Works</b> 9:15-10:00am August	<b>Yoga</b> 9:30-10:20am Becky		
	<b>Zumba</b> 10:30-11:20am August	<b>Zumba Toning</b> 10:30-11:20am August	<b>Zumba</b> 10:30-11:20am August	<b>Bootcamp</b> 10:30-11:20am August	<b>Zumba</b> 10:30-11:20am August	
<i>Silver Fitness Classes!</i> ➔ <i>See full schedule for more details.</i>	<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: \$50.00/month

FP includes unlimited classes & use of the fitness center

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### SILVER PASS: \$30.00/month

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### WALK-INS: \$7.00/class

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

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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

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## Silver Fitness Schedule



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

Monday	1:00pm-1:45pm	<b>Zumba Gold</b> August
Tuesday	1:00pm-1:45pm	<b>Silver Core Stretch</b> August
Wednesday	1:00pm-1:45pm	<b>Zumba Gold Toning</b> August
Thursday	1:00pm-1:45pm	<b>Silver Bootcamp</b> August
Friday	1:00pm-1:45pm	<b>Silver Yoga</b> Becky

### Our Silver Pass is \$30/month

(includes access to the Fitness Center and all Silver Fitness Classes only)

**Drop-in Fee is \$5/class**

**\*Check eligibility through your insurance for Silver & Fit, Active & Fit, Renew Active, 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

**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. Silver Bootcamp 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.

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

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

### PRICING

Basic-up to 20 Children.....	\$300.00/Resident
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Each additional child .....	\$5.00
Additional Pizza.....	\$15.00 each
Weekday birthday party .....	\$275.00 (Monday-Friday— Daytime parties based upon availability)



### PARTY HOURS

*All dates & Times vary based upon availability.*

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2026

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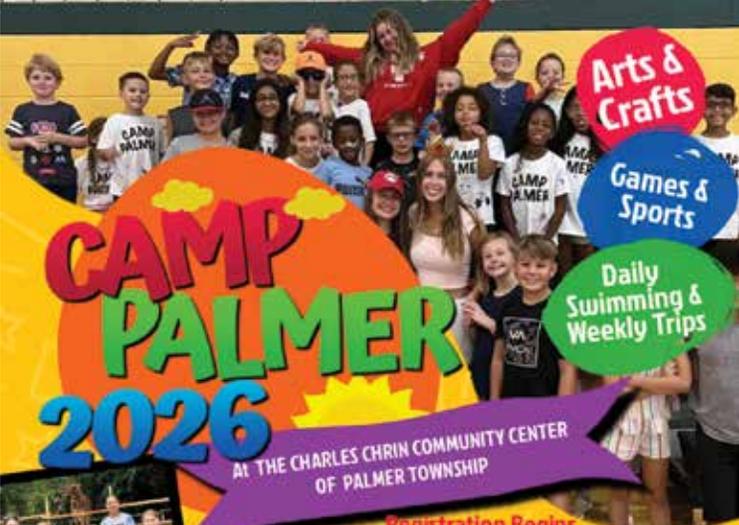
**SESSION 1:**  
MARCH 17TH - APRIL 7TH

**SESSION 2:**  
APRIL 21ST - MAY 12TH

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CAMP HOURS: 9AM - 4PM Monday through Friday  
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**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!*

*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.*



## Self-Defense & Safety Awareness



Classes Held At

**Charles Chrin Community Center**

4100 Green Pond Rd - Palmer Township, PA 18045



**Spring Semester 2026 - 12 Week Session**

\$15 Registration Fee & \$16 Weekly PAY AS YOU GO

**In PERSON ONLY Registration Begins Tuesday April 7th - between 6:00 - 7:30pm**

*New Students / Late Registrations Accepted up to the 3rd Week! In person registration only **\*\*NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS\*\*** classes fill up quickly!*

This Program is designed to enhance self-esteem, self defense, self-discipline and safety awareness! Self discipline and defense, rather than aggressiveness are promoted! A Master instructor teaches Martial Arts/Karate techniques for self defense only. Weekly safety flyers focus on a wide range of topics including stranger safety, fire safety and more. This is a continuing program, belts and stripes are awarded at the end of each semester.

**Classes are held only on Tuesdays Starting April 14 thru June 30th**

**CLASS TIMES**

**New Students Ages 5 to 8 years old - 6:20 - 7:00PM - New Students Ages 9 & Older - 7:10 - 7:50 PM**  
**Teens & Adults - 8:00 - 8:40 PM**

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**For More Information Please Text "CHRIN" to: 610-533-9077**

## Autodefensa y Conciencia de Seguridad

Inscripciones y clases realizadas en:



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4100 Estanque Verde Rd - Municipio de Palmer, PA 18045



**Semestre de primavera de 2026: sesión de 12 semanas**

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**Se llevan a cabo clases solo en Jueves A partir de 14 de Abril a través de 30 de Junio**

**HORARIOS DE CLASES**

**Nuevos Estudiantes de 5 a 8 años - 6:20 - 7:00PM - Nuevos Estudiantes de 9 a 12 años - 7:10 - 7:50 PM**  
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30 min - \$101.50

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60 min - \$129.50

75 min - \$143.50

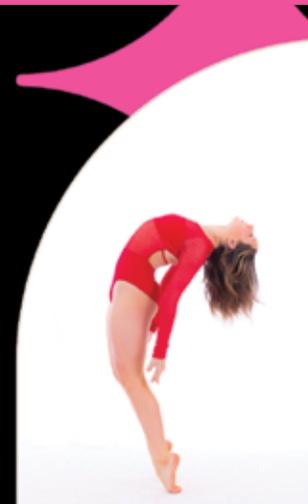
90 min - \$178.50

Unlimited - \$233.00

Private class rates available upon request



Registration opens Feb 1st



## DREAM BELIEVE DANCE



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4100 Green Pond Rd, Easton PA 18045

missjustine@dreambelievedance.com

## Monday

Fairytales Pre-Ballet  
5:15 - 5:45pm  
ages 2.5 - 5

Preschool Ballet, Tap and Tumble  
5:45-6:30 pm  
Level 1 -ages 4-7

## Tuesday

Kids Jazz/Hip Hop- 5:15 - 6:00pm  
ages 6-10

Beginner Tumbling/Acro  
6-7pm  
ages 5-12

Mini Competition Team  
Choreography  
7-7:45



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## Wednesday

Solo - 5-5:30

Ballet Lyrical - Jazz/Musical Theatre  
5:30-6:15pm  
Level 1 -ages 6-10

Ballet Lyrical - Jazz/Musical Theatre  
6:15-7:00pm  
Level 2 -ages 8-13 **with some experience**

Junior Competition Team  
Choreography -7-8pm

Teen Competition Team  
Choreography - 8- 8:45pm

Spring 1

March 2-April 3

Spring 2

April 6 - May 10

## Thursday

Stretch and Condition - 5-5:30pm  
Ages 8-18

Acro/Tumble Level Int/Adv  
5:30-6:15pm

**Prerequisite of backbend and front limber -**  
ages 7-18

Intermediate Tap  
6:20-6:50pm  
ages 10-18

Intermediate/Adv -Ballet/Lyrical  
6:50 - 7:50 pm - ages 10-18

Teen Jazz  
7:50 - 8:35 pm ages 12-18

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



<https://www.palmercommunitycenter.org/dance>

## St. Patrick's Day Zumba Event



**Instructor:** Lisa

**When:** Monday, March 16th

**Time:** 7:00PM-7:50PM



**Where:** Charles Chrin Community Center of  
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**BEGINNER CLASSES:**  
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*(includes: First Hour Instruction &  
Second Hour Instructional Game Play)*

**SPRING SESSION 1**  
March 4th – March 25th

**SPRING SESSION 2:**  
April 1st – April 22nd

**INTERMEDIATE CLASSES:**  
**WEDNESDAYS 9:00AM – 11:00AM**

**SPRING SESSION 1:**  
March 4th – March 25th

**SPRING SESSION 2:**  
April 1st – April 22nd

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Wednesdays - 12 weeks

## BEGINNER MAH JONGG CLASSES

April 22nd, 2026 - July 8th, 2026  
1:00pm - 2:30pm

CALL 610-252-2098 to Register  
for the 12 - week session

\$75.00 RESIDENTS  
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Friday - 12 weeks

## INTERMEDIATE MAH JONGG CLASSES

April 24th, 2026 - July 17th, 2026  
1:00pm - 2:30pm

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for the 12 - week session

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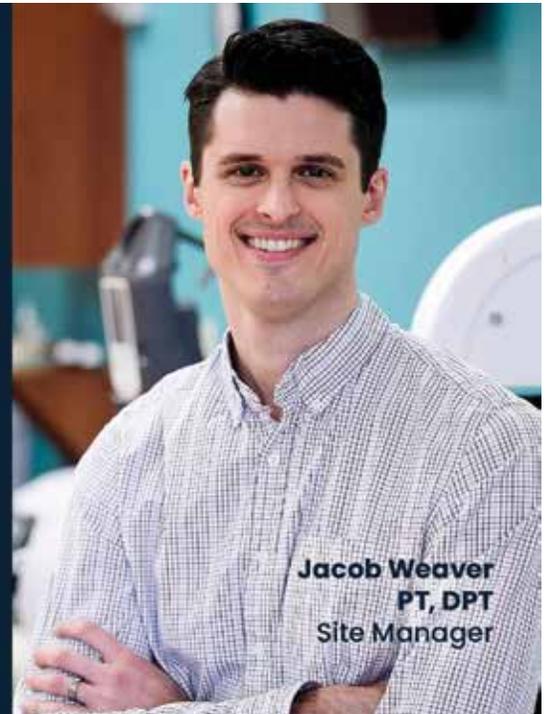
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**FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026**

(RAIN DATE SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026)

**10:00am - Ages 2-5**

**11:00am - Ages 6-8**

**PALMER RESIDENTS INVITED!**



## Palmer Pool

Palmer Pool will be opening for the season on May 23rd, May 24th, and Memorial Day, May 25th. Season passes will be sold at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township starting March 1st. Current members watch your email inbox for your renewal information.

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