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Honoring Our Past—Securing Our Future



Architect's rendering

Dedicated to providing public safety services to the community, Warwick Township Fire Company is constructing a new, modern fire station. This \$2.9 million project has been underway since early Spring 2012 and is expected completion by early 2013.

Our old station was built in 1963 and was designed to house two trucks. As our community grew over the years, we purchased more and larger fire trucks. Our four trucks, an engine, a tanker, a rescue, and a ladder truck were squeezed into the bays by stacking them - that is, two trucks were parked behind the other two. This practice slowed response for emergencies where the trucks parked in the back were needed. Our new station has four bays at front, allowing each truck to have its own bay and improving response time.

Warwick Township Fire Company members are all volunteers, men and women like you, who serve without pay. These volunteers are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, ready to drop whatever they are doing to risk their lives to protect your family, your business and your property. During inclement weather like hurricanes and snow storms, our volunteers stay at the station to ensure a prompt response to emergencies. These volunteers slept on the floor or in chairs; sometimes a few cots were available - our old station lacked facilities for exercise, rest and over-night crews. With the support of our community, our new fire station will have bunk rooms and an exercise facility.

A small portion of Warwick Township property taxes goes towards fire company operating expenses, such as training, fuel, and equipment costs. We need your help - please support our Capital Campaign program and ensure the future of public safety in Warwick Township by making a donation today. Capital Campaign donations are used to pay the down the financing of our construction. Your donation helps save lives and it is tax deductible.

Visit our web-site for more information on our Capital Campaign and building progress. <http://www.warwickfd.com> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/WarwickFD>

Fire Prevention Day at Warwick Fire Company

We will be holding our annual Fire Prevention event at the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology on Saturday, October 20. Bring the family out for fun activities like a ride on our ladder truck, fire extinguishment exercises and vehicle rescue demonstration.

October 20

3:00 - 6:00 PM

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology
2740 York Road, Jamison

Chimney Fire Prevention

Chimney fires are caused by flammable materials within the chimney itself, most commonly creosote. Creosote is the by-product of the incomplete combustion of wood.

A chimney fire can be determined by a roaring sound that grows louder as the chimney fire intensifies. It might sound like a nearby jet plane or freight train. Black smoke, sparks or fire will be coming out the top of the chimney.

If you suspect you have a chimney fire—Dial 9-1-1

Reduce the chance of a chimney fire by maintaining your chimney and using your fireplace or woodstove properly.

- ◇ Have your chimney professionally cleaned and inspected once a year. More frequent cleanings may be necessary depending on the wood you burn.
- ◇ Burn hardwood, like oak, hickory, ash, or maple. These woods should be allowed to season for at least a year. Soft, sappy woods contribute to creosote build-up.
- ◇ The hotter the fire, the more complete the combustion—keep it hot twice a day for at least 15 to 30 minutes, but be sure not to create more fire than your fireplace/woodstove is designed.
- ◇ Air inlets should be left open. Do not restrict the air supply.

Do not use a chimney that has had a fire until it is inspected and repaired by a qualified professional. Chimney fires can spread to the walls of your home.

2012 YTD Calls

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| Fire | 56 |
| Rescue | 9 |
| Hazards | 20 |
| Service | 8 |
| Good Intent | 9 |
| False Alarms | 96 |
| Special | 15 |
| Total | 213 |

2012 Quarterly Chief's Award

1st — Matt Taylor, Bill Mogg, Rob Gourley
2nd — Ryan Adams
3rd — Steven Buonomo, Sr.
4th —

2012 Quarterly President's Award

1st — Mitch Stavitz
2nd — George Rudolph
3rd — Chris Salisbury
4th —

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Station Voter Poll Location Moved

During the construction of our new fire station, the voting location has been moved to St. Cyril of Jerusalem church at 1410 Almshouse Road, in Jamison.

Persons who regularly vote at Heritage Creek will continue to vote there. Heritage Creek Marquis Club, 1365 Tulip Road.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

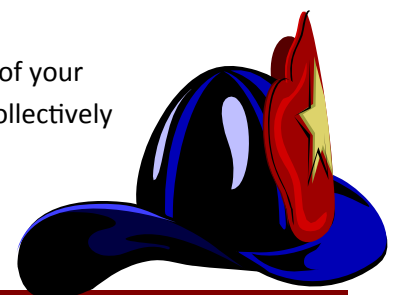
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Make a Difference in Someone's Life

Volunteer at Warwick Township Fire Company. Opportunities exist for Firefighters, Fire Police, and Administration positions.

Our volunteers are made up of your neighbors and friends who collectively contribute to protecting Warwick Township.

www.bucksfire.org



Warwick Fire Company Capital Campaign and Events Update

Warwick Township Volunteer Fire Company wishes to thank all those who contributed to their capital campaign for a new fire station. All residences and businesses in Warwick Township should have received a mailing from the fire company about the campaign along with a pledge/donation card. Thanks to everyone who has made a pledge/donation. If you haven't had a chance to send in your pledge, please support the campaign in any way you can.

The results for *A Taste of Warwick* are in and it was a huge success. This past summer 12 local food establishments participated and pledged financial support to Warwick Fire Company's Capital Campaign. Our thanks go out to Brother's Pizza, Dunkin' Donuts, Giant Supermarket, Giovanni's Pizza, Jamison Pour House, Love It! Frozen Yogurt, McDonald's, New China, Randazzo's Pizza, Subway, Warwick Tavern, and Wild Ginger II. Their participation helped the Warwick Fire Company to raise funds and awareness for the capital campaign.

In addition to *A Taste of Warwick*, the Heritage Creek and Golf Club Estates communities held a sweepstakes that raised over \$9800 for the capital campaign. The prize was a 2012 Nissan Altima 2.5 S. The winner was Katherine V. Trainer from Perkasio, PA. Thanks go out to Chapman Nissan in the Philadelphia AutoMall for making the car available for the sweepstakes.



Upcoming events for 2013 include:

- * January 2013 Steak dinner at The Jamison Grille
- * April 2013 Grand Opening Celebration
- * April 2013 Dollar Dog Night at The Jamison Grille—Hot Dogs and Phillies baseball
- * May 2013 Warwick Square Festival

Volunteers are still needed for the Capital Campaign Committee. Please consider attending the next meeting on Thursday, October 25th from 7pm-8pm at the Heritage Creek Clubhouse ballroom. Any time that you can share with the committee is greatly appreciated and helps the community.

For questions about the Capital Campaign or upcoming events please contact Heidi Chen at 215-491-8689 or by email at Hagc71@aol.com.

Santa Claus is Coming to Warwick—Saturday, December 22

Escorted by Warwick Township Fire Company, Santa will tour neighborhoods throughout the township, starting at 8:30 AM. Come out and see Santa when you hear our sirens.

Areas North of Almshouse Road will be visited in the morning and then the areas South of Almshouse Road will be visited in the afternoon. We will be collecting non-perishable foods for local food banks. Please bring food donations when you come see Santa.



The top five days for home candle fires historically are Christmas, Christmas Eve, New Years Day, New Years Eve and Halloween. More than half of all candle fires started when something that could burn, such as furniture, mattresses or bedding, curtains, or decorations were too close to the candle. Never leave candles unattended.

Source: NFPA



Over the last several months, we have been operating out of temporary facilities behind the fire station, while the new station is being built.

Just like our old station, the Tanker and Engine are parked behind the Rescue and Ladder trucks.



When it snows, please spend a few minutes to shovel the snow around fire hydrants, ensuring there is adequate space for a firefighter to access the hydrant and work. These few minutes would make a significant difference in case of fire.

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 4, 2012. This is a perfect time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Although the batteries in your detector still have energy stored in them, there might not be enough energy to detect smoke or alert you of a smoke condition.

Smoke detectors that are ten years old or older should be replaced. Their ability to detect smoke is greatly diminished with age and advancements in technology help improve performance while reducing nuisance alarms.



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