

THE *Editor* UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

F A L L 2 0 1 9 N E W S L E T T E R

TOWNSHIP MISSION STATEMENT: Upper Gwynedd Township's elected officials and staff shall provide innovative, safe, transparent and fiscally responsible services, and shall respond to the needs of all residents, businesses and visitors of the Township in a timely and respectful manner.



Upper Gwynedd Township

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North Wales, PA 19454

Phone: (215) 699-7777
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Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:00am-4:30pm



Police Department News

From the Chief of Police

As winter weather approaches, please remember that the Pennsylvania vehicle code requires that any time your windshield wipers are on, your headlights must be on also. Daytime running lights are not enough—you must turn your headlights on too. Also, please clean your car of ice and snow before getting on the highway for visibility and the safety of motorists around you so their vehicles don't get hit with debris coming off your car. Safe travels!

Promotions

Congratulations to Detective Ray Royds on his promotion to Sergeant and to Sergeant Ted Caiola on his appointment to Deputy Chief of Police. *Pictured to the right (from left to right): Deputy Chief Ted Caiola, Sgt. Ray Royds, District Attorney Kevin Steele and Chief David Duffy*

Welcome New Hires

Two new officers, Minjoo Kim and Ryan Sloan have been hired to replace vacancies in the department.



**REGISTER
TO RECEIVE
EMAIL ALERTS**

On the Township's Website Home Page, under Website Resources click Email Alerts and register to receive alerts and messages from any or all Departments of the Township.

UPPER GWYNEDD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Upper Gwynedd Community Association (UGCA) received approval to operate as a Non-profit 501C3 Public Charity. The Upper Gwynedd Community Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing worthwhile and fulfilling community activities by raising funds that will support civic, recreational and other public needs to benefit the Upper Gwynedd Community.

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

Chimney & Heating

With the coming of fall and winter, now is the time to provide preventive maintenance to your heating system for the best and continued operation when needed. Be sure that the chimney connection is proper and the area around the connection and the chimney have no gaps so all the products of combustion can fully enter the chimney. Your chimney should also be examined for blockages and proper ventilation to the exterior. This is especially important where the chimney supports wood burning so that all smoke exits directly through the chimney to the exterior.

Storm Drains

Leaves should not be swept into the streets since this could create a blockage of storm drains.

Clearing Sidewalks

During snowfalls, your sidewalks and walkways should be cleared 24 hours after the snow ceases to fall. When a snow emergency is declared, vehicle parking is prohibited on the streets to allow for snow plowing operations.

Permits

Please contact the Code Enforcement Department before beginning replacement or installation of new appliances or when undertaking renovations to determine what if any permits are required. Permits are issued and inspections are conducted for your protection.

NOR-GWYN BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Replay the fantastic summer season from Opening Day to Nor-Gwyn Night at the Reading Phillies on the Nor-Gwyn Facebook page. We are ready for more baseball and softball with the Fall Ball season beginning after Labor Day. Registration is online for all programs and for both new and returning players. Improve skills, learn to bat from both sides of the plate and try new fielding positions in a fun environment. For more info visit www.norgwynbaseball.org.

Fire Safety FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week is a little over a month away. While we encourage fire prevention throughout the year, Fire Prevention week is normally held the second week of October, to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. This year's theme is *"Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and Practice your escape!"*

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds.

Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out.

Toxic smoke inhalation causes more fire-related deaths than do the fires themselves. When practicing your escape, crawl low on the floor, as this is what you would do in a real emergency. The air at floor-level, while still harmful, is much safer to breathe than if you were standing up. Having two ways out of your residence is critical if one path is blocked by smoke or fire. Teaching your children, but more importantly practicing with them, can provide you and your family a greater chance of survival in a worst-case scenario. For more info, visit www.fpw.org.



Superintendent Honored BY TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS

Upper Gwynedd Township Commissioners recognized Public Works Superintendent Willard W. Troxel for his 45 years of service at their May meeting. Willard began his career with the Township after graduating from North Penn High School and North Montco Technical Career Center in 1974. Starting as a truck driver, he was promoted to foreman in the early 1980s and to superintendent in 1983.

Willard has deep roots in the community. He has served the Upper Gwynedd Fire Department for over 40 years, holding the offices of 3rd Assistant, 2nd Assistant, Deputy Chief, Treasurer and Trustee over the years and was named their 1986 Outstanding Fire Fighter.

He has been a member of the International Municipal Signal Association since 1997 and is a longtime board member of the Montgomery County Public Works Association, receiving their Bill Stewart Award in 2015.

Willard was born and raised in Upper Gwynedd Township. He and his wife Anita have two daughters, Jamie and Janel, and a grandson, Jaren.





Sweetbriar Basin (ALSO KNOWN AS "WHEATON")

The Sweetbriar Basin was originally constructed in 1988 as part of the Woods Edge Estates development to control the rate of stormwater runoff into the Wissahickon Creek. The basin controls water from a 27-acre area that stretches from Wheaton Lane to Cathy's Lane. This area includes mostly residential properties of varying lot sizes and roadways.

The runoff rainwater is piped underground to the basin where it is detained and released by a concrete outlet control structure through a corrugated metal pipe to an open channel that discharges to the Wissahickon Creek. The past 30 years have taken its toll and corrosion of the underground pipes, growth of trees in the basin berm, and erosion of soil have made the basin incapable of performing as originally designed. To rehabilitate the basin, the berm is being cleared of trees and restored. The corroded metal outlet pipe is being completely replaced with a new concrete pipe. In addition, the basin bottom is being excavated to accommodate the growth of wetland plants to compliment the species that naturally populated the basin over the years.

This excavated area will provide an opportunity for sediments carried by the runoff to settle out and some of the water to evaporate. This combination provides improved water quality to the Wissahickon Creek.



PUBLIC WORKS

Trees Within Public Right-of-Way:

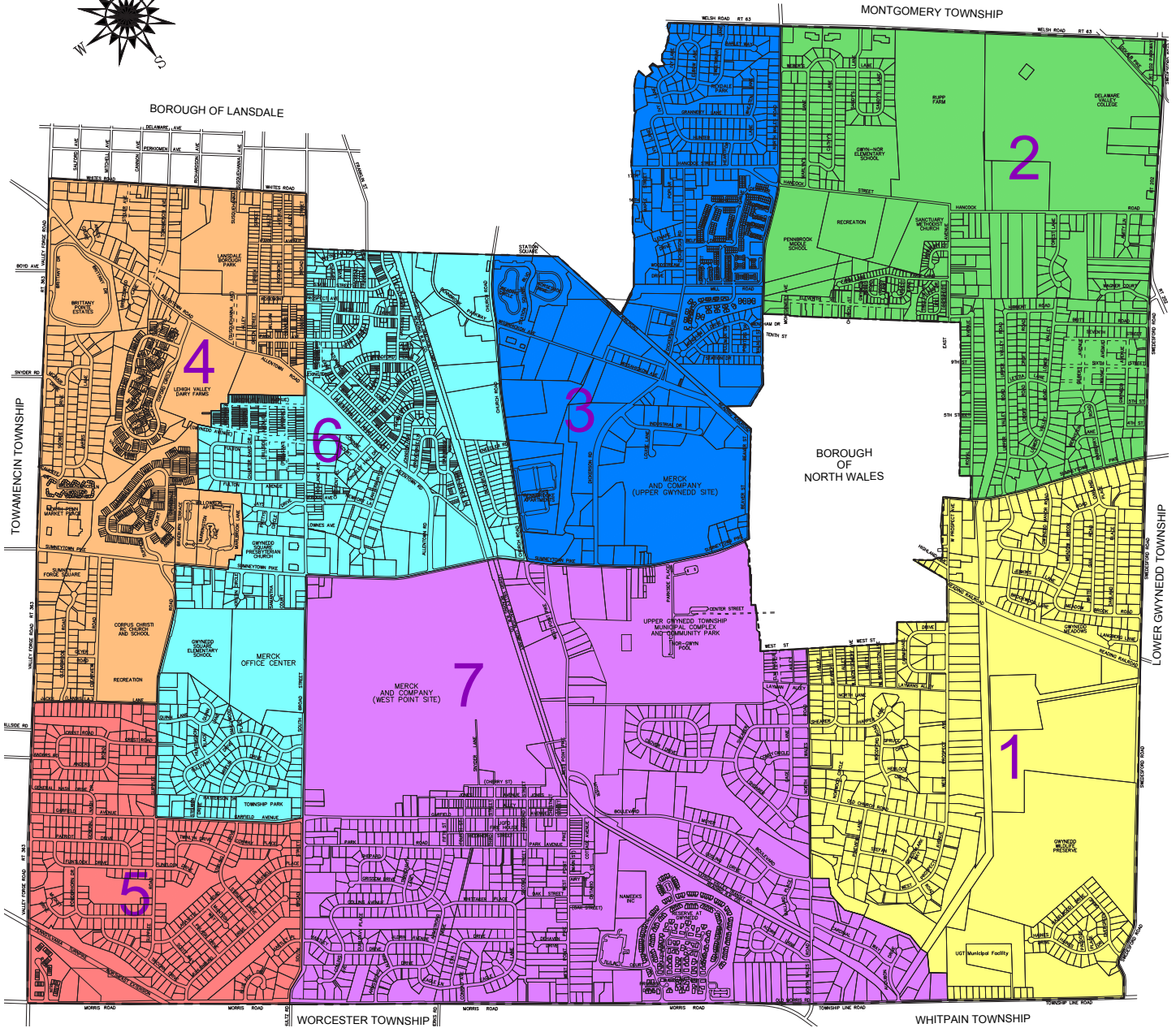
Many streets in the Township are being repaved and tree limbs that protrude into our roadways right-of-way can cause major problems for our crews and emergency vehicles. Public right-of-way is the area of ground designated for streets, curbs, and sidewalks that must be kept clear for public use. The Township requests that property owners trim any trees that extend into the right-of-way; at a minimum, trees should be trimmed even with the back of the curb line and/or beyond the edge of the blacktop where curbs do not exist. If a property owner fails to do this, the Township has the right to cut or remove those plantings.

Yard Waste Disposal:

Disposing of yard waste and tree trimmings on Township Open Space is unlawful (*per Section 127-3 of the Township Code*.) Open Space is parcels of land, an area of water or a combination of land and water within a development site that is designed and intended for the use of residents of the Township. Leaf and yard waste removal is provided by residents' private haulers, who should be notifying their customers of their pickup dates and collection rules.

Don't Forget to Vote in the General Election

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019



Honoring all Veterans ON VETERANS DAY



We thank you
for your service
and sacrifices.
We are forever
grateful!

VOTING DISTRICTS IN THE TOWNSHIP

Voting locations

- | | | | |
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| 1 | Upper Gwynedd Twp Building
1 Parkside Place | 4 | Brittany Point Estates
Valley Forge Road |
| 2 | Gwyn Nor Elementary School
Hancock Road | 5 | Gwynedd Square Elem. School
Supplee Road |
| 3 | Pennbrook Middle School
Hancock & North Wales Road | 6 | Gwynedd Square Elem. School
Supplee Road |
| 7 | West Point Fire House
Garfield Avenue | | |

Parks & Recreation

UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

F A L L 2 0 1 9 N E W S L E T T E R

PARK & RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT: Upper Gwynedd Township Department of Parks and Recreation shall strive to develop and maintain quality parks and facilities; to preserve open/natural spaces; and to provide recreational programs and services which will enhance the physical, social and emotional well-being of all current and future residents of Upper Gwynedd.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 SPONSORS

Thanks to our sponsors generosity, Upper Gwynedd Township continues to be one of the premier recreation departments in the area and is able to provide quality recreation programming for our residents and the entire North Penn community. Please contact Sarah Prebis, Director of Parks and Recreation, for information on how your company can help support our mission.

Platinum

- Merck & Co.

Gold

- Allan Myers
- Code Inspection
- Colorcon
- Environmental Engineering & Management Associates
- TD Bank
- T&M Associates
- The Reserve at Gwynedd Condo. Assoc.
- Univest Banking, Insurance, Investments
- WB Homes

Silver

- E. Van Rieker AICP
- North Penn Gulf
- Wawa

Bronze

- American Heritage Federal Credit Union
- Bergey's Inc.
- Doyle Window Tinting
- Hamburg, Rubin Mullin Maxwell & Lupin, PC
- Heinrich & Klein Associates, Inc.
- Kahn, Bobrin & Associates
- Reimel Landscaping



Annual Fall Carnival

Thursday, Sept. 5–Sunday, Sept. 8
Parkside Place Park

Family Times:

Thursday 6:00pm–10:00pm
Saturday 1:00pm–5:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm–5:00pm

BARGAIN BRACELET

\$25 unlimited ride during above times, good for the day of purchase only

Carnival Times:

Thursday 6:00pm–10:00pm
Friday 6:00pm–10:00pm
Saturday 1:00pm–10:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm–5:00pm

MEGA PASS

\$45 unlimited rides all four days



Annual Fall Fest

Saturday, Oct. 19 from 11:00am–3:00pm
Parkside Place Park | Free!

Spice up your autumn and bring your family and friends to a fun event all for a nominal cost.

Enjoy various activities such as children's crafts, petting zoo, autumn entertainment, sensational games, food and refreshments. Free hay rides will be given throughout the day for anyone who wishes to ride! Come check out our Touch-A-Truck section featuring firetrucks, police cars, dump trucks and even a helicopter! Enjoy the car show as well as various service vehicles! Come in costume and receive a spooktacular prize! If you are interested in being a vendor or setting up a table at the Upper Gwynedd Township Fall Fest, please contact the Township. There is no charge for vendors, however we ask you to bring your own table.



YOUTH CLASSES

Young Rembrandts

Pre-Elementary School Drawing

Saturdays, September 7–October 5

LOCATION Community Building
AGES 4–6
TIME 9:00am–9:45am
FEE \$74

Young Rembrandts teaches drawing, the fundamental skill of all visual arts. Our unique, proven method and step-by-step curriculum ensure both academic and artistic success for every child.

Elementary School Drawing

Saturdays, September 7–October 5

LOCATION Community Building
AGES 7–14
TIME 10:00am–11:00am
FEE \$59

American Red Cross

Babysitting Certification Class

Saturday, September 7

LOCATION Upper Gwynedd Township Bldg; Main Meeting Room
AGES 11–15 (*Must be 11 by the class start date.*)
TIME 9:00am–3:00pm
FEE \$70/registrant

This certification course provides teens with the confidence and skills to care for youngsters. Prospective employers will be happy to hire babysitters who have acquired this official recognition. Upon completion of the course, you will receive an American Red Cross Certification Card, an interactive CD-ROM, as well as child care concepts. You must attend the entire course, pass the evaluations, and show the maturity to properly care for children. Please bring a lunch, pencil and snack. No late registrations will be accepted.



Engineering for Kids

Apprentice Hardware

Saturdays, December 7, 14 & 21

LOCATION Community Building
AGES 8–12
TIME 1:00pm–4:00pm
FEE \$139

Imagine designing a piano using celery or creating a custom digital training program. Or playing video games using just your body, a bit of wire and your own imagination. Students will create video game controllers using a Makey Makey device and kitchen materials. Interact with technology by applying circuitry, acoustical engineering and video game design.

Jr. Hardware

Saturdays, December 7, 14 & 21

LOCATION Community Building
AGES 4–7
TIME 1:00pm–4:00pm
FEE \$139

Explore how different sounds are created and make our own interpretations of drums, piano, guitar, and even a recorder! Create our own dancing program through the use of Makey Makey and Scratch. The last day will end with a bang, or at least a great mini concert from all our students!

HOLIDAY LIGHT SPECTACULAR



Friday, December 13, 2019

LOCATION Parkside Place
Park Complex
TIME 6:00pm–8:00pm
AGES Open to all ages
FEE Donation for Toys for Tots

AT THE PAVILION: Entertainment from many groups, tree lighting, games, crafts, photo area, food and drink

TOWNSHIP BUILDING: Face painting, gingerbread contest and more!

BUS TRIP



New York Radio City Christmas

Tuesday, December 5, 2019

TIME Depart 10:00am
Show around 5:00pm
Return 9:00pm
AGES Open to all ages
FEE \$140/person
Orchestra Seats

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular is a magical experience that will put you in the holiday spirit. The world famous Rockettes will take your breath away with their precision dance routines to the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers." The conclusion of the show is a majestic "living Nativity."

PROGRAM REGISTRATION *Registration is online payable by credit card. (A small service charge is associated with online payments.) To pay by cash or check (payable to Upper Gwynedd Township), visit the Township building between 8am–4pm, Mon–Fri. Registrations will not be taken at the program. You must complete your profile on Community Pass in order to complete the registration process both online and in person. Please visit www.uppergwynedd.org under the Parks & Recreation tab. Click "Register Now!" to get started.*

ADULT FITNESS

Sculpt and Define

MONDAYS:

September 9–October 14

October 28–December 19

LOCATION Community Building

AGES 18+

TIME 6:15pm–7:15pm

FEE \$44

Whether you want to get in shape or just feel better about yourself, this super-slimming, muscle building, body-sculpting class will help you lose weight and blast calories. It is a low-impact fat burning aerobic and strength training style class, which shapes the whole body using resistance bands, weights, exercise balls, and cardio drills. This Tone up and build muscle definition.



Power Pump

WEDNESDAYS:

September 11–October 16

October 30–December 18

LOCATION Community Building

AGES 18+

TIME 6:15pm–7:15pm

FEE \$44

Increase muscle activation, burn calories faster and maximize results. With new innovative weight training equipment, you are sure to see quick results.

The muscle sculpting class is limited to 12 people. Bring is your mat and an open mind to a fitter, healthier you!

Galentine's Day Designer Bag Bingo

Friday, October 25 from 6:00pm till 10:00pm

NEW LOCATION! Saint Rose of Lima

Friday, October 25, 2019

LOCATION Saint Rose of Lima
424 South Main Street
North Wales, PA 19454

TIME Doors Open at 6:00pm
Bingo: 7:00–10:00pm

AGES All ages are welcome,
must be accompanied
by an adult to attend if
under 18 years old

FEE \$25 pre-register
\$30 at the door

This event is "BYOB" and "BYOD:"
Bring Your Own Bottle and Bring Your
Own Delicacies. There will be ten
rounds of bingo, each round with one
winner. Join the fun even if you don't
win—conciliation prizes will be offered.

What's Galentine's Day?

Only the best day of the year! This is the one day a year you and your lady friends can leave your husbands and boyfriends at home and just kick it. Ladies celebrating ladies. What better way is there to celebrate ladies than competing to win designer bag prizes? Bring your own bottle and head over to the Saint Rose of Lima for some friendly rounds of bingo. One authentic hand bag will be awarded per round. Raffles and 50/50 tickets will be available for purchase throughout the evening. Register early and secure your space! Questions? Contact Angelina Capozzi at acapozzi@uppergwynedd.org



TENNIS LESSONS

LOCATION Parkside Place Park
AGES 10 and under
FEE \$60 per 5-week session
Must bring racquet, water and sneakers.

Penn Suburban Tennis Association lessons run by tennis professionals from the PennSuburban Community Tennis Association (PSCTA), a local, not-for-profit organization and is registered through the United States Tennis Association. The equipment and playing area allows children to rally and play the game, increasing the likelihood that they will return to the court and continue to improve!

FALL SET

September 3–October 1

(5-week program Tuesdays ONLY)

Ages 5–6; 4:45pm–5:30pm

Ages 7–8; 5:30pm–6:15pm

Ages 9–10; 6:30pm–7:30pm

FALL SET

September 5–October 3

(5-week program Thursdays ONLY)

Ages 5–6; 4:45pm–5:30pm

Ages 7–8; 5:30pm–6:15pm

Ages 9–10; 6:30pm–7:30pm

PICKLEBALL



To control crowds at our four new pickleball courts, we have created a "Meetup" group to help players organize themselves. The fee for 2019 is \$25 for residents and \$40 for non-residents (Register at www.uppergwynedd.org) and is available through October. Once registered, you may join the Meetup group (go to www.meetup.com and search "Upper Gwynedd Pickleball") and sign up for specific dates. 2019 dates will be Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30pm to 8:00pm and Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00am to noon. This group is open to all skill levels, including people who have never played before!

Lessons:

MONDAY (BEGINNER)

FALL 9/30–10/28 (Rain date 11/4)

TIME 9:00am–10:00am

THURSDAY (INTERMEDIATE)

FALL 10/3–10/31 (Rain date 11/7)

TIME 9:00am–10:00am

UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

Township Commissioners:

Kenneth E. Kroberger, *President*
James A. Santi
Thomas A. Duffy
Denise M. Hull
Liz K. McNaney

Administration

215-699-7777
Sandra Brookley Zadell,
Township Manager
Megan Weaver,
Assistant Township Manager
David Brill, *Finance Director*
Sarah Prebis,
Parks & Recreation Director
E. Van Rieker, *Zoning & Land
Development Coordinator*
Dan Quimby,
Building Code Official

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215-699-5861
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Public Works

215-699-7777
Willard W. Troxel,
Superintendent

Wastewater Treatment

215-699-5824
Rebecca Mason,
*Director of Wastewater
Operations*

Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator

610-721-6784
Jeffrey A. Tomczak

Fire Company

215-699-5454
Chris Sharkey, *Chief*

Tax Collector

215-699-6689
Jane M. Murray

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NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY

Upcoming Events

Library Book Sale!

Preview (\$5) the large selection of books for sale on Thursday, Oct. 24. The sale continues Oct. 25, 26 and 27 from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, November 22 from 10:30am-3:30pm.

Holiday Cookie Sale

Pre-order your homemade holiday cookies for pick-up December 10 and 11.

The Library Taste of Montgomery County!

Thursday March 26, 2020 from 5:30 to 8:0 pm at Montgomery County Community College.

Ongoing Programs

Story Time Tuesday at 10:00am and Friday at 2:00pm

Book Clubs for Adults

Held the third Tuesday at 7:00pm and the fourth Wednesday at 2:00pm.

Movies on Mondays

1:30pm. Check website for movies & events when NPSD has days off for students.

Attraction Passes

Through a partnership with the Library and the Township. Borrow a pass for one week for free entrance into area gardens, museums and other local attractions.

Tutoring & Classes

Computer tutoring and Excel classes are available for adults. Programming, coding, and STEM activities for kids.

Donate Your Car to Support the Library

The Library will benefit from the proceeds of the sale of your vehicle. Your donation is tax deductible. Contact Point Service Center and tell them you want to donate your vehicle to NWAL. Call 215-699-TIRE (8473) or email pointservicectr@gmail.com.

NORTH WALES LIBRARY

Monday-Thursday:
10:00am to 9:00pm
Friday: 10:00am to 4:00pm
Saturday: 1:00am to 5:00pm
Closed Sunday
northwaleslibrary.com

UPCOMING MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

8/5/19	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30pm
8/12/19	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00pm
8/20/19	Workshop Meeting	7:00pm
8/21/19	Police Pension Board Meeting	3:30pm
8/26/19	Board of Commissioners Meeting	7:30pm
8/27/19	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00pm
9/2/19	Holiday: Labor Day	Offices Closed
9/4/19	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30pm
9/16/19	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00pm
9/17/19	Workshop Meeting	7:00pm
9/23/19	Board of Commissioners Meeting	7:30pm
9/24/19	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00pm
10/7/19	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30pm
10/14/19	Holiday: Columbus Day	Offices Closed
10/15/19	Workshop Meeting	7:00pm
10/22/19	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00pm
10/28/19	Board of Commissioners Meeting	7:30pm
11/5/19	Election Day	Offices Open
11/6/19	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30pm
11/11/19	Holiday: Veteran's Day (Observed)	Offices Closed
11/18/19	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00pm
11/19/19	Workshop Meeting	7:00pm
11/20/19	Police Pension Board Meeting	3:30pm
11/25/19	Board of Commissioners Meeting	7:30pm
11/26/19	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00pm
11/28/19	Holiday: Thanksgiving	Offices Closed
11/29/19	Holiday: Thanksgiving	Offices Closed
12/2/19	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30pm
12/10/19	Workshop Meeting	7:00pm
12/16/19	Board of Commissioners Meeting	7:30pm
12/17/19	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00pm
12/25/19	Holiday: Christmas	Offices Closed