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Ice show to benefit family of skater

Each year, the skaters in White Township Recreation's ice programs put on a show at S&T Bank Arena to mark the start of the holiday season.

This month, the skaters will make their show a fundraising event to assist the family of one of their own.

Make plans to see "A Tribute to the American Soldier: Remembering Cameron Dwyer – 'Father of the Skate Team,'" set for 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27.

Proceeds benefit Cameron's daughter, Dezirae Dwyer, a member of IPA (Indiana, Pa.) Skate Team and a volunteer instructor for "Learn to Skate" at S&T Bank Arena.

Admission to the ice show is by donation. And the skate program members and S&T Bank Arena staff also plan to hold a bake sale before and after the show. Come see the skills of the skaters and honor the memory of Cameron, 52, a decorated hero of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, who died Sept. 20.

Visit the Recreation Department website, whitetownshiprec.org, for more information.



Scary green ghosts greeted guests at Matthew Wheeler's house.

Prizes awarded for best Halloween decorated homes

Congratulations!

The best-dressed front yards and houses in the White Township Halloween home decorating contest for 2021 are:

- **Matthew Wheeler**, 737 Rustic Lodge Road Extension., first prize.
- **Amber Racchini and her family**, 1500 Woodland Road., second prize.
- **Shauna Karloski and her family**, 320 Debbie Drive., third prize.

Thank you for all you do to make White Township a great place to be!

Census counts fewer in township, county

The 2020 Census figures have finally been released and, not surprisingly, they reflect shrinking populations in all but four of the 38 townships and boroughs in Indiana County.

Age Group	Male	Female	Total	Expanded Age Groups	Total	Expanded Age Groups	Total
85+	224	624	848				
80 to 84	244	339	483	80+	1331		
70 to 79	271	317	588				
70 to 79	427	511	938	70 to 79	1473		
65 to 69	432	568	1000			85+	3806
60 to 64	506	672	1178	60 to 64	2621		
50 to 59	655	631	1286				
50 to 54	533	469	1002	50 to 59	2788		
45 to 49	525	390	915				
40 to 44	524	364	888	40 to 49	1621		
35 to 39	577	347	924				
30 to 34	694	323	1017	30 to 39	1928	30 to 64	6610
25 to 29	687	569	1256				
20 to 24	775	572	1347	20 to 29	2343	30 to 64	8107
15 to 19	610	390	1000				
10 to 14	498	302	800	10 to 19	1670		
5 to 9	524	289	813				
0 to 4	552	351	903	0 to 9	1324	30 to 64	2386
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This table shows the township's population by age brackets.

The new population numbers will have a bearing on our area's representation in the U.S. Congress, the Pennsylvania Senate and the state House of Representatives. The numbers also are factors in the amount of funding awarded to White Township and other municipalities from Washington and Harrisburg.

Indiana County population decreased 6.3 percent. The population of White Township fell 3.1 percent from 15,821 to 15,336 in the just-completed tally.

A further breakdown of figures for White Township shows a population that is aging and changing in diversity. Minorities represent 11.1 percent of the township population.

Statistics show 37.7 percent of township residents have at least a bachelor's degree.

The population of White Township by sex is 8,000 males and 7,773 females, according to a 2019 estimate of the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Broken down by age group, the township is home to roughly 1/3 children and young adults (29 and younger); 1/3 parents and workers (ages 30 to 59); and 1/3 retirees and grandparents (60 and older).

Sale of recyclables keeps costs low

Residents of White Township pay \$2 a month for curbside collection of recyclable metal cans, glass bottles, newspapers and No. 1 and No. 2 plastics. But those fees, billed at \$6 a quarter, have stayed low over the years because of the sale of the products to processors.



Indiana County Solid Waste Authority figures related to service provided to the township show the door-to-door pickup program cost \$36,000 and the processing of the collected materials ran \$42,000 for the second quarter of 2021. But in turn, the township received credit for \$43,000 of sales of cardboard, paper, metal, glass, plastics and other materials. The township was responsible for the remaining \$35,000, which fell below the average quarterly bill of almost \$45,000.

Customer billing brings in an estimated \$170,000 a year and nearly balances the assessment from the county. In preparing the 2022 budget, White Township officials expect no increase in the quarterly recycling billing.

Ordinance requires snow removal

History shows most township residents and homeowners have been conscientious about plowing or shoveling snow from their walks and driveways so that all people can safely walk by. Combined with the road crew's diligence in plowing snow from roads, White Township usually is safe and clear soon after any snowfall.

The Township Code Chapter 270 Streets and Sidewalks, Article IV, seeks to keep public sidewalks clear of obstructions (including snow and ice) in order to "provide for the protection and welfare of the general public." Most township residents take this to heart.

But to avoid having the plow trucks and residents undoing each other's work, township officials offer these tips for efficient snow removal:

- Always clear the areas around fire hydrants to reduce work and save time for emergency responders.
- Avoid piling snow near mailbox or newspaper box posts to keep the way clear for letter carriers or paper delivery people. Less snow near posts reduces the risk of them being knocked down by plowed snow.
- Snow should be piled on lawns or unpaved areas where the ground can absorb it when it melts.

Property owners or residents may read the code on the township website at <https://ecode360.com/11917328> or phone 724.463.8585 for more information.



Where am I?

In what White Township neighborhood can you "see forever" like this?

Let's see who *really* knows their way around their township!



Write to the newsletter editor's desk by email (cross@whitetownship.org) to send your guess.

Where are you?

We'll publish the answer in December and take your suggestions on other "best kept secret" landmarks in White Township that we can use to challenge our residents and readers next month. Good luck!

Public meetings of White Township's governing boards and other important dates you need to know

- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16: Municipal Authority public meeting
- 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17: Board of supervisors public budget workshop
- 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17: Board of supervisors public meeting
- Monday, Nov. 22: Curbside leaf collection (final day)
- 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23: Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting
- Thursday, Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Day. Township office closed)
- Friday, Nov. 26: Township office closed
- 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1: Board of supervisors public meeting
- 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6: Recreation advisory board meeting
- 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8: Planning Commission preview meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14: Planning Commission public meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15: Board of Supervisors public meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21: Municipal Authority public meeting