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CHESTNUTHILL

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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"The farther backward you can look, the farther foward you are likely to see"

-Winston Churchill

The history of Chestnuthill Township in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, is a tapestry of resilience, community, and growth, woven from its founding in 1763 to the present day. Established on September 20th, 1763, the Township was named for its once plentiful chestnut trees, which dominated the rolling hills before the devastating Chestnut Blight of 1900.

In the early days, agriculture was the lifeblood of Chestnuthill Township. The fertile land supported a variety of crops and livestock, fostering a strong farming community. This agricultural focus gave rise to numerous mom-and-pop shops, which served not only as commercial centers but also as social hubs, strengthening the bonds within the community. These small businesses were vital in meeting the needs of the local farmers and their families, creating a self-sufficient and interconnected community.

As the Township progressed into the 20th century, it faced the challenge of the Chestnut Blight, which drastically altered the landscape and ecology of the area. However, the community's resilience shone through as it adapted to these changes. Farming continued to be a significant industry, with the township evolving to accommodate different agricultural practices and crops. This adaptability has been a hallmark of Chestnuthill Township, allowing it to maintain its agricultural roots while embracing change.

Entering the 21st century, Chestnuthill Township has grown significantly, now boasting over 17,000 residents, making it one of the largest townships in Monroe County by population. This growth has been accompanied by an expansion in infrastructure, particularly in our road network. Over 155 miles of publicly maintained roadways crisscross the township, making road maintenance a critical aspect of the township's budget and planning.

The governance of Chestnuthill Township reflects its commitment to community involvement and responsive leadership. The Township's budget is managed by three locally elected Supervisors; Carl B. Gould II, Eric Snyder, and Roger Kutzler, who play a pivotal role in shaping the Township's future. These Supervisors hold meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Municipal Building, offering a platform for residents and businesses to contribute to the decision-making process.

Throughout its history, Chestnuthill Township has consistently prioritized providing high-quality municipal services. These services have not only enhanced the quality of life for its residents but have also supported the growth and development of local businesses. The Township's focus on maintaining a balance between preserving its historical heritage and fostering modern development has been key to its success.

As Chestnuthill Township moves forward, it continues to uphold the values that have made it a great place to live. The preservation of its agricultural heritage, the support for local businesses, and the focus on community engagement remain at the forefront of its vision. With a rich history behind it and a dynamic future ahead, Chestnuthill Township stands as a vibrant and thriving community, proud of its past and optimistic about its future.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Residents of Chestnuthill Township,

As we reflect on the past year and look forward to the future, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for our vibrant community. Focusing on community engagement, transparency, and collaboration, truly encapsulates our collective efforts to make Chestnuthill Township an even better place to live, work, and play.

We have achieved remarkable milestones this year. Significant projects like the stormwater improvements on Bush Lane and Frable Road, the initiation of the shared West End Emergency Services Facility, the remediation of blighted properties, and the development of a new trailhead at the Big Woods Natural Area have been monumental. Moreover, our commitment to maintaining and enhancing our roadways, with over 8 miles of new paving, stands as a testament to our dedication to infrastructure and public safety.

Addressing the challenge of commercial solar development, we prioritized community input, resulting in the decision to restrict commercial solar to the Light Industrial Commercial Zone. This move exemplifies our commitment to respecting the character of our community.

The resident engagement has been nothing short of inspiring. From the numerous public meetings about commercial solar to the array of park and recreation programs like summer camp, the Halloween Spooktacular, and our sensory santa event, your participation has been pivotal. Additionally, our text alert program has kept residents informed about important updates, emphasizing our commitment to timely and effective communication.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the completion of the Shared Emergency Services Facility and continuing our road paving plan. The construction of the mixed material storage shed and the replacement of culverts on Silver Valley Road, supported by grant funding, are also on our agenda. These projects will enhance our community's infrastructure and efficiency.

Personally, the past year has been enriching and enlightening. Meeting with many of you and listening to your concerns and appreciations - from commercial solar and warehousing issues to our award-winning recycling center - has been invaluable. Your involvement and insights are crucial as we continue to steer our community towards progress and prosperity. As we move forward, I encourage each of you to stay engaged with township affairs. Continue to attend the various township meetings, sign up for our text alerts, visit our website for updates, and look out for our seasonal newsletters. Your active participation is vital for the ongoing betterment of our township.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your active participation and for making Chestnuthill Township the remarkable place it is. Together, we will continue to build a community that we are all proud to call home.

Warm regards,

Carl B. Gould Jr.

Carl B. Gould II

Chairman

Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors



CHESTNUTHILL'S MISSION & VISION

RESIDENT PROMISE

Chestnuthill Township is committed to making our community a great place to live, work, and play. We will continue to implement improvements to our public facilities that meet the diverse needs of all our residents.



Chestnuthill Township is dedicated to delivering superior municipal services with a focus on efficiency, fiscal responsibility, and environmental stewardship. Our commitment is to ensure the safety, cleanliness, and enjoyment of our community for both residents and businesses. We strive to foster a vibrant, inclusive environment where commerce thrives and community spirit flourishes. By investing in sustainable practices and innovative solutions, we aim to preserve the unique charm and character of our township, making it a great place to live, work, and play.

Chestnuthill Township envisions a future where community engagement, robust infrastructure, and dynamic local governance drive our progress. Our goal is to be a township that excels in providing essential services, maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for residents and businesses alike.

We are committed to making informed decisions that balance growth with the well-being of our township, such as our thoughtful approach to zoning and development. Looking ahead, we aim to continue enhancing our public services and infrastructure, ensuring Chestnuthill Township remains a vibrant, accessible, and thriving community for everyone.

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AS A BOARD, WE ARE COMMITTED TO FOSTERING THE GROWTH OF OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES COMMUNITY.



DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

PLANNING & ZONING



“PLANNING IS BRINGING THE FUTURE INTO THE PRESENT SO THAT YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT NOW” - Alan Lakein

The past year at the Zoning and Planning Department of Chestnuthill Township was marked by a critical initiative: amending the zoning regulations for commercial solar projects. This amendment was initiated in response to community concerns about the potential impact of large-scale solar developments, particularly a significant project proposed by Samsung in a neighboring township, known as Effort Solar Energy LLC. This project had the potential to also spread into the boundaries of Chestnuthill Township, which prompted the Board of Supervisors to take proactive measures in updating their zoning regulations to manage the potential expansion and its impacts effectively.

As part of this process, the Township held numerous public meetings, offering a platform for residents to voice their thoughts and concerns. The Board of Supervisors played an instrumental role, actively engaging with the community and ensuring that the public's views were integral to the decision-making process.

The outcome of the amendment significantly reduced the areas available for commercial solar developments. Originally permitted by conditional use approval in over

11,000 acres, these projects are now limited to the Light Industrial Commercial Zone only, encompassing only a few hundred acres and have been completely removed from residential zones.

This amendment has greatly impacted the township, giving residents peace of mind that large solar farms will not be developed in residential areas or on precious farmlands. It represents a proactive step in preserving the Township's landscape and maintaining its rural character.

A vital lesson from this process is the effectiveness and importance of community engagement. The Board of Supervisors recognize the value of such involvement and is committed to fostering even greater public participation in future zoning and planning initiatives.

This year's experience with the commercial solar zoning amendment has reinforced Chestnuthill Township's dedication to a future that balances development with the needs and preferences of its community, ensuring that our Township continues to be a great place to live and work.



CHESTNUTHILL WELCOMES 20 NEW AND RELOCATED BUSINESSES



Altronics Inc.
208 Kevin Ln.
Ste. 103 & 104
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



**Dymski Pierogies
LLC**
133 Switzgabel Dr.
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



**Pocono Mobile
Veterinary
Service**
2034 Route 209
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



**Biggs Auto Sales &
Detailing Corp.**
2205 Route 209
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



**Enviro Air
Remedies, LLC**
1841 Route 209- Ste. 203
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



**Pocono Vitamin
Infusion**
110 Shafer Dr.- Unit 9
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



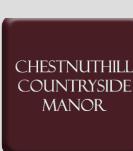
Bill's Skills
1636 Route 209- Ste. 103
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



Eurotoyland
1029 Route 715
Saylorburg, PA 18353



PowerX LLC
2164 Route 209- Unit 2
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



**Chestnuthill
Countryside Manor**
216 Merwinsburg Rd.
Effort, PA 18330



**Extract Labs &
Diagnostics**
1841 Route 209- Ste. 103
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



Sabersouth
1479 Route 209-St. 203
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



**Chestnuthill Star
Bed & Breakfast**
2071 Route 209
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



Key My Ride
2000 Route 209
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



**Smart Way America
Realty**
2000 Route 209
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



**Community Vet
Care Inc.**
212 Kevin Ln.
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



Perla
1656 Route 209- Unit 10
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



**The War Maiden
Tattoo**
1843 Route 209- St. 202
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



**The Dream
Wedding Shop**
1421 Route 209- Unit 122B
Brodheadsville, PA 18322



**Pocono Farmhouse
Bed & Breakfast**
130 White Church Rd.
Saylorburg, PA 18353



DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

RECYCLING CENTER



"THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AWAY. WHEN WE THROW SOMETHING AWAY IT MUST GO SOMEWHERE."

- Alan Lakein

SENIOR DAYS SPECIAL

Mondays and Wednesdays just got better for our seniors! If you're over 62, you can now bring up to three 16-gallon trash bags for disposal at only \$1.00 per bag. This offer is a token of our appreciation for our senior residents and a commitment to make waste disposal more affordable.

STAY UP-TO-DATE

Stay connected and informed with Chestnuthill Township's text notification service. For the latest news on community events, recycling center updates, emergency alerts, and more, simply text "Chestnuthill" to 570-218-5746. Sign up today and ensure you're always in the loop with timely and important township announcements.

RECYCLING MADE EASY

Our Recycling Center accepts a wide array of items at no cost. Check out the list of acceptable items:

Paper: Newspapers, magazines, and cardboard.
Glass: Bottles and jars of all colors.
Metals: Aluminum cans, tin, and small scrap metals.
Plastics: Containers and bottles #1-7.
E-Waste: Computers, TVs, and small electronics.
Special Items: Fluorescent bulbs, styrofoam, and batteries.
Yard Waste: We offer shredding and composting, with compost available for your garden.

Join the pay-as-you-throw program and only pay for what you can't recycle. Embrace our services and contribute to our township's greener future.

18% REDUCTION

IN LANDFILL SPACE USED

Our recycling efforts have significantly reduced landfill waste. With 6,377 homes estimated to produce 4,783 tons of waste annually, our community's commitment to recycling has impressively cut landfilled tonnage by about 18%. This achievement reflects our township's dedication to environmental stewardship.



PREPARATION

Before you bring your recyclables to the Recycling Center, taking a moment to prepare them can make a significant difference. Proper preparation ensures that the recycling process is efficient and effective. It begins with rinsing containers to remove residue, flattening boxes saves space, separating items according to the center's layout, helps maintain the flow of users through the facility. Every step you take at home contributes to a smoother recycling process for us all.



CLEAN & SORT:

Residents begin the recycling process at home by cleaning and sorting their materials, ensuring they are ready for the next steps.



TRANSPORT:

With materials pre-sorted, residents transport their recyclables to our facility, reducing contamination and streamlining the drop-off.



DESIGNATED DROP-OFF:

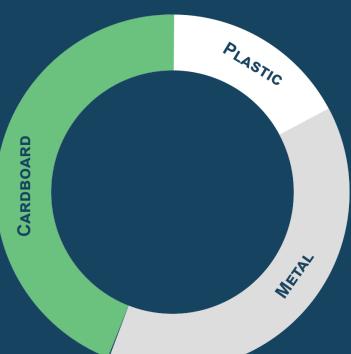
At the Recycling Center, residents deposit their materials into designated containers, each labeled for different types of recyclables.



PROCESS & SHIP:

Our staff then takes over, processing the materials on-site and preparing them for shipment to various recycling plants where they will be transformed into new products.

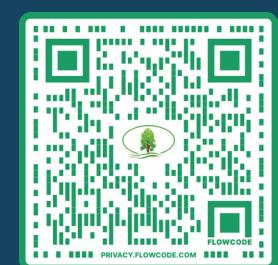
TOP 3 COMMODITIES COLLECTED



Our comprehensive recycling efforts have culminated in a significant collection of materials, as detailed in the tonnage breakdown. Every item you recycle contributes to a sustainable future and lessens the burden on our environment.

RECYCLING CENTER BROCHURE

Scan the QR Code below to review the 2024 Chestnuthill Township Recycling Center Brochure.





DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

PARKS & RECREATION



"ACCESS TO PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC OPEN SPACE PROMOTES GREATER MENTAL WELL-BEING"

- National Recreation and Park Association

Throughout the year, the Parks and Recreation Department organized a variety of community events, promoting engagement and fun. Programs and events included, but were not limited to, an exciting egg hunt, and a dog training session with David Henon, of University of Pets. The park was filled with a sense of patriotism during the Memorial Day flag ceremony hosted by Scouts BSA Troop 101 and showcased a burst of creativity with the return of the Art-in-the-Park event. We were delighted to welcome PVEN back to Chestnuthill Park, where they generously provided free lunches for both kids in the community and our summer campers.

We also welcomed a new amenity at the Chestnuthill Park, a mobile mini food pantry. This pantry was crafted by members of Girl Scout Troop 50812. Embodying a self-sustaining model, the pantry stands as a take some/leave some haven for the community, encapsulated by the sign that echoes its purpose: "If you need something, take it. If you can leave something, please contribute." The 50 hours of hard work invested by these girls, from the initial design phase to building and stocking the pantry, exemplifies their commitment to making a meaningful impact in our

community, earning them the prestigious Silver Award—the highest honor attainable at the Cadette level of Girl Scouts (6-8th graders).

In our commitment to continuous improvement, the Building and Grounds team recently upgraded the park facilities with several notable projects. They installed a new water bottle filler station and conducted repairs on the park building's side. Playground 1 received significant attention with the installation of new belt and toddler swings, as well as the introduction of upgraded chains for the ADA accessible swings. Furthermore, the team undertook the removal of numerous hazardous trees, ensuring a safer and more enjoyable park environment.

The Chestnuthill Township Supervisors would like to extend their gratitude to the volunteers and organizations that have played a pivotal role in making our events and programs possible. As we look ahead to the coming year, we are excited to continue our mission of providing diverse and inclusive recreational opportunities for our community.



HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Discover the past year's highlights from Chestnuthill Township's Parks & Recreation Department through a visual showcase. This collection highlights a Gold Star and Eagle Scout project, showcasing our community's dedication to excellence and enrichment.

GOLD STAR PROJECT

Alexandra Bock

Alexandra's project, "Take a Book, Leave a Book," has provided accessible literature to visitors of both the Chestnuthill and West End Regional Parks. We would like to thank Girl Scout Troop 51053 for monitoring the libraries and Western Pocono Community Library for keeping them stocked.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Michael Tuin

Michael successfully completed his Eagle Scout Project which included: refurbishment of POW Memorial, reconditioning of picnic tables in Pavilion 1, placing a commemorative plaque to mark the time capsule location. His project has improved the Chestnuthill Park for those who visit.



SUMMER CAMP

A Triumphant Return

We were so pleased to have camp back up and running. Highlights include educational presentations by the State Police, Mad Science, and Christina's Pets and Reptiles. Special appreciation goes to the West End Volunteer Fire Company and Lehigh Valley Health Network EMS for their valuable contributions to the program.



ARCHERY

Introductory Event

This event was originally slated to take place at West End Regional Park, however due to unfavorable weather, we had to move this to Effort United Methodist Church's pavilion. We are so grateful to have been able to use this facility! A diverse array of both youngsters and adults participated in the event, seizing the opportunity to try their hand at archery.

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Second Annual

This year we showcased a range of activities, including a magic show, strolling magic, games, free cotton candy, trunk-or-treat, a craft station, horse-drawn wagon rides, and apple cider pressing demonstrations, and the costume contest. All of the great costumes made the contest difficult to judge.



SENSORY SANTA

Inaugural Event

We are pleased to report the successful launch of the first-ever Sensory Santa event, marking a significant step towards inclusivity. Building on this success, we look forward to expanding our offering of more sensory-friendly events in 2024, ensuring that all residents can participate in and enjoy community celebrations.



DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW ROADS

In 2023, the Chestnuthill Township Road Department diligently maintained our 155-mile road system, providing essential services such as snow plowing, road drainage, paving, line striping, and street sweeping.

Adhering to our 20-year repaving cycle, the Road Department successfully repaved 8 miles of roadway this year, consistent with our objective to ensure all township roads are systematically maintained.

Their unwavering commitment to road safety and infrastructure integrity led to the successful completion of numerous maintenance and improvement projects. These accomplishments are detailed in the completed projects section of this report, highlighting the department's significant contributions to our community.



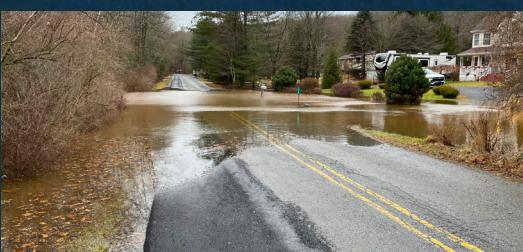
"CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IS BETTER THAN DELAYED PERFECTION"

- Mark Twain

STORMWATER

In recent years, our community has increasingly faced challenges related to stormwater management, including flooding, erosion of roadways and swales, and the inadequacy of culverts and bridges to accommodate the rising volumes of stormwater. Recognizing the urgency of these issues, the Township has intensified its efforts to mitigate stormwater-related problems in a manner that is both efficient and cost-effective. Achieving sustainable solutions often requires a collaborative approach, involving not only the Township but also private property owners.

The Road Department remains dedicated to confronting these stormwater challenges head-on, with a focus on minimizing their impact on our infrastructure. Notable initiatives include the construction of an enhanced drainage system on Bush Lane, along with plans for two pivotal culvert replacements on Silver Valley Road and a comprehensive Stormwater Improvement Project in the Country Terrace Acres Subdivision. These projects are part of our ongoing commitment to improve stormwater management within our community. For detailed information on these and other forthcoming projects, please refer to the "Upcoming Projects" section on Page 18 of this report.



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- Jon Gondon



MAN HOURS SUMMARY

1,266 +

HOURS PLOWING

1,299 +

HOURS TREE TRIMMING

3,759 +

HOURS ON DRAINAGE REPAIRS

PENNDOT PROJECT UPDATES

209/115 Roundabout Project:

PennDOT continued work on the SR209/SR115 Roundabout construction project that originally began in 2021. The project starts on SR209 at Fawn Valley Drive and extends 900 feet past Erin Lane, and on SR115 from SR209 to roughly 800 feet past Countryside Drive. In addition to the installation of a roundabout, the project also entails widening the roadway from two to four lanes around the Pleasant Valley School District Campus. The project is anticipated to be completed by November of 2024.

715 Bridge Replacement Project:

Work has begun to replace the Route 715 bridge over McMichael Creek in Chestnuthill Township, Monroe County. The existing two-span stone masonry arch bridge is being replaced with a single-span concrete arch culvert. The project is anticipated to be completed by May of 2024.

115/Merwinsburg Road Realignment Project:

Improvements on SR115 will run from Astolat Road to about 300' north of the Pohopoco Creek Bridge. Merwinsburg Road and SR115 will be realigned to a new T-intersection. SR115 will also be widened to install a new left turn lane onto Evergreen Hollow Road, as well as line of sight improvements on Astolat Road. The project is anticipated to be completed by August of 2025.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

ROOF REPLACEMENTS

Last year marked a significant milestone for the Township with the completion of crucial infrastructure upgrades, including the replacement of roofs for the Chestnuthill Park pavilions and the garage and shop of the Township building. These improvements were made possible in part through grant funding from the Pocono Mountain Visitor's Bureau, whose support played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of these essential projects.



REMEDIATION OF BLIGHTED PROPERTIES:

Last year, the Township embarked on a significant initiative to enhance the community by remediating several blighted properties. This effort, fully funded by Monroe County Demolition Grant Funds, was crucial in revitalizing neighborhoods and improving the overall quality of life for our residents. The removal of these neglected and unsafe structures has not only beautified the area but also opened avenues for future development.

UPGRADES AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

In 2023, we made a significant advancement in our recycling program by acquiring a horizontal self-tying baler, a project partially funded by a 902 State Recycling Grant. This equipment boosts our recycling efficiency and demonstrates our strong commitment to environmental sustainability. Its automated operation allows us to process larger volumes of material more effectively, furthering our goal to reduce waste and promote a greener future.

FRABLE ROAD STORMWATER PROJECT

In a significant stride towards better infrastructure, the Township addressed a critical drainage issue on Frable Road in 2023. This initiative involved excavating a deeper swale coupled with the strategic placement of pipes beneath driveways. These enhancements not only resolved longstanding water conveyance problems but also established a more resilient and efficient stormwater management system. The project's success highlights our dedication to sustainable infrastructure solutions, ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.



BUSH LANE STORMWATER PROJECT PHASE 2

Last year, the Township successfully completed a comprehensive project to address stormwater management issues in the Bush Lane area. This project involved replacing road culverts and driveway pipes, along with installing properly sized drainage swales. These improvements have significantly enhanced local stormwater drainage, resulting in a more resilient and effective system for the area.

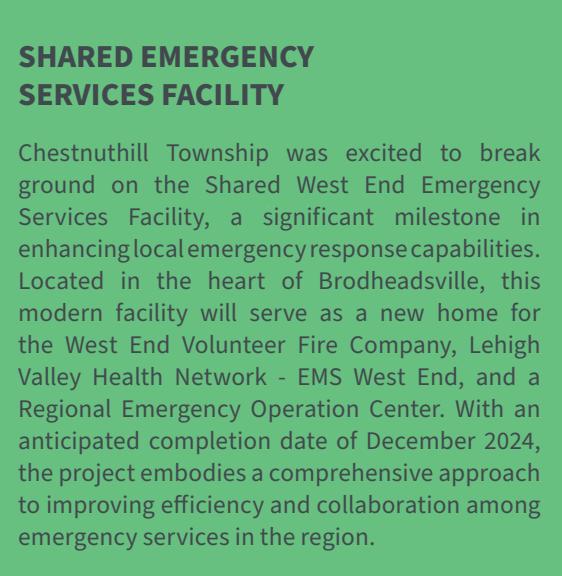




CURRENT PROJECTS

LITTLE MEXICO TRAILHEAD

Work has begun on the Little Mexico Trailhead project at the Big Woods Natural Area. This project is funded in part using DCNR and grant funds from the Monroe County Commissioners. The trailhead is scheduled to be open by June of 2024.



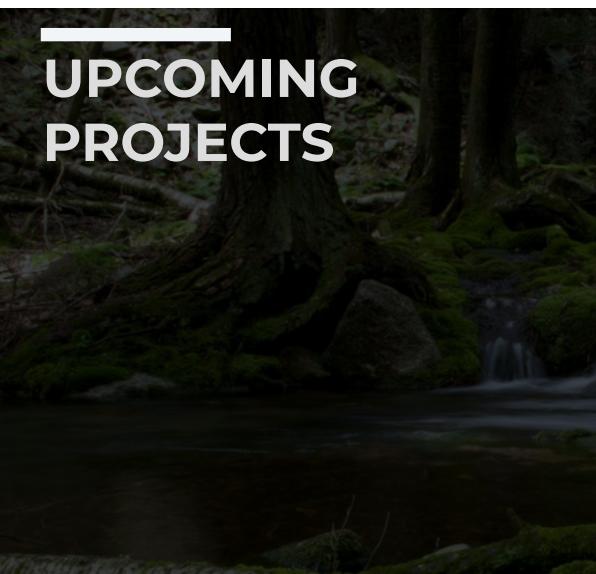
SHARED EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY

Chestnuthill Township was excited to break ground on the Shared West End Emergency Services Facility, a significant milestone in enhancing local emergency response capabilities. Located in the heart of Brodheadsville, this modern facility will serve as a new home for the West End Volunteer Fire Company, Lehigh Valley Health Network - EMS West End, and a Regional Emergency Operation Center. With an anticipated completion date of December 2024, the project embodies a comprehensive approach to improving efficiency and collaboration among emergency services in the region.

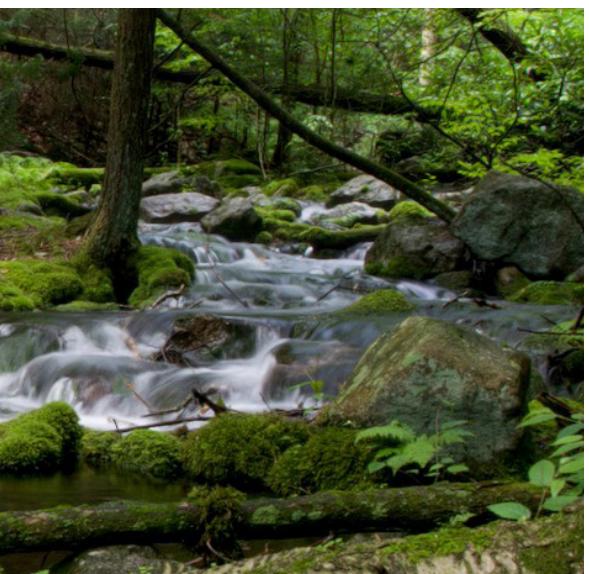


COUNTRY TERRACE ACRES STORMWATER PROJECT

The Country Terrace Acres Subdivision is facing significant stormwater challenges, with runoff during storm events that occur when the groundwater table is high, which negatively impacts the community. To address this, the Township is conducting detailed survey work and has initiated utility location services in the area. These steps are essential for constructing an effective stormwater management solution to mitigate future flooding impacts.



UPCOMING PROJECTS



SILVER VALLEY CULVERT REPLACEMENTS

Silver Valley Road, which is bisected by three channels of the McMichael Creek is undergoing critical infrastructure improvements. The largest channel flows under a recently replaced bridge, while the other two channels are served by culverts. The larger of these is 15 feet wide, and the smaller is a 36-inch aluminum pipe culvert. The Township Engineer has determined that both culverts are severely deteriorated and require complete replacement. To facilitate these necessary replacements, \$308,514.00 in grant funds has been secured. The project is expected to be completed by fall of 2024.



MIXED MATERIAL STORAGE SHED

Chestnuthill Township is improving its winter storm response with a new salt storage facility in Mount Effort. This project will streamline operations by allowing for direct deliveries and better material storage, reducing labor and enhancing efficiency during snow emergencies. This construction project is funded in part by a \$240,000 grant, the project is currently out for bid and is anticipated to be completed by July of 2024.



350+

PERMITS ISSUED

Chestnuthill Township's Zoning Department issued more than 350 permits last year, with an average turnaround time of 3-4 days.

1,200+

ACRES OF PROTECTED FARMLANDS

Over 1,200 acres of farmlands have been permanently protected in Chestnuthill Township through the PA Agricultural Preservation Program.

TAX BREAKDOWN



LIQUID FUELS FUNDING

2021 - \$761,211

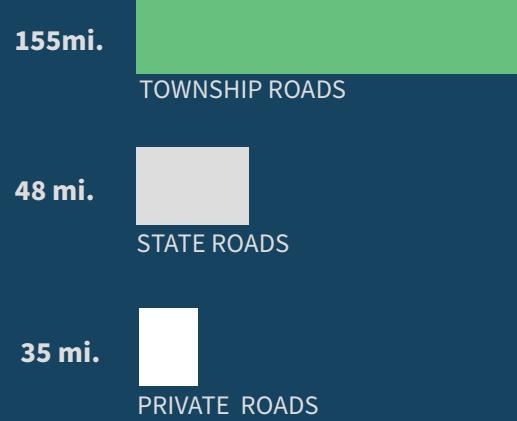
2022 - \$770,527

2023 - \$779,531

BY THE NUMBERS

On this page you can find interesting statistics related to grant funding, revenues, recycling totals, and more. For more information regarding Chestnuthill Township, visit our website www.chestnuthilltwp-pa.gov or give us a call at 570-992-7247.

MILES OF ROAD



GRANTS SUMMARY

\$2,858,900

Funds Spent
Funds Awarded



THANK YOU FROM THE BOARD

The Board extends sincere gratitude to PA State Representative Jack Rader for his unwavering commitment to securing vital grant funding for Chestnuthill Township. His dedication has been pivotal in securing resources that move our Township forward.

Likewise, heartfelt appreciation goes to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for their continued support in preserving our natural resources and fostering sustainable development, as evidenced by their grant funding.

We also thank the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau for their significant grant contribution, which was crucial in funding the replacement of Chestnuthill Township's Park pavilion roofs. Together, these partnerships epitomize the power of collaboration in advancing our shared goals.



"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH."

- Helen Keller



State
Representative
Jack Rader



Department of
Conservation &
Natural Resources



Pocono Mountains
Visitors Bureau

TOGETHER, THESE PARTNERSHIPS EPITOMIZE THE POWER OF COLLABORATION IN ADVANCING OUR COMMUNITY.





COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT WESTERN POCONO WOMEN'S CLUB

The Western Pocono Women's Club is a service organization made up of women who volunteer time and raise funds to serve their community. It was founded in 1970 with 24 charter members.

The primary aim of this club is to foster the growth of its members' educational, civic, and social interests while simultaneously working toward the betterment of the community. Guided by the inspirational motto, "When you give of yourself, you truly give," this organization is dedicated to the welfare and progress of the community.

The Western Pocono Women's Club is dedicated to community service programs, including community beautification, education, home and life, and community outreach. The club enhances community beauty, maintaining flower beds at Western Pocono Memorial Park, West End Fairgrounds, Chestnuthill and Polk Township parks. Financial support goes to parks and the Monroe County Conservation Camp. Encouraging learning, the club supports Western Pocono Community Library, offers scholarships, sponsors a student for Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation (HOBY), and promotes literacy with free children's books.

Fostering community outreach, the club actively participates in Chestnuthill's Halloween Spooktacular by hosting a car in our trunk-or-treat and volunteering at other event stations. Their involvement adds significant value to the event, reinforcing their commitment to community engagement. The Township is grateful for their continued support.

Addressing contemporary issues, the club supports various community projects, including Angel's Closet, food banks, Garden of Giving, Meals on Wheels, and the Quilts Made with Love Program. Engaging beyond local communities, the club supports military initiatives, visits Getz Personal Care Home, and contributes to Operation Touch of Home, VALOR, Women's Resources, Relay for Life, and PATH-Pocono Area Transitional Housing.

The Western Pocono Women's Club is dedicated to making a positive impact by enhancing the beauty of the community, promoting education, addressing home and life issues, and engaging in meaningful community outreach initiatives.

The Western Pocono Women's Club meets at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month, March through December. Meetings are held at the Effort United Methodist Church on Merwinsburg Road in Effort, PA. For more information visit their website at: westernpoco-nowomensclub.org.



SILVER VALLEY NATURAL AREA CONTRIBUTION

The Western Pocono Women's Club recently made a thoughtful donation by contributing a bench to the Silver Valley Natural Area. This generous gesture provides a comfortable resting spot for visitors to enjoy the beauty of the natural surroundings, exemplifying the club's commitment to enhancing community spaces.

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