

Whitpain Golf Classic

Join us for the 2022 Whitpain Golf Classic! Benefits the Whitpain Police Association and the Stony Creek Day Camp Scholarship Fund.



Monday, June 20

10a.m. - 11 a.m. Check-In

10:30 a.m. Lunch

12 p.m. Shotgun Start (Scramble Format)

Cedarbrook Country Club – 180 Penllyn Pike

\$165 per person

\$60 per non-golfer (includes cocktail hour and dinner)

Price includes round of golf with cart, BBQ lunch, beverages on the course, open bar with hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, prizes, and much more!

Join our Honorary Chairman, the legendary voice of the Philadelphia Eagles, MERRILL REESE!

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

Various sponsor opportunities available! Please email Brad Potter bpotter@whitpainpolice.org for more information.

For registration instructions go to whitpainpa.myrec.com/info/activities

Your donation dollars at Work

Over the years the WPA has received tremendous support from our residents and we want to make sure you know how much it is appreciated. In addition to helping retired officers with medical expenses, your donation dollars go towards many WPA sponsored events throughout the township, including:

- Sponsoring Whitpain Recreation Association youth baseball teams.
- Donating food and toys to the Law Enforcement Food Drive which goes to the Mattie N. Dixon
- Community Cupboard and the Norristown Salvation Army.
- Supporting various local charities and township residents facing difficult times.
- Donating to Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center.
- Sponsoring children's games and prizes for the township's annual Harvest Festival and Community Day.
- Donations to the American Legion Post 769 for various community events
- Keeping Whitpain residents and businesses informed through a community newsletter.
- Assisting with special events in the community.



WRA Opening Day Parade



Toys for Tots at American Legion Post 769



Whitpain Police Association Members 2022

Association Officers:

Ofc. Seth Homan, *President*
Det. Brad Potter, *Vice President*
Ofc. Veronica Schimpf, *Treasurer*
Ofc. Matt Bealer, *Secretary*
Det. Sgt. Thomas Wittig
Financial Secretary

Association Officers:

Chief Kenneth Lawson
Lt. William Armstrong
Sgt. Jon Bleuit
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Ofc. Christopher Rotondo
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Sgt. Brian Sweisfurth
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Ofc. Brian Daly
Sgt. Fran Rippert
Ofc. Shaun Beitler
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Sgt. Jonathan Gallagher
Ofc. Ivan Kosty
Ofc. Richard Houser
Ofc. Bianca DeLuca
Ofc. Matt Frank
Ofc. Joseph Sullivan
Ofc. Asa Ott

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John Blake
David O'Brien
Joseph Stemple
Wayne Straub
Anthony Lepore
Thomas Medwid
Harvey Foster
Michael Adgie
Mark Smith
Marc Azeff
Cathy Penecale
Jeff Franck
Georgette Hill
Brian Wilfong
Anthony Cianci
Joseph Fenerty
Scott Buchanan
Steve Nickel

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Earth Day 5k and Fun Walk Saturday, April 30 - Prophecy Creek Park



Join the Whitpain Township Parks and Recreation Department, the Whitpain Police Association, and Blue Bell Physical Therapy for a 5k race and fun walk at Prophecy Creek Park. Race proceeds benefit Whitpain's open space preservation initiatives, Police Association charities, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

All participants receive a race shirt. Register by April 10 to be guaranteed a shirt in your size and to save on race registration fees. The Ways Restaurant and Brewery will have refreshing beers on tap for after the race.

Sponsor opportunities available!

Email Courtney Meehan, cmeehan@whitpaintownship.org for more info.

Register at www.whitpainrec.com



Stay tuned for the inaugural WPA Cornhole tournament! Tournament to be held in September of 2022. Check back on our website and Facebook later this summer for details.

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Thank You for your continued support!
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Whitpain Police Association 2022 Department Update

This past year brought several changes to our police department as we wish good luck and a happy retirement to several longtime officers.

Lieutenant Joseph Fenerty retired this year after 28 years of dedicated service to this department and community. Over the course of those years, he has served the department and community in many different capacities. Aside from his patrol duties, Joe served as a SWAT Operator, Hostage Negotiator, SWAT Team Commander, Detective since 1996, promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2005, and most recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2019. Among his many accomplishments, Joe was honored and proud to attend the 2018 FBI National Academy Class 273. Joe was also one of several Whitpain Officers who responded to the World Trade Centers on September 11, 2001 to assist in the search and rescue efforts. Congratulations Lt. Fenerty on a distinguished career.

Officer Scott Buchanan retired in 2021 after 26 years of dedicated service. Scott began his career in Whitpain in 1995 and through the years he has excelled in many different roles assigned to him, including field training officer, traffic safety officer, and SWAT team member. Scott received numerous commendations for outstanding work performance and Scott also responded to the World Trade Centers on September 11, 2001 to assist in the search and rescue efforts. Congratulations Officer Buchanan on a distinguished career.

As we say goodbye to officers retiring, we welcome our newest group of patrol officers to join Whitpain Township. This past year, we welcomed Officer Samantha Friel and Officer Anthony Garced.

Officer Samantha Friel graduated from North Penn High School and began working at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility from 2015 to 2018. Sam started her career with Whitpain Township in 2019 as a Police Communications Operator and attended Montgomery County Community College, where she received an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice. Sam graduated from the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy in 2021 and became a full-time patrol officer with Whitpain.

Officer Anthony Garced grew up in the Pocono area and attended Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Anthony continued his studies at Saint Joseph's University and obtained a Master's degree in Homeland Security. With law enforcement in his sights, Anthony was a member of the Transportation Security Administration for two years. He then pursued his dream of becoming a police officer with the Philadelphia Police Department for 7 years before joining Whitpain Township.



Officer Friel



Officer Garced

Tips to Avoid Fraud

The Whitpain Township Police Department has seen a significant rise in identity fraud and check fraud in 2022. Even though these types of crimes are becoming more common there are preventive steps which can be taken to decrease the risk of being a victim. Here are 5 tips you can use to help prevent becoming a victim of fraud.

1. **Protect your documents** that have your personal information on them. Keep them in a secure place. Any documents that need to be discarded should be shredded.
2. **Monitor your bank statements** for all check activity. The United States Post Office has reported an increase in mail theft from their drive-up mailboxes. Thieves are stealing checks and are counterfeiting them. Make sure the checks that are cashed against your account are your checks. Also, make sure the check numbers are consistent with the checks you write.
3. **Never pay a bill or debt with a gift card.** An AARP Survey reported nearly 1 out of 3 adults said they or someone they know were called and asked to settle a debt, bill or other obligation over the phone with a gift card. A scammer may identify themselves as an agent of a federal agency, a representative of a utility company or a relative in need of money due to a financial emergency. The scammer will create a sense of urgency to pay the debt and may even stay on the phone as you purchase the gift cards. Once the information from the gift card is sent to the scammer it is almost impossible to recover your money.
4. **Check your mail for any letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.** Unemployment Fraud is at an all-time high. Many fraudulent claims are being made using someone else's information. If you receive a letter from the Department of Labor & Industry advising an unemployment claim has been opened in your name and you have not filed for unemployment benefits, contact the PA Fraud Hotline at 1-800-692-7469.
5. **Beware of online phishing.** Cybercriminals will attempt to obtain account and personal information by representing themselves as a legitimate bank, credit card company or some other financial institution. Look for misspellings in the name or email address. Never provide any personal information to anyone who attempts to solicit it online.

Check out our new line of t-shirts and merchandise coming soon! For availability and to pick-up an item at the police station, visit our website www.whitpainpoliceassociation.com and under the Merchandise tab click on the contact email. We are also excited to announce the new WPA Venmo account QR code for easy payment for donations or merchandise.

