

# CHEL TENHAM UPDATE

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**EASTON ROAD ENHANCEMENTS.** Streetscape improvements on Easton Road between Springhouse Lane and Limekiln Pike (top, center) should be finished this fall. Earlier enhancements include decorative streetlights, hanging flower baskets, benches, and refuse and recycling containers (left), Downtown Glenside identification banners (right) and a gateway monument sign at Limekiln Pike and Easton Road.

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## Glenside Streetscape Enhancements

**T**he Easton Road Streetscape and Traffic Calming Enhancement Project is nearly done. The third and final phase of the project, which targeted Easton Road between Springhouse Lane and Limekiln Pike, should be completed by mid fall.

Similar to the Wesley Plaza transformation that preceded it, Easton Road improvements include decorative streetlights, embossed crosswalks, new traffic lights, granite curbs, stamped concrete sidewalks, attractive refuse and recycling containers, pedestrian benches and traffic-calming measures in Downtown Glenside from Arcadia University to the Glenside Train Station. Over \$3

million in state and county grants provided most of the funding for the four-year project.

In addition, banners and way-finding signs enhance the commercial district. Both attractive and practical, the directional signs point drivers and pedestrians to local sites of interest, while "Downtown Glenside" banners help establish a sense of the district's identity. District identification signs also grace four other commercial districts in the Township: Cheltenham Village, East Cheltenham Avenue, Elkins Park East and Elkins Park West.

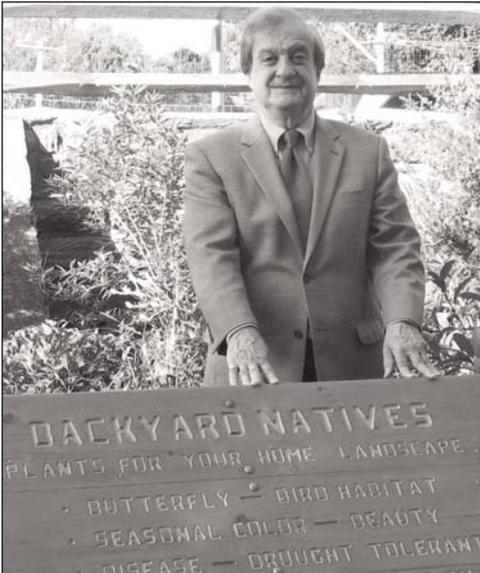
Together these improvements are key components of the Township's Commercial District

Enhancement Plan, a strategy for economic development. Such enhancements help attract both shoppers and new businesses, which bolsters a thriving business district. A healthy business base, in turn, supports a healthy community by minimizing reliance on the residential tax base.

In fact, the Glenside streetscape enhancements have already helped attract several

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## FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



*Commissioner Morton J. Simon, Jr.  
in High School Park*

### Dear Neighbors:

As always, the Township is buzzing with activity. In addition to every departments' rigorous, daily workload, three major endeavors are ready to finish, about to start or somewhere in the middle.

### Streetscape Enhancements

The Easton Road Commercial District Streetscape Enhancements are nearly done. Like the earlier transformation of a block of Wesley Avenue into Wesley Plaza, the Easton Road makeover features decorative streetlights, hanging flower baskets, embossed crosswalks, pedestrian benches and much more. The enhancements, which stretch from the Glenside Train Station to Arcadia University, will be completed this fall. The Township secured over \$3 million in state and county grants to fund the majority of the work.

Elkins Park East and West Commercial Districts are slated for enhancements next. Design and construction plans – incorporating input from local residents, businesses and other stakeholders – are already finished for Elkins Park East. The Township is actively pursuing grants to start construction. In fact, State

Senator LeAnna Washington recently announced a \$500,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant for the project, but funding is pending release by Governor Corbett.

Fortunately, a number of businesses have already opened recently in the Elkins Park East area near the train station, including Yo Dogs, a hot dog and casual food emporium, the Joyful Art Boutique and The Market at Elkins Park Station. In addition, the Creekside Co-op Farmers' Market is back at High School Park on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Creekside Co-op also has recently made great strides in connection with acquiring the Ashbourne Market property, financing and construction. It still faces important hurdles, including securing a bridge loan for acquisition and construction and raising at least \$250,000 in member loans, but its latest progress is impressive and promising.

Meanwhile, community meetings to craft streetscape design plans for Elkins Park West, the commercial district near the Church and Old York Roads intersections, should get underway later this year. The plan should be completed by spring 2012.

### Sustainability

This summer we launched a major new initiative to ensure the Township thrives long into the future. A Sustainability Committee, consisting of over 40 members, will develop a plan to foster community sustainability covering five major topics: energy, mobility, land use, waste management and quality of life. The concept is an extension of the Township's many past "green" efforts, including the Township's Environmental Advisory Council and numerous awards for good environmental practices. See page 9 for a full article on the sustainability project.

### Sanitary Sewers

The Township continues to rehabilitate its aging sanitary sewer system, a task that will take several more years to complete.

I'm happy to report the bypass pumping system installed last year between Wall Park and Tookany Creek Parkway is working as designed. An interim solution to prevent sewage overflows during wet weather events, the bypass pumps excess flow through sealed pipes from an overloaded sewer section to another area of the main line that can accommodate it. The Township planted greenery to help camouflage

the three miles of pipe, which must remain in place until the sewer rehabilitation is completed. In addition, Ogontz Field has also been restored.

Meanwhile, small sections of damaged pipe or manholes have been repaired in five locations, and 41 groundwater monitor wells have been installed to track water table levels. This summer contractors began lining nearly 33,000 feet of sewer pipe in Elkins Park. Future projects include relining more pipe, possible replacement of interceptors and relocation of a section of shallow, damaged sewer beneath the Tookany Creek at Rices Mill Road.

### Stay Connected

I urge everyone to visit the Township's revised website at [www.cheltenhamtownship.org](http://www.cheltenhamtownship.org). The cleanly designed, menu-driven site is easy to use and features a bounty of helpful Township information. You can sign up for E-Notifications to get various emails sent directly to you, including meeting agendas and minutes, police alerts, roadwork notices and Township events. Channel 42 (Comcast) can also help you stay informed about Township news.

Finally, most of the activities described here involve substantial volunteer work. This is one reason Cheltenham is great. Thank you all so much. Keep up the good work and stay involved.

### Sincerely,

Morton "Mickey" J. Simon, Jr.  
Commissioner, Ward 6

## Twinning Fingerpost

In May the Twinning Committee erected a stunning blue and gold fingerpost that points to the Township's twin city, Cheltenham, UK – and five “cousin” Cheltenham with ties to Cheltenham, UK – near the entrance of the Township Administration Building. The committee, which raised all funds for the fingerpost, hopes it will promote awareness of its mission to foster cultural, social and fraternal exchanges between the two communities.

Cheltenham, US, and Cheltenham, UK, share an historic link since the Township took its name from this English town. The two have enjoyed a long-standing bond of friendship that dates back about 60 years. In 2002 the Board of Commissioners established the Twinning Committee to strengthen that bond. This connection was formalized with the joint signing of the official Twinning Charters in 2003.

### Exchanges and Links

Over the years officials have exchanged periodic visits, as have ordinary citizens. For example, in 2009 the Cheltenham (US) High School Lacrosse Team invited the Cheltenham (UK) Ladies' Lacrosse Team here to stay at team members' homes. In 2002, a contingent of UK Councillors delivered a “Book of Condolence” relating to the 9/11 tragedy, while Township officials later attended the Queen's Golden Jubilee festivities.

The Twinning Committee also promotes links between US and UK counterparts. For example, The Gym in Elkins Park enjoys a friendly rivalry with the Leisure@cheltenham gym in UK. The Gym won the Race Across the Atlantic in 2009, calculated by tallying miles racked up by participants on specific equipment. However, the UK gym won the weight-loss competition in 2010. This year's contest decides which gym gets permanent possession of the winner's plaque.

E-penpal links between school classes or individuals are also popular.

Any organization that would like to establish a link with a UK counterpart should contact the Township Public Information Office at 215-887-6200, ext. 230.

### Fund-Raiser

To raise money for special projects and support exchanges and links, the Twinning Committee conducts an annual fund-raiser based on the Pennsylvania Lottery Daily Number. Each \$20 Twinning ticket is eligible to win 365 days in the calendar year, regardless of when the ticket was purchased within that year. Payouts are \$100 once a month, \$50 on Saturdays and \$25 all other days. Checks are automatically mailed to winning ticket holders each month.

Twinning lottery tickets may be purchased at the Township Administration Building, located at 8230 Old York Road in Elkins Park, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. □



**CHELTENHAMS AROUND THE WORLD.** The Twinning Fingerpost installed at the Township Administration Building in May was manufactured by the same company that made the Cheltenham, UK, post. The Township's Twinning Committee, which raised all funds for the fingerpost, hopes it will promote awareness about the committee's mission to foster links and exchanges between the officially twinned Cheltenham, US, and Cheltenham, UK.

## Voluntary Contributions

*The Board of Commissioners would like to thank the following tax-exempt institutions for participating in this year's Municipal Services Voluntary Contribution Program.*

*Since tax-exempt organizations benefit from numerous municipal services, such as police, fire, ambulance, roadwork and leaf collection programs, Township officials ask the community's religious and educational institutions for voluntary contributions in lieu of taxes. This year's contributions totaled over \$46,000.*

- Arcadia University
- Auerback Central Agency for Jewish Education/Jewish Outreach Partnership
- Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church
- Combar, Inc.
- Gratz College
- Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
- NHS Human Services
- Raymond and Ruth Perelman Jewish Day School
- Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
- St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Salus University
- Special People in the Northeast
- Won Institute of Graduate Studies.

## Things to Do This Fall

### Market Day

*Saturday, Sept. 10 (rain date Sept. 11) • 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • Richard Wall House Museum, 1 Wall Park Drive, Elkins Park*  
Shop for crafts, collectibles and memorabilia and enjoy free tours of the extraordinary Richard Wall House Museum, dating to 1682, at this fund-raiser to benefit the museum.  
*Information: 215-887-9159.*

### Sundays in the Park

*Sundays, Sept. 11 – Oct. 9 (good weather only) • 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. • Tookany Creek Parkway between Central Avenue and Jenkintown Road, Cheltenham*  
Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy the roadway free from vehicle traffic for biking, skating and more.  
*Information: 215-887-6200, ext. 227.*

### Glenside Street Fair

*Saturday, Sept. 17 (rain date Sept. 18) • 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • Easton Road between Glenside Avenue and Waverly Road, Glenside*  
An event to showcase Downtown Glenside, the fair will highlight Glenside talents with fine arts, handmade crafts, live music, delicious food and a kids' corner.  
*Information: 215-740-6036.*

### Bauble for Books

*Saturday, Sept. 24 • 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. • Elkins Park Library, 563 E. Church Road, Elkins Park*  
This costume jewelry sale will raise funds to purchase new library materials and cover other expenses.  
*Information: 215-635-5000.*

### Flag and Banner Lecture

*Sunday, Oct. 2 • 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. • Richard Wall House Museum, 1 Wall Park Drive, Elkins Park*  
The US is the only country without a permanent flag. Learn about its history and development at a lecture and exhibit sponsored by the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission.  
*Information: 215-887-9159.*

### Neighborhood Jazz

*First Wednesday each month, Oct. – May 2012 • 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. • Cheltenham Art Center, 439 Asbbourne Road, Cheltenham*  
Jazz Bridge brings top artists to Cheltenham. Discussions with the musicians and refreshments

included. Some proceeds benefit local musicians in need. Admission: \$10 Fee, or \$5 for students.  
*Information: 215-517-8337.*

### Community Harvest Festival

*Saturday, Oct. 15 (rain date Oct. 16) • Noon – Dark • Curtis Arboretum, 1250 W. Church Road, Wyncote*  
Haunted hayrides, kids' games, inflatables, craft sales, delicious food, live music and a fireworks finale highlight this popular family event.  
*Information: 215-887-6200, ext. 227.*

### Art Center Benefit

*Saturday, Oct. 29 • 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. • Cheltenham Art Center, 439 Asbbourne Road, Cheltenham*  
The center's largest fund-raiser, the benefit features an auction, refreshments and music, plus faculty art for sale. Admission: \$30 in advance, \$35 at door.  
*Information: 215-379-4660.*

### Hayride and Bonfire

*Friday, Nov. 4 • 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. • Curtis Arboretum, 1250 W. Church Road, Wyncote*  
Welcome the chilly weather by taking a hayride down to a bonfire to listen to music or sing along. Light refreshments included. Admission: \$5 per person, but children under age 4 are free.  
*Information: 215-887-6200, ext. 227.*

### An Afternoon with Cole Porter

*Sunday, Nov. 6 • 2:00 p.m. • Curtis Hall, 1250 W. Church Road, Wyncote*  
Fred Miller performs a lecture-in-song on the life and music of Cole Porter (1891-1964). Admission is free with a ticket, available at library branches. Light refreshments served. Sponsored by Cheltenham Township Library System and funded in part by the Jenkintown Lyceum.  
*Information: 215-885-0457.*

### WinterFest

*Friday, Dec. 2 • 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. • Wesley Plaza, off Easton Road, Glenside*  
During WinterFest, Santa will visit the decorated Wesley Plaza on a shiny, red fire truck to deliver free candy canes. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided by local businesses, while area students sing seasonal carols.  
*Information: 215-576-5583.*



**HARVEST THRILLS.** *The Community Harvest Festival hayride includes a contest for the best spooky or friendly scenes created and run by local families or organizations. For details on how to compete in this year's event on October 15, call 215-887-6200, ext. 760.*



# Fall Fun

**Classes Begin Monday, October 3, 2011**

## Program Registration

### When

Saturdays, September 17 & 24 • 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday, September 19 through 23  
9:00 a.m. to Noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, September 19 • 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### Where

Register for all programs at either center.

#### La Mott Community Center

7420 Sycamore Avenue, La Mott, PA • 215-635-3255

#### Rowland Community Center

400 Myrtle Avenue, Cheltenham, PA • 215-379-2233

## Registration Guidelines

1. Township residents have priority for all programs. Non-residents are eligible to register for only certain programs and at higher fees, as indicated by the "NR" amounts.
2. Registrations are accepted in the order in which they are received (except non-residents).
3. Register in person; registrations are not accepted by telephone, mail or email.
4. Refunds or adjustments will not be made for missed classes or for individuals who discontinue a class.
5. Refunds will be issued if a program is canceled or the class is full.
6. No refunds will be made in cases of falsified information.
7. An extra \$5 fee will be charged for all late registrations.
8. Please remember, separate checks are required for swim lessons.

## Community Center Membership

*Cheltenham Township residents only* (September through August)

Ages	Fee
Under Age 18	\$15
Age 18 and Over	\$20

**Note:** Membership is good for both centers.

## Proxy Registration Policy

Someone other than a parent – a proxy – will be allowed to register a child for a program, **providing all of the following conditions are met:**

1. The parent must complete and sign a registration form in front of a Parks and Recreation staff member at one of our community centers during the week preceding the first registration day. The signed form can then be given to the proxy for registration and must be accompanied by the correct registration fee.
2. Proxies may register children from only one family besides their own.
3. A child registered by proxy must have a completed registration form for each class.
4. The proxy must wait in the regular registration lines to register the child. If the class reaches maximum capacity before the proxy can register the child, the child will not be allowed in that particular class. The proxy will not be allowed to register the child in another program/class without the parent's prior written consent for that program/class. Therefore, parents should consider completing more than one consent form.
5. If any of the above guidelines are violated, the registration by proxy will not be allowed.

## Winter Class Closings

On days when Cheltenham public schools close due to holidays or inclement weather, programs and classes will not be held. Listen to KYW radio for school closing number 306, check the Township website [www.cheltenhamtownship.org](http://www.cheltenhamtownship.org), watch Channel 42 (Comcast) or sign up via the website to get E-Notifications emailed to you. Postponed classes will be made up at the end of the program.

## Tell Us

Anyone who has a disability and requires an accommodation to participate in any of these programs should notify the Parks and Recreation staff during registration. Ideas, problems or suggestions are always welcomed by the Parks and Recreation Department. If you would like to suggest new courses, discuss current programs or report problems, call Brian Hinson, Recreation Superintendent, at 215-885-0496.



## Aerobics

### Body Shaping

Co-ed • Ages 16 & Over • 12 Weeks • \$60 (NR \$90) Fee • Limit 40

Great for both beginners and advanced, this class offers a workout without jumping, using low-impact aerobics and weight training. Bring your own hand weights and mat or towel.

**Rowland Community Center**  
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS beginning Oct. 3  
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**La Mott Community Center**  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS beginning Oct. 4  
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### 6AM Combo Workout

Co-ed • Ages 16 & Over • 20 Sessions • \$95 (NR \$120) Fee • Limit 20

A workout for every fitness level combining cardio, strength, agility, balance and flexibility drills in a challenging series of training formats.

**La Mott Community Center**  
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS beginning Oct. 4  
6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.  
No class Nov. 8 & 25.

### **NEW** Zumba

Co-ed • Ages 16 & Over • 12 Weeks • \$108 (NR \$135) Fee • Limit 40  
Join one of the fastest growing, dance-based fitness crazes offering easy to follow dance moves, infectious music and body-beautifying results.

**La Mott Community Center**  
WEDNESDAYS beginning Oct. 5  
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and  
SATURDAYS beginning Oct. 8  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## Arts and Crafts

### Creative Art Time

Co-ed • Ages 6 & Up • 12

Weeks • \$35 (NR \$52) Fee • Limit 15

Make creative 3-D crafts while exploring the world of paint, papier-mâché and collages.

**La Mott Community Center**  
TUESDAYS beginning Oct. 4  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## Basketball

### Co-ed Adult Basketball

Play choose-up games for fun, relaxation and exercise beginning Sept. 6. Community center membership is required.

**Rowland Community Center**  
MONDAYS & TUESDAYS  
6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.  
SATURDAYS  
9:30 a.m. to Noon

### Co-ed Open Gym Basketball

Co-ed • Ages 30 & Over • \$25 Fee  
Play choose-up games without advance registration, but proof of Township residency and age is required.

**Cedarbrook Middle School**  
WEDNESDAYS beginning Oct. 12  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## Computers

Co-ed • Grades 3 - 5 • 6 Weeks • \$80 (NR \$120) Fee • Limit 12  
Children will have fun as they creatively design, build and edit their very own video games.

**La Mott Community Center**  
WEDNESDAYS beginning Oct. 5  
5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

## Dance

Co-ed • Ages 3 & Over • Fees for all dance classes \$140 (NR \$210) for 24 weeks, includes \$45 for recital costume; \$50 (NR \$75) for 12 weeks (no costume) • Limit 12, unless otherwise noted.



**STRIKE A POSE.** Excited young dancers enjoy the applause following their performance in the 2011 dance recital at Cedarbrook Middle School. Classes in the Parks and Recreation dance program cap their months of effort with a show in front of family and friends each year.

### Preschool Creative Dance I

Ages 3 - 4 • Limit 10  
This mobility experience is designed to improve toddlers' flexibility and creativity through basic ballet and kid-nastic movements. Instruction may include games or storytime.

**La Mott Community Center**  
TUESDAYS beginning Oct. 4  
6:30 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.  
**Rowland Community Center**  
WEDNESDAYS beginning Oct. 5  
5:00 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.

### Preschool Creative Dance II

Ages 4 - 5 • Limit 10  
Level II emphasizes the development of dance techniques using ballet movements.

**Rowland Community Center**  
WEDNESDAYS beginning Oct. 5  
5:45 p.m. to 6:35 p.m.  
**La Mott Community Center**  
THURSDAYS beginning Oct. 6  
6:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

### Beginner Ballet

Ages 6 & Over  
An introduction to the foundation and techniques of classical ballet.

**La Mott Community Center**  
THURSDAYS beginning Oct. 6  
7:30 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

### Intermediate Ballet and Jazz

Ages 8 & Over  
An extension of the beginner ballet class emphasizing more complex interpretations with jazz components. Previous dance experience is required.

**Glenside Hall**  
WEDNESDAYS beginning Oct. 5  
6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

### Beginner Tap and Jazz

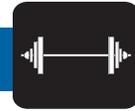
Ages 6 & Over  
An introduction to basic rhythms and footwork in tap dancing and the foundations of jazz.

**Rowland Community Center**  
WEDNESDAYS beginning Oct. 5  
6:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**La Mott Community Center**  
TUESDAYS beginning Oct. 4  
7:20 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.

### Intermediate Tap and Jazz

Ages 8 & Over  
An extension of the beginner tap and jazz class emphasizing



more complex tap combinations. Previous dance experience is required (two years in "Beginner Tap and Jazz").

**Rowland Community Center**  
THURSDAYS beginning Oct. 6  
7:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.

**Fancy Feet Dancers**  
Ages 10 & Over

A creative approach to basic dance steps from ballet, jazz and tap. Previous dance experience is required.

**Glenside Hall**  
WEDNESDAYS beginning Oct. 5  
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Rowland Community Center**  
THURSDAYS beginning Oct. 6  
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## Environmental Education Classes

**NEW** Co-ed • Ages 8 & Over  
• \$5 Fee per Person

### Creek Walk

Learn about limnology, the study of flowing fresh water, including the dynamics, dangers and quality indicators, using special equipment like grading paper. Find creek invertebrates, living indicators of creek health, and learn how you can protect local waterways.

**High School Park**  
SUNDAY, Sept. 11  
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### Creepy Crawl

Discover the "underworld" where organisms recycle nutrients back to the soil, a critical component of the food chain. Finish the adventure by building a structure from found materials in the woods.

**High School Park**  
SUNDAY, Oct. 16  
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Register** at La Mott or Rowland Community Center, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at least five days before each class.

## Halloween

### Halloween Parties

Co-ed • All Ages & Families • \$3 Fee per Person

Play Halloween bingo, make a monster mask and enjoy treats.

**Rowland Community Center**  
FRIDAY, Oct. 21

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Call 215-379-2233 to register by Oct. 19.

Join us if you dare in ghoulish games, a costume contest, tricks and treats.

**La Mott Community Center**  
SATURDAY, Oct. 29

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Call 215-635-3255 by Friday, Oct. 21, if you plan to attend.

## Harvest Festival

This spectacular community event promises fun for the whole family with pumpkin decorating, Acorn Arcade games, great live music, haunted hayrides, a craft sale and delicious food followed by a fireworks finale at a beautiful 45-acre park in Wyncote.

**Curtis Arboretum**  
1250 W. Church Road, Wyncote  
SATURDAY, Oct. 15  
Noon to Dark  
(Rain date Oct. 16)

### Hayride Contest

Create a scary/haunted or cute/friendly scene for the hayride area. The grand prize winner receives \$250, 2nd place earns \$150 and 3rd place receives \$100. A refundable \$25 entry fee is required. For details, call the Rowland Community Center at 215-887-6200, ext. 760.

## NEW Kids Chess

Co-ed • Ages 7-16 • Until Summer • Free • Limit 15  
Beginner and intermediate players can enjoy a good game of chess for fun and practice.

**Rowland Community Center**  
Every other MONDAY beginning Sept. 12  
7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

## Kidnastics

### Rowland

Co-ed • Ages 3-6 • 10 Weeks • \$35 (NR \$52) Fee • Limit 10  
Youngsters improve basic coordination, flexibility and balance through tumbling skills.

**Rowland Community Center**  
TUESDAYS beginning Oct. 4  
Ages 3-4: 4:30 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.  
Ages 5-6: 5:30 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

### La Mott

Co-ed • Ages 6-8 • 8 Weeks • \$30 (NR \$45) Fee • Limit 10  
Basic coordination, flexibility and balance improve through tumbling and dance skills.

**La Mott Community Center**  
TUESDAYS beginning Oct. 4  
5:30 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

## Open Gyms

La Mott and Rowland Community Centers offer open gyms for indoor sports beginning Sept. 1. Check [www.cheltenhamtownship.org](http://www.cheltenhamtownship.org) or call the La Mott Community Center at 215-635-3255 or the Rowland Community Center at 215-379-2233 for more information.

## Self-Defense

### Judo

Co-ed • Ages 6 & Over • 12 Weeks • \$45 (NR \$69) Fee • Limit 20

A self-defense class will increase your flexibility, strength and endurance while teaching you the techniques of judo.

**Rowland Community Center**  
THURSDAYS beginning Oct. 6  
Beginners: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Advanced: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Tae Kwon Do

Co-ed • Ages 6 & Over • 12 Weeks • \$60 (NR \$90) Fee • Limit 20

Learn the basic techniques of Korean karate, emphasizing physical conditioning, self-defense and discipline.



**MARTIAL ARTS.** Year-round classes in Tae Kwon Do at the La Mott Community Center incorporate discipline and physical conditioning as well as martial arts techniques for students ages 6 and over at all skill levels.



**La Mott Community Center**  
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS  
beginning Oct. 3  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## Senior Clubs

Active senior citizen clubs meet regularly at both community centers and always welcome new members for bingo, cards, guest speakers, entertainment, casino trips and more. Call the La Mott Community Center at 215-635-3255 or Rowland Community Center at 215-379-2233 for more information.

**La Mott Community Center**  
THURSDAYS beginning Sept. 8  
11:00 a.m.

**Rowland Community Center**  
First & Third FRIDAYS of each month beginning Sept. 9 & 16  
11:00 a.m.

## Sewing

### Beginner Sewing

Co-ed • Ages 8 & Over • 6 Weeks • \$35 (NR \$52) Fee • Limit 10

Children with little or no sewing experience can learn the basics with a sewing kit that will be provided.

**La Mott Community Center**  
SATURDAYS beginning Oct. 8  
11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

### Intermediate Sewing

Co-ed • Ages 8 & Over • 6 Weeks • \$35 (NR \$52) Fee • Limit 8

Youngsters with some basic sewing experience will make a project from old washed jeans, using sewing machines provided by the instructor.

**La Mott Community Center**  
SATURDAYS beginning Oct. 8  
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## Ski Lift Tickets

Save money and avoid long lines by purchasing discounted

## Swimming

### Children's Instructional Program

Co-ed • Ages 2 & Over • 8 Weeks • \$30 Fee

Can your children swim? This program offers lessons for toddlers through advanced beginners, based upon ability.

#### Cheltenham High School Pool

SATURDAYS beginning Oct. 8 • 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

#### Registration

*Cheltenham Township residents only.* Registration for swim lessons will be offered during regular registration at both community centers beginning Monday, Sept. 19. Separate checks are required for swimming lessons.

#### Sessions

9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. – Level II, III & IV

9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. – Level I, II & V/VI

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Level I, II & III

11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. – Level II, III & IV

**Note:** Classes are tentative, depending upon registration demands. Level I class requires parent participation for every lesson.

### Recreational Swimming

Enjoy evening swims at the high school pool. Swimmers must provide their own towels, bathing suits and locks for the lockers. The Township is not responsible for personal belongings.

**Cheltenham High School Pool** - Beginning Oct. 5

WEDNESDAYS • 7:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

FRIDAYS • 7:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Residents may purchase season tags good until January 4, 2012, or pay daily fees.

Ages	Season Fee	Daily Fee
Adults	\$30	\$4
Youths (Under Age 18) or College Students (Up to Age 23 with I.D.)	\$20	\$3
Seniors (Age 62 & Over)	\$20	\$3



**SWIM LESSONS.** A milestone in a child's life, learning to swim is easy and fun in lessons offered by the Parks and Recreation Department each fall and summer.

lift tickets to Big Boulder/Jack Frost, Blue Mountain, Elk Mountain, Camelback Ski Area, Bear Mountain or Shawnee Mountain at the Township Administration Building. Beginning in December, the non-refundable tickets are on sale weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Theater

Co-ed • Ages 11 - 17 • 10 Weeks • \$65 (NR \$95) Fee • Limit 15

The Sankofa Youth Theatre offers professional support for youths interested in the art of storytelling. All you need to bring is your imagination and the desire to enhance your public speaking and literacy skills.

**La Mott Community Center**  
SATURDAYS beginning Oct. 8  
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## Volleyball

Co-ed • Ages 16 & Over • \$25 Fee

Enjoy a friendly game of volleyball. Advance registration is not necessary, but Township residency is required.

**Cheltenham High School**  
Intermediate Play  
WEDNESDAYS beginning Sept. 21  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## Youth Group

Co-ed • Teens  
Aldersgate's La Mott Teen Group continues interpersonal skill development, peer and family counseling, trips and special activities. Call Bonnie Johns at 215-657-4545.

**La Mott Community Center**  
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS  
beginning Sept. 12  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## Creating Sustainability

“Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs,” is one widely used definition of sustainability, coined by the United Nation’s World Commission on Environment and Development in 1987. Since then, the idea has taken root, inspiring many to work to ensure that the world left to their children and grandchildren will still be able to provide them with sustenance, shelter and economic opportunity.

Sustainability’s more immediate benefits include financial savings as a result of greater energy-efficiency, improved public health thanks to reduced greenhouse gases and a stronger sense of community. A formal sustainability plan will also help the Township acquire grant funding.

### Sustainable Cheltenham

Cheltenham Township has taken up this challenge at a local level with the creation of a Sustainability Committee. Its mission is to devise a roadmap for the Township to foster sustainability in its own actions and promote “green” practices among the residents and businesses in the community.

The committee encompasses residents and other stakeholders, such as the School District, Arcadia University, Environmental Advisory Council, Einstein at Elkins Park/Moss Rehab Hospital and other community-based groups. Working with a Montgomery County Planning Commission consultant team, the committee will craft a comprehensive, Township-wide plan covering a range of issues, including energy use, mobility, land use, waste management and community/quality of life.

The first committee meeting in June established a two-year project timeline. Phase 2 will target inventory and analysis of existing conditions. Phase 3 entails visioning and goal setting. Developing specific objectives and recommendations in Phase 4 is expected to require the most time. Finally, an action plan devised in Phase 5 will be followed by the final plan design and review in Phase 6 in early 2013. The process will include public informational meetings.

To offer recommendations or check for updates on the sustainability effort, visit [www.cheltenhamtownship.org](http://www.cheltenhamtownship.org). □



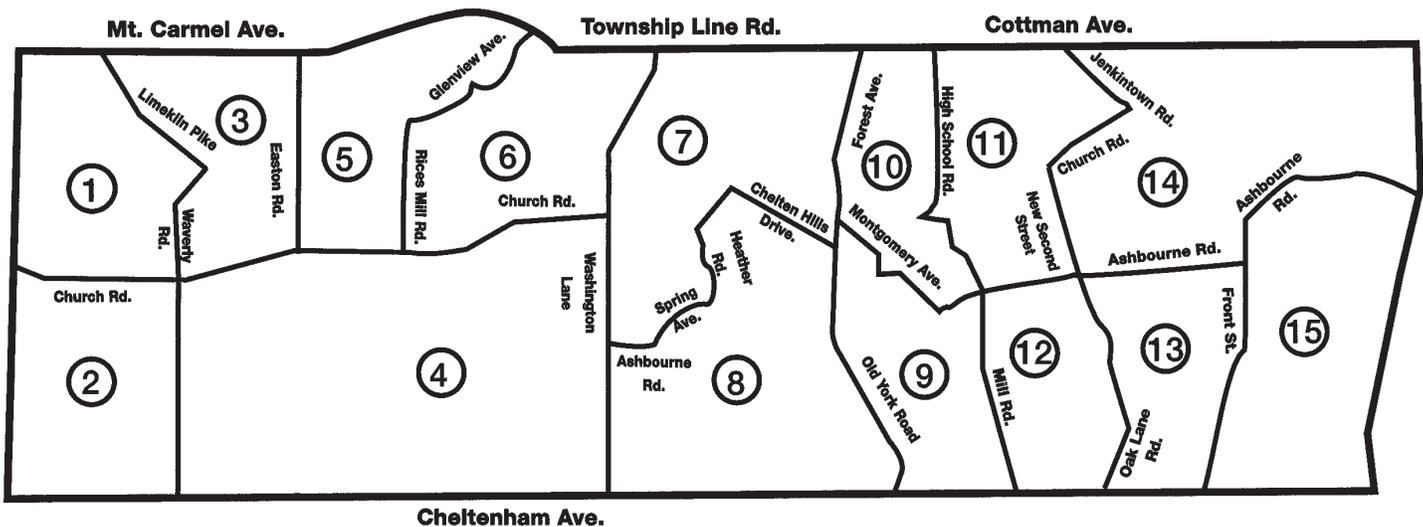
**RIPARIAN BUFFER.** A thriving riparian buffer of native plants, purchased through a Tree Vitalize Grant, helps filter out pollutants before they reach the Tookany Creek in the park along Cheltenham Hills Drive. Residents who live adjacent to waterways are also encouraged to establish a 10-foot “no mow” buffer to reduce pollution and improve the health of local waterways.

## 2010-11 Grants and Donations

The Township constantly pursues grants and corporate funding to benefit local programs and services. Despite a challenging economy, Cheltenham garnered over \$1,315,000 since August 2010:

- Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant for the Elkins Park East Streetscape and Transportation Enhancement Project (pending Governor’s release of funds).
- \$237,148 Montgomery County Community Revitalization Grant for pedestrian street lights in La Mott.
- \$190,000 Montgomery County Open Space Grant for streambank stabilization at Ralph Morgan Park.
- \$155,000 additional funds from the Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative for Easton Road Streetscape Enhancements, Phase 3.
- \$60,645 Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Performance Grant for residential and commercial recycling in 2009.
- \$52,405 Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) H2O Grant for infiltration and inflow remediation of sanitary sewers, Phase 5.
- \$25,000 DCED Community Revitalization Assistance Project Grant for Easton Road Streetscape Enhancements, Phase 3.
- \$14,895 Justice Assistance Grant for four police mobile data computers and the online *CrimeReport.com* service.
- \$12,500 Commonwealth of Libraries Grant to upgrade lighting at Glenside Library.
- \$12,313 Tree Vitalize Grant to restore a section of riparian buffer in Parkview Park.
- \$12,000 Einstein at Elkins Park/Moss Rehab donation for the 2011 summer concerts.
- \$10,000 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Grant for an historic preservation consultant for the Wyncote Board of Historical and Architectural Review.
- \$8,494 Tree Vitalize Grant in conjunction with the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed to restore a portion of riparian buffer along the Rock Creek tributary.
- \$7,500 PECO Green Region Grant for an Arcadia Trail Connection.
- \$6,612 Bulletproof Vest Partnership to match the cost to replace 10 police vests.
- \$4,693.88 Community Development Block Grant for street improvements in Lynnewood Gardens.
- \$2,764.40 in PECO rebates for lighting upgrades in Township facilities.
- \$2,400 in donations for the 2010 Community Harvest Festival: Citizens Bank, C.S. McKee, Glenside Pub and The Hartford.
- \$500 Jenkinstown Lyceum Grant for Historical Commission lectures.
- \$500 PECO donation for a 2010 Glenside Street Fair band. □

## 2011 Fall Leaf Collection Program



The Township's 2011 Fall Leaf Collection Program will begin on Monday, October 17 in Route 6. The map above identifies the 15 designated routes.

The program begins in mid-October to allow enough time for five collections – two for loose leaves and three for bagged leaves – in every route before winter weather arrives. Leaf vacuums are ineffective in snow or ice. Early in the program, collection crews may proceed to some routes ahead of schedule. *However, each morning crews will return to the route scheduled for collection that day.*

After the regular program is completed, the Township will consider additional loose-leaf collections for the first few routes in the schedule, depending upon weather conditions and leaf volume. Announcements about any special third collections will be posted with signs in the affected routes and listed on [www.cheltenhamtownship.org](http://www.cheltenhamtownship.org) and Channel 42 (Comcast).

Residents may also drop off biodegradable paper bags containing leaves, twigs, grass clippings or garden debris at the Waverly Road Compost Facility, located on Waverly Road between Church Road and Cheltenham Avenue in Laverock, on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., unless affected by a holiday. No drop-offs are permitted when the facility is closed.

State law mandates that these materials be recycled, so Township crews will not accept them with household refuse. Large branches require a special collection, which entails a fee. However,

special branch collections will not be scheduled during the Fall Leaf Collection Program.

Please follow these guidelines and the schedules detailed on the next page for the most efficient collection program.

### Loose Leaves

- Rake leaves to the curb no more than 14 days prior to the scheduled collection day, in accordance with Township Ordinance. Violators are subject to fines.
- Rake only leaves; do not include twigs or branches, which may jam leaf machines.
- Do not put leaves into the street immediately after a collection.

**Note:** The collection schedule is subject to weather delays. Check [www.cheltenhamtownship.org](http://www.cheltenhamtownship.org) or Channel 42 for the latest schedule information or call 215-887-6200, ext. 330.

### Bagged Leaves

- Use biodegradable paper bags *only*. Bags are sold for 35 cents each or three for \$1 at the Township Administration Building, libraries and community centers.
- Put bagged leaves at the curb *just prior* to their scheduled collection day.
- Do not put trash, large branches, stones or rocks into the biodegradable paper bags. However, grass clippings, twigs and garden debris may always be included in the bags.

### Additional Guidelines

- Never discard leaves, grass, twigs, branches or garden debris with household refuse.

- Have landscapers coordinate with the collection schedules.
- Do not park over leaves since heat from a vehicle could ignite them.
- Never burn leaves or place leaves at the curb anytime after the final collection, as stipulated by Township Ordinances. □

### Updated Website and Emails

*Cheltenham Township's website underwent a dramatic makeover this spring. The new homepage now boasts a slideshow of community photos, plus news and calendar features that spotlight the latest information. The menus and search features make it easy to find needed information, and anyone can sign up to receive Township news emailed directly to them via the "E-Notifications" link at [www.cheltenhamtownship.org](http://www.cheltenhamtownship.org). Topics include meeting agendas and minutes, police alerts, roadwork, job openings and much more.*

## 2011 Fall Leaf Collection Schedules

### Loose Leaf Collection

#### Route 6

Monday, Oct. 17  
Monday, Nov. 7

#### Route 7

Tuesday, Oct. 18  
Wednesday, Nov. 9

#### Route 8

Wednesday, Oct. 19  
Monday, Nov. 14

#### Route 9

Thursday, Oct. 20  
Wednesday, Nov. 16

#### Route 10

Friday, Oct. 21  
Friday, Nov. 18

#### Route 11

Monday, Oct. 24  
Tuesday, Nov. 22

#### Route 12

Tuesday, Oct. 25  
Monday, Nov. 28

#### Route 13

Wednesday, Oct. 26  
Wednesday, Nov. 30

#### Route 14

Thursday, Oct. 27  
Friday, Dec. 2

#### Route 15

Friday, Oct. 28  
Tuesday, Dec. 6

#### Route 1

Monday, Oct. 31  
Thursday, Dec. 8

#### Route 2

Tuesday, Nov. 1  
Monday, Dec. 12

#### Route 3

Wednesday, Nov. 2  
Wednesday, Dec. 14

#### Route 4

Thursday, Nov. 3  
Friday, Dec. 16

#### Route 5

Friday, Nov. 4  
Tuesday, Dec. 20

### Bagged Leaf Collection

#### Routes 1 – 4

Friday, Oct. 28  
Friday, Nov. 18  
Friday, Dec. 2

#### Routes 5 – 8

Friday, Oct. 28  
Friday, Nov. 18  
Friday, Dec. 9

#### Routes 9 – 11

Friday, Oct. 21  
Friday, Nov. 4  
Friday, Dec. 16

#### Routes 12 – 15

Friday, Oct. 21  
Friday, Nov. 4  
Friday, Dec. 23



## Cheltenham Joins America in Bloom

**T**he Township has joined America in Bloom (AIB), a national community-development program that fosters civic pride and economic development. AIB coaches towns on ways to become more livable and sustainable through a framework of grass-roots efforts.

AIB judges visited the Township in August to evaluate it according to eight categories:

- Community involvement
- Tidiness
- Environmental awareness
- Heritage preservation
- Landscaped areas
- Floral displays
- Urban forestry
- Turf and groundcover areas.

The two-day visit featured tours of the community, including stops at Curtis Hall and Arboretum, Arcadia University/Grey Towers Castle, Richard Wall House Museum, Beth Sholom Synagogue, Myers Elementary School, High School Park, Downtown Glenside, La Mott Community Center, Robinson Park, Kleinheinz Pond, J.C. Melrose Country Club, Glenside Fire Company and La Mott Community Garden, to name just a few. The judges' feedback will help the Township design its AIB campaign, "Cheltenham



Charm." Ultimately, the Township intends to compete for nationally prestigious AIB awards and grants.

The Economic Development Task Force, partnering with the Environmental Advisory Council, the Friends of High School Park and other community groups, will continue to spearhead Cheltenham Charm as a beautification effort that enhances the Township's livability and appeal. An AIB kickoff project has already beautified eight Township park entrances with new plantings of native perennials that are deer-resistant, low-maintenance and long-blooming with at least three seasons of interest.

Anyone interesting taking part in Cheltenham Charm should contact Asst. Township Manager Bryan T. Havir at 215-887-6200, ext. 112. □

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new businesses and sparked the creation of the Downtown Glenside Community Partnership, a coalition of local businesses that works with the Township to present promotional events such as First Fridays, Glenside Bike Nite and the Glenside Street Fair.

### What's Next

The Township is already using completed streetscape enhancement plans to apply for grants for Elkins Park East – the district near the Elkins Park Train Station. Meanwhile, design work is underway for Elkins Park West, the commercial district adjacent to the Church and Old York Roads intersection. Construction of all streetscape enhancement projects is contingent upon grant funding.

Anyone interested in promoting local economic development should call 215-887-6200, ext. 112, for information on the Township's Economic Development Task Force. □



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**POOPER SCOOPERS.** *These Grove Park-goers in Glenside know to clean up after their dogs, per the posted sign. Township Ordinance requires that all dog caretakers properly dispose of their dogs' waste from any property besides their own. Not only common courtesy, the sanitary disposal of pet waste helps protect the environment since pet waste left on the ground would likely be carried by stormwater into the Tookany Creek, potentially increasing harmful bacteria, parasites or viruses in local waterways.*

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