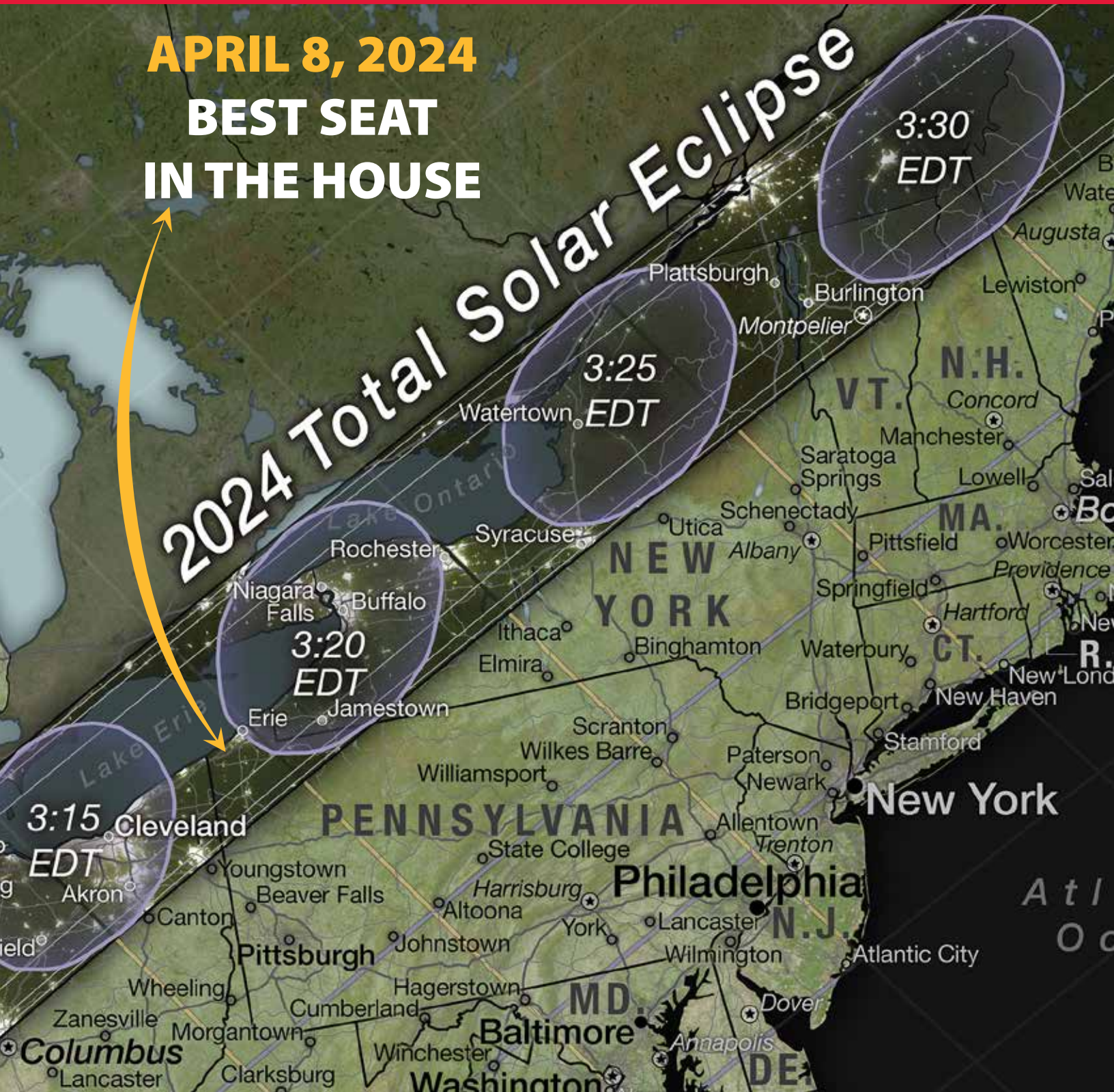


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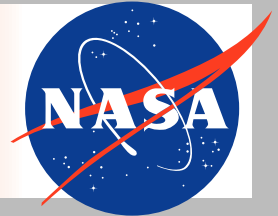
**APRIL 8, 2024**  
**BEST SEAT**  
**IN THE HOUSE**

**2024 Total Solar Eclipse**





# A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT



On May 10, 1994, our region enjoyed being in the direct path of an **Annular Solar Eclipse**. An Annular Solar Eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth while it is at its farthest point from Earth. Because the Moon is farther away from Earth, it appears smaller than the Sun and does not completely cover the star. When annularity is reached, the Moon's entire disk is seen silhouetted against the Sun, leaving a "ring of fire." Because the Sun is never completely covered, observers must wear proper eye protection at all times while watching an Annular Solar Eclipse.

A **Total Solar Eclipse** occurs when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk. Except during the brief total phase of a Total Solar Eclipse, when the Moon completely blocks the Sun's bright face, it is not safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing. On April 8, the eclipse will begin shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon and reach totality at 3:16pm. The duration of totality will be about three minutes and forty seconds and the eclipse itself will end around 4:30pm.

According to NASA, the next Total Solar Eclipse to make its way through our area will be October 26, 2144, making this year's event truly a once in a lifetime experience. **Therefore, the Fairview Township Municipal Building will only be open between the hours of 7:30-11:30am. Additionally, the Millfair Compost & Recycling Center will be closed the entire day.**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



**Daylight Saving Time begins**

(move your clocks forward one hour):

**March 10**



**Millfair Compost & Recycling Center opens for the season:**

**March 11\***

(\*Correction to 2024 calendar.)



**Millfair Compost & Recycling Center holiday closings:**

**Easter – March 31**

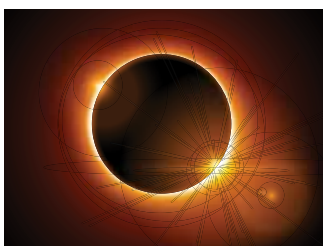


**COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK**

**Blood Drive:**

**April 5, 10:00am to 2:00pm**

**Fairview Township Municipal Building**



**Total Solar Eclipse:**

**April 8**



**Disaster Siren quarterly test:**

**April 15**



**Curbside leaf pick-up dates (clear bags only):**

**April 15 and 17**

**May 13 and 15**



**Primary Election:**

**April 23**

## WHAT'S NEW IN FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP?

### CHANGING OF THE GUARD



**Kellie Tokar, Jim Cardman, Brandon Pratt**

There's been a shakeup in the Fairview Township Zoning Office. Jim Cardman has retired and Brandon Pratt, Jim's understudy for more than a decade, has taken over as Planning/Zoning Administrator. **Fairview Township is pleased to introduce Kellie Tokar, our new Assistant Zoning Officer.** Kellie comes to us after having spent the last 11 years working for Building Inspection Underwriters. While in BIU's employ, she served as the Borough of Edinboro's Zoning Administrator for the four year period ending December 2023. Kellie was also appointed to Fairview Township's Zoning Hearing Board in 2017, a volunteer position she faithfully held until her hiring necessitated her resignation from the board. Kellie and her husband Jeff have been married almost 16 years and are the proud parents of high schoolers Nate and Amy. While she grew up in Millcreek, Kellie and her family moved to Fairview in 2012. Despite being a "transplant" to Fairview, Kellie is excited for the opportunity to serve the community she's grown to love and appreciate.

### THANK YOU JIM!

After 35 years of service, Jim Cardman has decided it's time to usher in his retirement. A lifelong resident of Fairview, Jim graduated from Edinboro University with a degree in Geography. Prior to beginning his tenure with



**Jim and Leslie Cardman**

Fairview Township in 1989, Jim could be found plying his trade at the Erie County Department of Planning, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, and the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission. His vast wisdom and insight have helped all the Supervisors he's worked for make Fairview what it is today. So what does retirement have in store for Jim? Well, for starters, he and Leslie Hazelwood tied the knot! Yes, by the time this publication goes to print, Mr. and Mrs. Cardman will have united in the bonds of holy matrimony in Las Vegas! But beyond their nuptials, Jim and Leslie plan to visit their out-of-town sons more often, enjoy their boat with greater frequency, and attend lots of Michigan Wolverines football games. **If you happen to see Jim around town, be sure to thank him for all his hard work.**

### PARKS & RECREATION...SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT

On the surface, it looks like nothing's changed. Programs are still being offered every quarter. Community events are still being held throughout the year. Rental opportunities still abound at the Pleasant Ridge Park Pavilion as well as at the Brugger House at Avonia Beach Park. So what's different? Well, effective December 31, 2023, the Fairview Parks and Recreation Authority terminated its own existence. The driving motivation behind this decision wasn't apathy or indifference. When COVID-19 struck and life as we knew it came to a screeching halt, it became clear that sustainability had become increasingly more difficult. The former FPRA Board worked tirelessly to restore recreation to a high level of prominence in our community. But what would happen if we were hit with another pandemic? Could an autonomous Fairview Parks and Recreation Authority survive another shutdown without municipal intervention? Rather than stay the course and hope for the best, the Authority decided to be proactive. Over the better part of 2023, the FPRA Board worked closely with Fairview Township and Fairview School District officials on a plan of dissolution. A signed Certificate of Termination was presented to the Township and the School District, both municipal entities approved the Authority's termination request by way of resolution, and the Authority ceased to exist on the last day of the year. In its place, by way of Ordinance No. 2023-4, a Recreation Board was established to supervise, regulate, equip, and maintain Township-funded recreation programs and facilities.



**Nate Millet**

**Nate Millet is now an employee of Fairview Township and he heads up our Parks and Recreation Department.** Nate meets every month with his "new" Recreation Board and they work together to offer a diverse and robust amount of recreational activities in Fairview. So yes, different...but mostly the same.

## WCPA RESTRUCTURES

Fairview Township now has a seat at the table. West County Paramedic Association (WCPA), an organization offering both Advanced Life Support (ALS) services and Basic Life Support (BLS) services in our area, has been governed by eight western Erie County fire companies since its inception. All of that changed in January when those fire departments adopted new Articles of Incorporation establishing municipalities as members. This necessary change was a long time coming. For far too long, the wonderful volunteers from **Fairview Fire & Rescue** and **Lake Shore Fire Department**, along with representatives from six other fire companies, were tasked with the impossible—keep WCPA afloat without any municipal aid. The constantly evolving landscape that is Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has seen labor shortages, rising costs, and declining insurance payments take their toll on the industry. EMS is no longer self-sufficient. And this isn't an isolated, local problem; it's nationwide. Local governments all across the country have long enjoyed the spoils of EMS providers finding a way to get the job done. But it's not sustainable, which is why Fairview Township has teamed up with the Boroughs of Girard, Lake City, and Platea and the Townships of Girard and Springfield to bring long overdue municipal stability to this life saving organization. *Section 607 of the Second Class Township Code charges your Supervisors "to secure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the township."* **This is a responsibility we take very seriously.**



### HELP US, HELP YOU, USE 9-1-1 RESPONSIBLY

When dealing with a sickness or medical crisis patients and caregivers often turn to emergency response services. But not all healthcare problems require expensive, intensive care offered at the emergency room. In many cases, urgent care facilities are more efficient and effective sources of care, and sometimes a primary care appointment may be the best option.

**IF IN DOUBT, CALL 9-1-1!**



#### CALL YOUR DOCTOR WHEN YOU HAVE:

- A cold
- A simple backache
- A sore throat
- An earache
- Or, when you need medical care, but feel safe to wait a day or two

#### GO TO URGENT CARE WHEN YOU:

- Could not reach your doctor
- Need medical care today but feel safe to wait a few hours
- Received instructions from your doctor to go to an urgent care center

#### GO TO ER OR CALL 911 WHEN YOU HAVE:

- Trouble breathing or chest pain
- Fainted
- Sudden numbness or weakness
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Severe pain or suffered a severe injury
- Or, are uncertain about the severity of symptoms



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/ERIECOUNTY911](https://bit.ly/eriecounty911)



## DO YOU HAVE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) TO DISPOSE OF?

Are you unsure what constitutes HHW?

Visit [www.WMAtYourDoor.com/residential](http://www.WMAtYourDoor.com/residential)

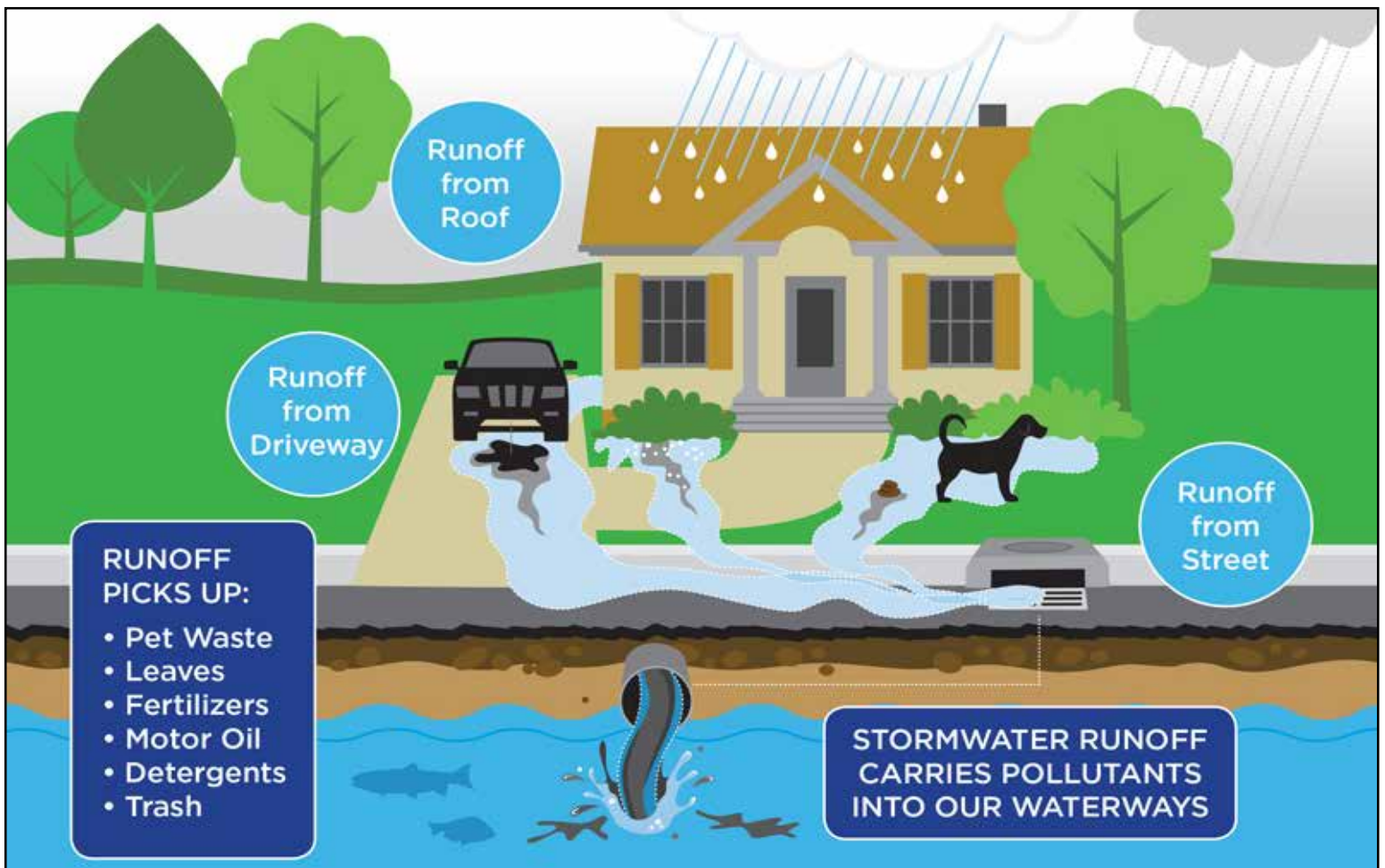
for a list of the most commonly collected items.

### Three Ways to Schedule a Collection Appointment:

1. Go to [www.WMAtYourDoor.com](http://www.WMAtYourDoor.com)
2. Call 1-800-449-7587
3. Email [AtYourDoor@WM.com](mailto:AtYourDoor@WM.com)



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## Fairview Township Parks and Recreation

7471 McCray Road, Fairview, PA 16415

Phone: 814-474-5077 Fax: 814-474-1199

Email: [Parks-rec@fairviewtownship.com](mailto:Parks-rec@fairviewtownship.com)

[www.fairviewtownship.com/parks-and-recreation](http://www.fairviewtownship.com/parks-and-recreation)

[www.facebook.com/parksandrec](http://www.facebook.com/parksandrec)

## Spring 2024 Programs

### Children Programs

**PWR Swim:** HS Pool, monthly enrollment

Location FHS Pool

See registration page for times & days

**Bronze, Fee:** \$96/month,

**Blue:** \$86.00/month

**Stroke School:** \$63.00

**Littles:** \$63.00/month

**Minis:** \$63.00/month

Annual Registration fee: \$50.00/yr.

For Program and Registration questions call,

949-573-5287, [pwrswimming@gmail.com](mailto:pwrswimming@gmail.com),

Registration link found on FPRA Website under programs page.

**Jr. Tennis Program:** Westwood Racquet Club, Due to FSD Court construction this summer Jr. Tennis will take place at Westwood. Being so, we have had to increase prices due to rent for this year only.

June 15 – July 11 & July 15 – August 15

**PAWS:** Beginner 5 – 10 yrs

Mondays and/or Wednesdays,

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Fee: \$90/once a week, \$120 twice a week

**Claws:** Beginner/Intermediate, 10-14 yrs.

Mondays and/or Wednesdays,

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Fee: \$90 once a week, \$120 twice a week

**Tigers:** Advanced, 14 – 18 yrs.

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays,

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Fee: \$120 once a week, \$170 twice a week

**Kids Fun Nights:** \$15/child

March 1<sup>st</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>

April 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

Friday Nights 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Ages 5+

**Boys 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lacrosse:** Fee \$150

Open Gyms, Feb 10, 17, 24,

9:45 am – 11:30 am FMS Gym (Free, but must sign waiver form before participating)

Season: March 4 – May 25, Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Saturdays

9:45 am – 11:30 am, FMS Gym & Fields

**Girls 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lacrosse:** Fee \$150

Open Gyms, Feb 10, 17, 24,

8:00 am – 9:45 am, FMS Gym (Free, but must sign waiver form before participating) Season:

March 5 – May 25, Tues. & Thurs. 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Saturdays 8:00 am – 9:45 am

FMS Gym & Fields

**Girls 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball:** Fee \$100

Saturdays, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm and

Wednesdays (TBD), February 3 – May 25, PRP Softball Field, FHS Lower Gym, and FMS Gym

**Boys 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball:** Fee \$100

Sundays, March 5 – May 21, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, FHS Lower Gym & FHS Baseball Field

**Girls 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer:** Fee \$100

Mondays 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesdays 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm,

March 4 – May 22, FES Gym and Fields

**Boys 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer:** Fee \$150

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

March 5 – May 22, FES Gym and Fields

**Track and Field:** Fee \$65 Grades K – 6<sup>th</sup>

Saturdays, April 15 – May 19,

9:30 am – 11:00 am

FHS Track, Includes shirt and meets (Dates and Times subject to change)

**Little Tikes Soccer:** Fee \$50, PRP Fields

April 22 – May 20, Mondays

3-4 year olds – 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

5-6 year olds – 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm

**After School Art Club:**

Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:45 pm – 5:30 pm

March 4 & 5 - \$60

April 10<sup>th</sup> - \$20

May 1<sup>st</sup> - \$20

FES Art Room, (Themes & Projects TBA)

**Cookie Decorating Classes:** \$50/each class,

3:45 – 5:00 pm, Elementary School Rec Room, Grades K – 4, Max of 10 students per date

March 7, St. Patrick's Theme March 21, Easter

April 11, April 25 Spring Theme

May 9, Mother Day Theme, May 11 Mom and Me

**Kidding Around Yoga:** Mondays

Teen/Adult, 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm,

Session 1: \$50, Feb. 26 – March 25

FMS Fitness room

Session 2: \$70 April 8 – May 20 FMS Fitness

Room & Brugger House @Avonia Beach

### Adult Programs

**Zumba,** Fee \$40/session, Tue & Thu

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm, Session 1, Feb. 27 – Mar 21

Session 2 – Mar. 26 – April 25 (No Zumba April

2 & 4), Session 3 – April 30 – May 23, Location:

FMS Cafeteria

**Mindful Movement Yoga,** Mondays

Teen/Adult, 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm,

Session 1: \$50, Feb. 26 – March 25

FMS Fitness room

Session 2: \$70 April 8 – May 20 FMS Fitness Room & Brugger House @Avonia Beach

**Adult Badminton,** Fee \$3/night

Tuesday and Thursdays, March 5 – May 30, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Weis Library United Methodist Church Gym

**Open Adult Basketball,** Fee: \$3/night, Wed

8:30 -10:00 pm, March 6 – May 29, FMS Gym No Basketball April 3

**Open Adult Soccer,** Fee: \$3/night,

Mondays, March 6 – June 3, 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm, FMS Gym, No Soccer April 1

**Beginners Crochet:** Fee \$50

February 27 – March 21

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

FMS Multi-purpose room

**Open Lap Swim** Fee \$5/ day or pay for each

month, Tuesdays and Thursday,

5:30 am – 6:30 am

March 5 – 28: \$45

April 9 - 30: \$35

May 2 - 30: \$45

**Indoor Walking,** Fee: \$5 pass for session, \$10

Deposit for FOB to enter building, pick up in Fee: FPRA Office.

Mon–Fri, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Entrance time 6:00pm – 7:00 pm

March 1 – May 24, FMS Hallways

### Events

**Movies at the Ridge**

Thursday August 22, 2024, At Pleasant Ridge Park. Festivities begin at 7 pm, movie starts at dusk. Activities, concessions, and much more. Movie title announced soon.

**Mid-Summer Classic: Disc Golf Tournament**

Sunday July 21, 2024, 9:00 am

Pleasant Ridge Park Disc Golf Course

Cost \$30, Beginner to advance levels.

**Music in the Park with the Erie Philharmonic**

Sometime in Late July, check the website and Facebook for date. Coming soon.

**\* If the cost of a program is ever an issue, please contact the Parks & Rec office.**

**Opportunities for program scholarships may be available on an as needed basis.**





## Fairview Township

7471 McCray Road  
Fairview, PA 16415

## FROM YOUR FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR

As I write, it is a sunny, beautiful, cold winter day. We cannot complain – for the most part our winter has been extremely mild.

The 2024 County-Township taxes will be sent out later this month. This year the bills will be pink in color. If you do not receive your tax bill within two weeks, please contact me for a duplicate. I can send you a copy of the bill via the email listed below. Whatever address you provided to Erie County Assessment is the address your bill will be sent to. Please note that the bills are currently in the print stage and any address changes made now will not be in effect until the next tax bill cycle. The Tax Collector cannot update any information regarding the tax roll. You are responsible for the tax payment whether or not you receive the actual tax bill. This is stated in the Local Tax Collection Law.

You can find out information on your parcel by going to the Erie County website which is [eriecountypa.gov](http://eriecountypa.gov). Choose property and then put in your address. It will **NOT** show the name of the owner, but all additional information is located there. This tells your assessed value, if you are receiving the Homestead Exclusion, any delinquent taxes on the parcel, and even a photo. You can also download an application for the Homestead Exclusion if you are not already signed up. March 1 is the deadline to submit an application for it to be in effect this year. If you are currently receiving the Homestead Exclusion, you do not need to reapply each year.

Upon receipt of your tax bills, if your taxes are paid by your mortgage company, please forward the bill directly to them at your earliest convenience. If you require a receipt, you can either bring both copies of your tax bill into the office when you pay, or if sending via USPS, send both copies and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so that I may return your paid receipt. The discount period ends on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Just a reminder that I cannot accept postdated checks (checks dated in the future). These checks will be returned to you and you will be required to resend them with the correct date. They cannot be deposited therefore your taxes are NOT paid. Your taxes are technically paid when your check clears the bank. If you do incur a **NSF (non-sufficient funds)**, you are required to “make good” on the payment with cash or certified funds. Payment will not be accepted unless the \$25.00 NSF fee is also paid. This is stated on your tax bill. **Please make sure your checks are issued correctly and your phone number is placed on your check.** If you wish to make a payment when the office is closed, there is a slot in my door to accept such payments. Please do not leave cash in this slot. Also, please note that the face period for the County-Township tax bills will end on June 30, 2024.

The County mills have increased from 5.96 to 6.61, an increase of .65 mills. A mill is \$100.00 for every \$100,000.00 assessed value. The Township mills have not changed since 2013 when both the County and Township mills actually went down because of the Countywide reassessment. No news on the next Countywide reassessment.

The 2024 streetlight assessment bills will also be sent out later this month. Please note that the due date is March 31, 2024. Typically, streetlight bills are not paid by mortgage companies. It is beneficial for you to pay this bill as soon as it arrives so that it does not get misplaced or forgotten. All unpaid streetlight bills are turned over to the Fairview Township Solicitor on July 1. At that time, additional fees and penalties are added to the original bill amount. So please do not remit payments after June 30 as they will be returned to you.

If you need a paid, stamped copy of your 2023 taxes for the PA-1000 (Property Tax or Rent Rebate Claim) or for income tax purposes, please contact me.

**Cindy L. Pacansky, CPTC**  
**Fairview Township Tax Collector**  
**Phone/Fax 814-474-4748**

E-mail: [cpacansky@roadrunner.com](mailto:cpacansky@roadrunner.com) or [cpacansky@gmail.com](mailto:cpacansky@gmail.com)

Mailing address is P.O. Box 90, Fairview, PA 16415

Physical office location is 8460 Luther Road, Girard, PA 16417

Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am to noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm

**Office will be closed May 14 - June 13, 2024**

Additional times by appointment