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Robert Montgomery Scott, 1929-2005

**This Annual Report is
dedicated to the memory of
Robert Montgomery Scott, whose
grace, generosity, and kindness
were well-known to all Radnor
residents who met him. He will
be missed.**

DEAR FRIENDS:

We are pleased to present Radnor Township's 2005 Annual Report. As always, 2005 was another busy and productive year here in Radnor.

Some of the most noteworthy accomplishments included:

- The completion of the Radnor Multi-Purpose Trail
- The passage of Radnor Township's first Historic Preservation Ordinance
- Completion of Phase 1 of the Wayne Master Plan as part of the continuing implementation of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- The most comprehensive stormwater ordinance in all of Delaware County
- A savings of \$900,000 through an innovative bond swap option
- The hiring of seven new police officers, and the promotion of two lieutenants, three sergeants, and one corporal in the Radnor Police Department
- The purchase of property on Liberty Lane adjacent to the Radnor Trail, and the cleanup of another Township-owned property at S. Devon Avenue and Conestoga Road that also abuts the Trail

- Receipt of the prestigious Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the 10th consecutive year
- The #1 residential recycling program in Delaware County

Obviously, we are proud of those achievements, as well as the ones that don't get as much publicity, such as twice-weekly trash and recycling pickup, traffic calming efforts, pristine parks and open space, aggressive street cleaning during inclement weather, sanitary and storm sewer maintenance and installation, regular inspection of all eating establishments, and much more.

In this report, you will find information about all of these achievements. You will also meet some of the employees who are proud to serve you. Some of them might look familiar to you if you regularly visit the Township Municipal Building; others might not. But all of them are dedicated to one thing: ensuring that your experience as a Radnor Township resident is second to none.

Best wishes,

Harry G. Mahoney, Esq., President, Board of Commissioners
David A. Bashore, Township Manager



Harry G. Mahoney, Esq.



David A. Bashore

RADNOR IS... RADNOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Harry G. Mahoney represents Ward 1 and has served as President of the Board since October 2003. Hank is a partner at the Philadelphia law firm of Deasey Mahoney & Bender. He is chair of the Public Works & Sewer, Open Space, and Personnel & Administration Committees. He and his wife, Jean, have four children and live in North Wayne.

In 1999, Lisa Paolino was the first woman in Radnor history to be elected to a full four-year term when she became the Ward 5 Commissioner; in October 2003, she became Vice President of the Board. She serves as chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee and as a member of the Finance & Audit, Open Space, Public Health, and Library Committees. She and her two children live in Bryn Mawr. She is a former Vice President of Operations for Mace Securities and currently serves as an entertainment and Internet consultant.

Ann-Michele G. Higgins, elected in November 2001 to represent Ward 2, is an attorney with the Philadelphia firm of Rawle & Henderson LLP. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Radnor with their two daughters. Ann-Michele is chair of the Community Development Committee and a member of the

Finance & Audit, Personnel & Administration, Public Works & Sewer, and Public Safety Committees.

The Ward 3 Commissioner is William A. Spingler, who was elected in 1992 and also served on the Board of Commissioners from 1970-1971. Bill lives in South Wayne with his wife, Phyllis; they have two children and four grandchildren. He is chair of the Public Works and Sewer Committee and also serves on the Community Development, Public Safety, Open Space, and Finance & Audit Committees. Bill is a self-employed real estate broker with the Spingler Agency in Strafford.

Enrique R. Hervada, the Ward 4 Commissioner, was elected in 2000. He is chair of the Finance & Audit Committee and also serves on the Community Development, Public Health, Public Safety, and Parks and Recreation Committees. Enrique lives in Bryn Mawr with his wife, Jennifer, and their two sons. He is President of ProGraphix in Radnor.

After the resignation of Jim Pierce, Thomas A. Masterson Jr. of Arbordale Road was appointed Commissioner of the 6th Ward; he was elected to a full four-year term in 2005.

Tom, a litigation attorney with the Lundy Law Firm in Philadelphia, is chair of the Public Safety and Library Committees and also serves on the Finance & Audit and Personnel & Administration Committees. He and his wife, Jody, have three children.

David Cannan has served as Ward 7 Commissioner since 1999. He is chair of the Public Health Committee and is also a member of the Finance & Audit, Library, and Parks and Recreation Committees. Dave lives in Rosemont and is a painter.

The appointed staff pictured include David A. Bashore, who has served as Township Manager since 2000. Hired as Finance Director in 1987, Dave and his wife, Kelly, live in Radnor with their son and daughter. Concetta Clayton, Township Secretary since 1987 and a Township employee since 1975, lives in West Wayne with her husband Dale, a retired Radnor police Officer. They have four children and eight grandchildren. David G. Blake, Township Solicitor since 2000, is a partner in Beatty Lincke in West Chester.



Pictured left to right: David G. Blake, Township Solicitor; Enrique R. Hervada, Ward 4; David Cannan, Ward 7; William A Spingler, Ward 3; Ann-Michele G. Higgins, Ward 2; Harry G. Maloney, President, Ward 1; Lisa Paolino, Vice-President, Ward 5; Thomas A. Masterson Jr., Ward 6; Concetta R. Clayton, Township Secretary; David A. Bashore, Township Manager

RADNOR IS... PUBLIC SAFETY

In our post-9/11 world, one of the most important things a police department can do is to prepare. In 2005, the Radnor Police Department underwent literally thousands of hours of training in order to fulfill new stringent national requirements and remain ready in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. Specifically, in 2005 members of the police department completed National Incident Management System (NIMS) training, Delaware County mass incident response training, radiological terrorism training, biological terrorism training, Safe Schools training, firearms training, and other tactical programs to enhance the level of service they provide to the residents of Radnor Township.

In keeping with Radnor's tradition of community policing, last year Radnor officers conducted 725 school visits (up from 544 in 2004), initiated nearly 1,700 community contacts (up from 985 in 2004), and completed 4,533 vacant home checks during residents' vacations (up from 2,312 in 2004). Other community relations efforts included underage drinking and DUI presentations at Radnor High School, volunteer service on Martin Luther King Day, neighborhood association

meetings, Read Across America, and other community events such as the Fall Festival and July 4 Parade, to name a few.

Thanks to selective enforcement efforts, often at the request of concerned neighbors, traffic citations and warnings rose slightly in 2005. Unfortunately, vehicular accidents also increased, while parking citations decreased. To aid in investigations, the Police Department set up a mobile crime scene vehicle in 2005.

For the first time, an officer was assigned to grants and special projects fulltime in 2005. His efforts resulted in several grants to the Township: a Community and Economic Development grant for more than \$11,000 to initiate Safe Schools and Work Place violence programs, whereby laptop computers purchased for our command vehicles will be downloaded with detailed mapping of our schools and office buildings, and two Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board grants totaling nearly \$15,000 to investigate and prevent underage drinking, and a Buckle Up PA grant for \$5,000.

2005 also saw the hiring of seven new officers - bringing the total number to 46 after several understaffed years - and the promotion of two new lieutenants, three new sergeants, and one new corporal.

Officers undergo training in all aspects of police work.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:



"I consider myself fortunate to be employed by the Radnor Township Police Department. It is an honor and a privilege to protect the people of this community. I look forward to a dedicated future of continued service to the residents and the businesses of this great Township."

- Officer James Metzler



"Residents appreciate the job we do, and they show it by supporting the police and fire departments. It makes it easy for us to do our job."

- Officer James Gallagher

RADNOR IS... COMMUNITY

Community development, that is, designed to protect and preserve the character of the Township, its business districts, and its neighborhoods. To that end, in 2005 amendments were made to the Township's Zoning Code and Zoning Map, resulting in changes to zoning classifications for Louella Court and the Beaupre subdivision. The changes (R-4 Residential on Louella Court to permit single family development and R-1A Residential in Beaupre to require a minimum lot size of 30,000 square feet) will prohibit multi-family development and/or overdevelopment in those two areas.

Residents in North Wayne will benefit in coming years from a new Historic Preservation Ordinance, drafted by community members Eve Pierce, Dottie Ives-Dewey, and Gayla McCluskey along with Township Staff. Adopted in December, the intent of the ordinance is to protect and enhance the North Wayne Historic

District by preserving buildings with historic importance or interest, while at the same time safeguarding elements of architectural history. The Historic Preservation ordinance can be expanded to other areas of the Township in the future.

In conjunction with the ordinance, the Board of Commissioners revised the Administrative Code of the Township in order to create a Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB). The HARB will be responsible for considering those matters that are pertinent to historical preservation, including: historical values representing the cultural, political, economic or social history of the Township; relationship of the building to historic persons or events; significant architectural features of a certain historical period or type of construction; visible architectural features; and building design. The HARB will review applications and either approve them as submitted, approve them with conditions,

or deny them before reporting on its findings to the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners will have the final say in plan approval or denial.

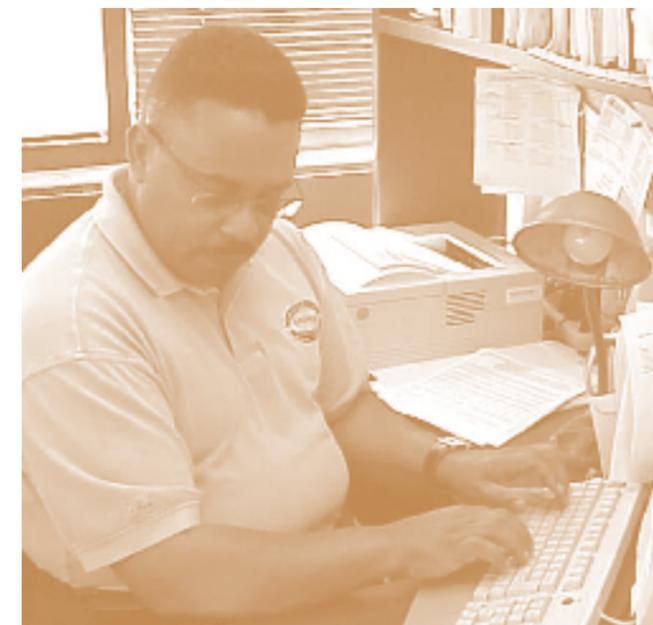
Public input is always a key priority for the future growth, development, and vision of any area in the Township. To that end, the Community Development Department and Township Planner coordinated several focus group meetings with interested stakeholders and the general public regarding the future vision for the downtown Wayne area. In March 2005, the Board of Commissioners accepted Phase I of the Wayne Master Plan. Future meetings are scheduled for this spring and summer.



The Township's new Historic Preservation Ordinance will protect North Wayne properties; it could be expanded to include other areas of the Township at a later date.

Preserving and enhancing downtown Wayne is a priority of the Wayne Master Plan.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:



"There is great teamwork between the residents and the staff here in Radnor Township. I have inspected rental housing, new construction, renovations, and restaurants, and have addressed property maintenance issues, since coming to Radnor Township. My past experience in another municipality was that causing compliance would be difficult, sort of like pulling teeth. Such is not the case in Radnor Township. The majority of property owners, tenants and contractors take ownership and responsibility for their actions and typically correct the code violation in a much shorter time than requested, almost as if they are thinking, 'I am not going to be the person who drops the ball.'"

– Larry Taltoan, Township Health Officer and Inspector



"I like helping residents achieve their goals when they come to see me for various permits."

– Maryann Cassidy, Executive Secretary

RADNOR IS... OPEN SPACE AND PARKS

Radnor Township is committed to preserving open space and preventing the urban sprawl that is so prevalent in other communities.

Since 1996, the township has purchased 13 properties comprising over 51 acres of land. Over the same period another 240 acres of Ardrossan Farm have been preserved through conservation easements granted to the Brandywine Conservancy. And since 1978, over 222 acres of private open space have been saved through the Township's density modification regulations.

In 2005, potential open space was identified on Liberty Lane in West Wayne, abutting the so-called D'Antonio tract and close to the new Radnor Multi-Purpose Trail. The property was purchased with funds from the Open Space and Parks Improvement Fund and will be a wonderful passive area addition to Radnor's parks system.

Nearby, the heavily wooded property at S. Devon Avenue and Conestoga Road, purchased by the Township in 1997, underwent a major clean up. Abutting the Trail, this property is no longer an eyesore of overgrown weeds, vines, and trash, but rather passive open space that is enjoyed every day by users of the Trail as well as neighbors in the West Wayne area.

The Board of Commissioners in May proclaimed its support of the Growing Greener II initiative, which was approved statewide by voters, to authorize the State's borrowing of up to \$625 million for open space and farmland preservation, among other purposes. The Township expects to work with the Radnor Conservancy, the Natural Lands Trust and other conservation groups to apply for some of those funds to preserve open space in Radnor. A portion of the land envisioned for preservation is part of a Greenway Plan for the Darby Creek being embarked on by Delaware County.

The township's flagship park, The Willows, received upgrades in 2005. While they were not glamorous (new draperies in the ladies lounge and a backup generator, both in the mansion), they do add to the overall beauty

and efficiency of this popular banquet facility. Planning began for a new comfort station at The Willows, as well, to enhance the experience of those who picnic, jog, or walk there during warmer temperatures and who enjoy the adjacent hills for sledding over the winter.

In Rosemont, new educational signage was installed at the Clem Macrone Wetlands Project. This site was developed in 2004 and has been a popular environmental learning site. Other parks receiving improvements

included the Radnor Skatepark and Skunk Hollow. Additionally, environmental cleanups and educational workshops were held at Ithan Valley Park, Fenimore Woods, Skunk Hollow, Harford Park, and Clem Macrone Park. These popular community events are scheduled each year to allow neighbors to work side-by-side with Township staff, members of the Environmental Advisory Committee, and consultants to learn more about beautifying the Township's award-winning parks.

Dittmar Park in West Wayne is one of the nearly 30 parks in Radnor Township.



The Township cleaned up this property at South Devon Avenue and Conestoga Road, next to the Radnor Trail, for passive open space.

RADNOR IS... RECREATION

It was a long time coming, but the Radnor Multi-Purpose Trail opened with great fanfare in 2005. The 2.4 mile multi-surface trail, along the rail bed of the old P&W Railroad, has been an outstanding addition to the Radnor parks system. Walkers, joggers, bikers, pet owners, inline skaters, and families with small children have embraced the trail since even before its official grand opening in April 2005. With connections to the Wayne Art Center, Conestoga Road, West Wayne Avenue, Sugartown Road, and Radnor-Chester Road, the trail includes natural benches, plantings by the Radnor Garden Club, signage, an informative kiosk at the .9 mile marker, and doggy bag stations. New linkages and sidewalks are in the works, and a new trail map is available at www.radnor.com.

Another new feature was implemented in 2005. For the first time, residents were able to register online at www.radnor.com for a Parks and Recreation program. Youth basketball was the trial program for this service. In the future, Parks and Recreation hopes to expand online registration and payment for other programs, as well.

New recreational opportunities took shape in 2005, including Baby Boot Camp, writing workshops, boys' lacrosse, drama, gymnastics and dance, and many others. In addition, the Township's popular excursion program was enhanced with the addition of on-your-own tickets to the Philadelphia Flower Show and Disney on Ice. Popular excursions to Philadelphia sporting events (Phillies, Flyers, and Sixers games), Broadway shows, the U.S. Open, and other local attractions also were offered.

Familiar favorites were part of the schedule, as well, including the always popular Summer Concert Series, Summer Day Camp, and Holiday at the Willows. More than 2,000 residents and guests enjoyed the Summer Concert Series, a schedule of seven free concerts at various park locations throughout the Township (the locations vary each year to make



The Township was named a Tree City USA for the 12th consecutive year in 2005.



Township, state, and federal officials were on-hand in April 2005 to officially open the Radnor Multi-Purpose Trail.

the concerts accessible for all residents). These free concerts have taken place for more than 20 years, and each year the series grows and expands to provide entertainment and camaraderie for Township residents.

Summer Day Camp provided quality recreational and educational experiences for hundreds of Township children in the summer of 2005, including arts and crafts, performing arts, sports,

swimming instruction, field trips, and other activities designed to enrich growth and development during a six-week period. In December, the annual Holiday at the Willows attracted more than 400 people to The Willows Mansion, a 47-acre estate owned and operated by the Township, to kick off the holiday season. These programs and more provide year-round recreational opportunities for Radnor residents of all ages.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:



"I truly enjoy watching people grow and socialize through recreation. We offer recreational opportunities for all ages, but the best part about my job is seeing children smile through their experiences in our programs." – Tammy Wolford, Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator

When Moody's Investors Service assigned its second highest rating of Aa1 to bonds issued by the Township in September 2004, it noted Radnor's diverse economic and tax base, relative affluence, high fund balances, and manageable long-term debt.

To be sure, we are home to a broad diversity of businesses – from 3rd and 4th generation “mom and pop” shops that dot Lancaster Avenue to the worldwide, national, and statewide headquarters of major corporations in the Radnor Financial and Corporate Centers, we are what a marketing video produced a few years ago called “*the intersection of business and life.*”

Estimated median household income in Radnor is well over \$100,000. One of the reflections of this high income profile is the continued growth in housing

prices. Some statistics show that the value of real property here has grown at 15% annually over the past five years. Land that went for \$400,000-\$500,000 per acre in 2000 is now selling for upwards of \$800,000-\$900,000 and in some cases an astounding \$1,000,000. Nevertheless, it should be remembered that 1,663 – or 5.4% of – Radnor residents were living below the national poverty line in 2000.

Our unique and high quality of life does not come without a price. The cost of providing a comprehensive array and high level of services is not cheap. For one thing, residents' increasing expectations for service excellence and desires for enhanced levels and types of services are at historic highs. For another thing, we get what we pay for. In Radnor, high customer expectations require highly qualified, trained service

providers, who in turn require excellent pay, benefits, and working conditions.

The General Fund balance, which was at a historic high level of \$8.3 million – or 45% of revenues – only five years ago and which is a major factor that Moody's and other agencies use in rating our bonds, has diminished to just under \$1 million – or less than 4% of revenues – as of December 31, 2005, and was the major reason that Fitch rating agency pointed to when it reduced its rating of our bonds from AAA to AA – still a very high investor-grade level – in early 2006. The Township's budget goal is to maintain a fund balance of at least 15%.

The decrease in the fund balance can be tied to a few major factors. The Radnor Financial Center, near the high school and Blue Route,

continues to have a high vacancy rate – largely because of a glut of commercial office space in the region. Although this market is reportedly starting to turn around, the existing vacancies have already had a substantial domino effect on our local economy – lower receipts for restaurants, hotels, and retail shops, which has translated into lower growth in our business-related tax revenues, and may have a negative effect on the taxable assessed value of those buildings in the future.

The good news is that the Board of Commissioners has used the high fund balances built up over the past decade to serve one of their most important purposes – to provide a cushion for down times like the past few years, when revenues haven't grown at the robust rate they had previously and when gasoline prices began their steep, sudden

rise and to help offset increases in operating costs, like health care, and to pay for new debt service on bonds issued to fund necessary infrastructure improvements, replace aging trash trucks, police cars, etc.

At the same time, the draw-down of the fund balance – although to levels that are now too low – has enabled the Board to keep real estate taxes – which have had to be increased three years in a row after four years of no increase, including an 8% tax cut in 2002 – at more manageable rates (almost 40% of the 2006 tax increase was earmarked to start rebuilding the fund balance).

While we do our part to attract businesses to the financial center and other commercial offices and to the new Villanova Center and new residential and mixed-use buildings in the Wayne Business District, the

Board and the Township staff have been busy finding new ways to cut expenses and provide services more cost-effectively. Almost \$300,000 in new revenue sources in the 2006 budget have already started to kick in. In addition to the \$446,000 in expenditure reductions the Board of Commissioners enacted as part of the 2006 budget, the Township has eliminated several part-time and/or seasonal staff positions for an estimated savings of more than \$106,000. And moving all employees to a new health plan in 2007 could save \$700,000 a year.

In the capital budget, staff has reduced more than \$700,000 in scheduled 2006 expenses so far, by deferring and eliminating several projects, and a total of \$2.2 million over the 2006-2010 period.

2004 AND 2005 GENERAL FUND ACTUALS

	2004	2005
Revenues –		
Beginning Balance	\$1,175,364	\$1,297,209
Real Estate Taxes	\$7,703,226	\$8,377,186
Local Enabling Taxes	\$6,628,277	\$7,851,956
Licenses & Permits	\$2,146,613	\$2,413,824
TRANS, Miscellaneous	\$101,638	\$2,701,891
Grants & Gifts	\$968,462	\$1,004,826
Departmental Earnings	\$810,756	\$761,779
Transfers from Other Funds	\$2,442,517	\$773,579
Fines and Costs	\$336,619	\$304,934
Interest & Rents	\$199,351	\$239,397
Total	\$22,512,823	\$25,726,581
Expenditures –		
Police & Fire	\$5,133,807	\$4,830,513
Public Works & Engineering	\$4,404,879	\$4,674,815
Parks & Recreation	\$1,667,326	\$1,686,805
Administration & Finance	\$1,030,655	\$1,071,284
Community Development	\$625,941	\$583,841
Transfers to Other Funds	\$4,135,490	\$4,703,500
Debt Service & TRANS	\$1,601,940	\$4,554,006
Library and Agencies	\$939,653	\$965,261
Insurance, Other	\$909,311	\$941,111
Personnel Expenses	\$777,972	\$788,325
Total	\$21,226,970	\$24,799,458
December 31 Fund Balance	\$1,285,850	\$927,120

NOTE: Details may not add to totals because of rounding; 2005 figures are unaudited.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

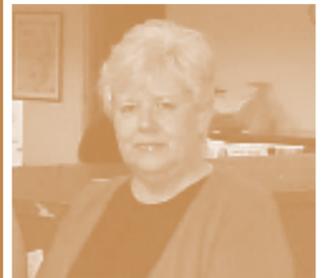
	2005	2006
Revenues –		
Beginning Balance	\$2,178,497	\$876,208
Real Estate Taxes	\$8,397,000	\$9,044,000
Local Enabling Taxes	\$7,450,000	\$7,705,000
Licenses & Permits	\$1,827,575	\$2,126,950
TRANS, Miscellaneous	\$1,782,500	\$2,337,500
Grants & Gifts	\$892,020	\$972,720
Departmental Earnings	\$792,000	\$896,000
Transfers from Other Funds	\$543,579	\$774,037
Fines and Costs	\$335,000	\$350,000
Interest & Rents	\$205,829	\$254,585
Total	\$24,404,000	\$25,337,000
Expenditures –		
Police & Fire	\$4,769,888	\$4,785,633
Public Works & Engineering	\$4,328,475	\$4,359,687
Parks & Recreation	\$1,578,500	\$1,652,335
Administration & Finance	\$1,012,439	\$1,033,004
Community Development	\$553,700	\$574,090
Debt Service & TRANS	\$4,563,966	\$5,110,556
Transfers to Other Funds	\$3,567,000	\$4,291,000
Library and Agencies	\$971,373	\$996,143
Insurance, Other	\$740,000	\$765,000
Personnel Expenses	\$708,472	\$730,017
Subtotal	\$22,793,81	\$24,297,469
Unappropriated Surplus	\$1,610,188	\$1,039,531
Total Expenditures & Surplus	\$24,404,000	\$25,337,000

NOTE: Excludes General Reserve Fund, which contains assumed Unappropriated Surplus of \$40,000 in 2005 and \$239,000 in 2006.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:



“The pride and enjoyment that I derive from my work in the Finance department comes not from crunching numbers or processing reports, but from knowing that what I do on a daily basis affects the well-being of the community. It's easy to consider myself a public servant, when the public I'm serving includes the residents and business owners of Radnor Township.” – Amy Lacey, Executive Secretary



“My long history of working for Radnor Township speaks for itself. I want the residents to know that the staff as a whole gives 100% to performing their jobs, whether it is in the area of police protection, highway and sewer repairs, parks maintenance, engineering, community development, or in my case finance. As a team we strive to continue delivering quality performances so that this Township is and will be first class.” – Bookkeeper Ellen McDevitt, who has worked for the Township for more than 30 years

RADNOR IS... PUBLIC WORKS

Spend any amount of time in Radnor Township, and you're bound to hear someone mention the word "stormwater." What is stormwater? Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snow flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, streets, and other paved areas prevent the stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. While it's flowing on paved surfaces, stormwater runoff can pick up debris, chemicals, and other pollutants, taking them directly into a stream, wetland, or storm sewer. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the bodies of water we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

In an effort to control stormwater runoff and protect the environment, the Township adopted a new stormwater ordinance in 2005 – the most comprehensive in all of Delaware County.

Another leading effort is in household recycling, where Radnor Township consistently rates number one in Delaware County. The Township's residential recycling rate of 49% is highest in all of Delaware County and higher than what is mandated by the Commonwealth. Township residents are required to recycle aluminum and bi-metallic cans, glass, plastic bottles, clean paper products, and leaves. Christmas tree recycling also is available for residents who desire it.

Residents on Hillside Circle, Conestoga Road, and Atlee Road benefited from new sanitary sewers in 2005. Additionally, storm sewers throughout the Township were labeled, and the Township continued its education efforts to inform the public about stormwater and sewer maintenance through newsletter and newspaper articles.

Other accomplishments:

- Created new Zoning and trail maps for the Township's website, www.radnor.com
- Worked with teachers at Radnor Middle School on curriculum dealing with conservation districts and geographic imaging



- Designed new connections to the Radnor Multi-Purpose Trail
- Planted 50 new trees throughout the Township
- Audited the electricity used at traffic signals and received a \$24,500 credit for overbilling from PECO
- Installed speed humps on Glenmary Road and a new traffic signal at Roberts and Conestoga Roads
- Resurfaced 23 roadways throughout the Township
- Extended the stream wall at Cowan Park
- Installed new stormwater headwalls on Willow Avenue and at North Wayne Field

Sewer maintenance is just one of the many behind-the-scenes jobs performed by the Public Works Department.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:



"I love what I do. I was self-employed before I started working here, but this is the best job I've ever had. I enjoy the work and like being outside to help make the Township more beautiful."
– Chris McLaughlin, a 25-year employee of the Public Works Department



"What's great about our job is that we accomplish something every single day when we pick up trash and recycling. Some days are better than others in terms of the elements, but we are out there every day." – James Dungee, who has worked as a laborer in the Public Works Department since August 1972



"Our team must always keep up with the latest information and training to be able to maintain each department's diversified equipment and vehicles so they can always be in operation to perform the many tasks required to keep Radnor the best place to live and work on the Main Line. From weed whackers and backhoes to police cars and recycling trucks, these men are always behind the scenes keeping our Township running at top performance."
– Supervisor Bob Filipone on his fleet management crew, (left to right) Rick Petrella, Ronnie DiBlasio, and John Forti

Radnor Township residents are appointed by the Board of Commissioners to serve on various Township boards and commissions. With the exception of the Zoning Hearing Board, these boards are generally advisory in nature. Below is a list of the boards, along with their major responsibilities, members, and chairpersons. A list of all board meetings, terms of office, and vacancies is available from the Township Secretary at 610-688-5600. All public meetings of these boards are televised on RTV10 (cable channel 10 for residents with Comcast cable).

The Township would like to thank the following residents whose advisory terms ended in 2005: Thomas A. Ralph (Planning Commission), Marilyn Donovan, DVM (Board of Health), Edward Flail Jr. (Civil Service Commission), and Jacqueline Paolantonio (Ethics Board).

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission advises the Board of Commissioners on all plans related to development in the Township and recommends subdivision building standards and zoning enhancements. Its nine members meet on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Its current chair is Albert Murphy III. Other members include Matthew Marshall, John Ehlinger Jr., Edward DiMarcantonio, Donald Curley, Kevin Blackney, Caroline Lawlor, Dorothy Ives Dewey, and Mark Rhodes.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

The Zoning Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial body that conducts legally binding hearings and renders decisions on appeals, variances, and special exceptions to the Township's zoning ordinances. The Board has seven members – five regular, one alternate, and

one solicitor – and meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Kathy Bogosian serves as chair. The other members are James Dolan Jr., Donald Petrosa, Charles Falcone, Korah Mani, Joseph Restifo (Alternate) and Solicitor John Ryan.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

The Parks and Recreation Board advises the Board of Commissioners and Parks and Recreation Department on matters of recreational policy and park and open space development and maintenance. Two of its nine members are appointed by the Radnor Township Board of School Directors. It meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 and is chaired by Robert Higgins. The members are James Schwartz, Fenton Fitzpatrick Jr., Katrina Ogilby, Kevin Higgins, Thomas Koerick, and Joseph Ritz and the School District representatives are George Kerschner and Eric Zajac.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health advises the Board of Commissioners and the Department of Community Development and Health Officer on matters of public health to promote awareness by Township citizens. Its president is Mark Bullock, and it has nine members. The Board of Health meets monthly on the third Monday at 5 p.m., with the exception of July and August. Joining Mr. Bullock on the board are Dr. Diane Harrison, Herbert Hazan, Dr. Curtis Lamp, Dr. John Hobson, Dr. Denise Malkowicz, Amy Wisner, Dr. David Prescott, and Dr. David Walker.

CODE APPEALS BOARD

The Code Appeals Board reviews all building and construction codes and recommends modifications to Township ordinances as necessary. The Board also hears appeals regarding the Township staff's interpretations of the aforementioned codes. Charles Olivo chairs the five-member board, which meets as necessary. Other members are John Dreibelbis, James White IV, Bernard Dreuding III, and Garry Parkin.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The Civil Service Commission enforces rules and regulations approved by the Board of Commissioners, certifies qualified applicants for positions and promotions within the Radnor Police Department, and investigates matters concerning the civil service provisions in the Township's Administrative Code. It may issue subpoenas, hold hearings, and hear appeals. Its three members and one alternate meet as necessary; its chair is Philip Deming. Edward Mullinax and Peter Gibbons-Neff are the other members, and Elizabeth Bradley is the alternate.

RADNOR-HAVERFORD-MARPLE SEWER AUTHORITY

Providing for the treatment of all sewage emanating from the Darby Creek Drainage Basin in Radnor, Newtown, Marple, Haverford, and Tredyffrin Townships is the responsibility of the RHS Sewer Authority. The sewage is treated in plants located along the Delaware River in southwest Philadelphia. Radnor Township has two representatives on the RHM Authority: John Gavin and Jerry O'Connor.

CABLE COUNCIL

The Cable Council is responsible for overseeing the cable television company's compliance with its franchise with the Township, renewing and revising that franchise as necessary, coordinating with potential other cable and broadband companies, and other operational improvements. Its nine members meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Thomas Glynn is its chair. Other members include Walter Brenner, Peter Armstrong, Arthur Hartel, James Borden, William Brennan, Joan Cusano (representing the School District), Robert Keller, and Bruce Wilson.

ETHICS BOARD

The Ethics Board hears and investigates any complaints of alleged ethics violations and may render confidential advisory opinions. The board consists of four appointed members and the President of the Board of Commissioners. It meets as necessary. Robert Main is its chair. Other appointed members are John Aiken V, John Dziedzina, and John Lasak.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Shade Tree Commission is responsible for reviewing subdivision and other building applications for compliance with the Township's shade tree ordinance and for recommending appropriate modifications thereto. The commission also advises the Township on the planning and planting of trees throughout the Township. Its five members, including one representative each from the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Board, meet monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Howard Holden serves as chair; the other four members are William Thomas, James Ward, Kevin Higgins (representing the Parks and Recreation Board), and Donald Curley (representing the Planning Commission).

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

The Design Review Board reviews all subdivision and building applications for compliance with the Township's sign ordinance and related landscaping regulations. Its five members also hear appeals regarding staff interpretations of the aforementioned codes. It meets monthly, on the second Wednesday at 6 p.m., and is chaired by Robert D'Amicantonio. He is joined by Charles Pilkington, James Bradberry, Michael Giardino, and Richard Ranck.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A subcommittee of the Board of Health, the EAC was formed to interact with other boards and commissions on all matters related to the Township's environmental issues. Its nine members include representatives of the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Board, Board of Health, Shade Tree Commission, and five at-large members. It is chaired by Gayla McCluskey and meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The at-large members include Brenda Gotanda, David Prescott, Robin Mann, and Heather Block Reilly. Carrie Lawlor represents the Planning Commission, Dr. Denise Malkowicz represents the Board of Health, and James Schwartz represents the Parks and Recreation Board. Currently, there is no Shade Tree Commission representative on the EAC.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Formed in 1999 as an ad-hoc committee to advise the Board of Commissioners on the acquisition of land for open space and/or active or passive recreation, the Ad Hoc Open Space Committee is comprised of three members of the Board of Commissioners

– Commissioners Mahoney, Paolino, and Spingler – as well as Gayla McCluskey, Steve Paolantonio, Dottie Ives Dewey, John Fischer, Mac McCoy, and Cheryl Tumola. Chaired by Commissioner Mahoney, the Committee meets quarterly or more often as necessary.

RENTAL HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS

As a result of the Township's rental housing ordinance, the Rental Housing Board of Appeals was formed to consider appeals regarding the Township's Code Officials' determinations in the enforcement of the ordinance. Its three members and one alternate meet as needed. Harris Bock is its chair. David Paolantonio and Peggy Gaskins are members, and Peter Bowen serves as alternate.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Since the update of the Township's Comprehensive Land Use Plan in 2003, the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee has been charged with overseeing the execution of its hundreds of goals, objectives, and action steps. Its members, all formerly members of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee during the update of the Plan, meet monthly. The committee is chaired by John Simon and also includes Steve Bajus, Dottie Ives Dewey, John Fischer, Robin Mann, Mac McCoy, Steve Paolantonio, and Cheryl Tumola.

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

In 2005, the Historic Preservation Ordinance created a Historic and Architectural Review Board, or HARB. The HARB will review applications and either approve them as submitted,

approve them with conditions, or deny them before reporting on its findings to the Board of Commissioners. It will consist of five members: ideally, an architect, a licensed real estate broker, a building inspector, and two at-large members with a knowledge of or interest in preservation of historic districts. The newly appointed members are: Beverlee Barnes (Chair), Andrea Pilling, John Dziedzina, Cameron Lacy, and George Nagle.

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