

# South Coventry News

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## Community Day at Warwick Park



Chester County Parks has partnered with South Coventry, Warwick and East Nantmeal Townships and will be hosting a Community Day at Warwick County Park on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM.

This is an event to celebrate our community and provide participants with the opportunity to explore the multitude of services and recreational opportunities offered in our area.

The event will include live performances, craft vendors and artists, school groups and charities, community organizations, emergency services, health awareness, music and dance, pony rides, food and there will also be donation locations for the Coventry Food Pantry's Weekend Backpack Program and In Ian's Boots.

There will be free admission for Community Day. For more info, visit [www.chesco.org/parks](http://www.chesco.org/parks).

## Thank You For Your Help!

The Township Office continues to distribute fresh produce donations to clients of the Coventry Food Pantry. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

If you have an abundance from your garden and would like to donate it to those in need, please contact the Township Office at (610) 469-0444. If possible we ask donations be dropped off in the morning so they can be distributed the same day.



A sample of some of the produce donated from school gardens and residents' gardens in August.

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## Upcoming Events

### **Ridge Fire Co. Community Day**

Sept 13, 2014—1PM to 3PM  
Ridge Fire Company

### **Community Day**

Sept 27, 2014—10AM to 3PM  
Warwick County Park  
Visit [www.chesco.org/parks](http://www.chesco.org/parks)  
for more information

### **Election Day**

November 4, 2014  
Owen J Roberts Middle School  
[www.chesco.org/election](http://www.chesco.org/election)

## Educational Opportunities



The Penn State Extension offers residents information and a broad range of educational resources and programs.

Just one of the many educational opportunities is Penn State Extension's

Water Webinar series which provides educational programs on a variety of important water resource issues in Pennsylvania. These webinars are free and usually held once a month on the last Wednesday of the month at noon. Previous topics include proper care and maintenance of on-lot septic systems, home garden irrigation systems, five steps to a healthier pond and a homeowner's guide to stormwater.

To register for these free webinars or view recordings of previous webinars please visit [www.extension.psu.edu/natural-resources/water/webinar-series](http://www.extension.psu.edu/natural-resources/water/webinar-series). Also be sure to visit their homepage to find out what other educational opportunities are available to you!

## Help Properly Dispose of Medications

One in five high school students have abused prescription drugs and 75% of people who abuse prescription pain relievers get them from friends or family. Environmental Protection Agency studies have also detected pharmaceutical drugs in our water supply so please do NOT flush medications down the toilet!

Permanent Medication Collection Boxes are now available at various police departments in Chester County, including North Coventry PD and West Vincent PD. Medication Collection Boxes provide residents the opportunity to safely and anonymously dispose of unwanted and expired drugs and medications.



The following items can be dropped in the Collection Boxes: prescription and over-the-counter solid medications, tablets, capsules, liquid medications, inhalers, creams, nasal sprays, ointments, and pet medicines. Products that are NOT accepted include needles, injectables and intravenous solutions.

For collection hours or questions, please contact the departments directly.

North Coventry Police - (610) 323-8360  
West Vincent Police - (610) 458-3205

For more information about Medication Collection Boxes in Chester County, please call 1-866-286-3767.

**For upcoming events and meetings,  
check out the News & Events page  
or Township Calendar at  
[www.southcoventry.org](http://www.southcoventry.org)**

## Are Hands Free Cell Phones Safer?

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death in the United States for 3 to 34 year-olds. Crashes are also among the top three causes of death throughout a person's lifetime. Each year, since 1994, between 39,000 and 46,000 people have been killed in motor vehicle crashes.

Driver distractions have joined alcohol and speeding as leading factors in fatal and serious injury crashes. The National Safety Council estimates 25% of all crashes in 2008 involved talking on cell phones—accounting for 1.4 million crashes and 645,000 injuries that year.



Many people believe that hands free cell phones are safer than hand held cell phones but studies have shown both types of phones cause the same types of distractions when driving including:

- Inattention blindness—Estimates indicate drivers using hands-free and handheld cell phones look at but fail to see up to 50% of the information in their driving environment.
- Slower response time and reaction time
- Problems staying in lane

Always stay alert when driving. Never text while driving! And remember any distraction while driving can lead to an accident. For more information about distracted driving, please visit the National Safety Council's website at [www.distracteddriving.nsc.org](http://www.distracteddriving.nsc.org).

## Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

Identity theft, which is the illegal use of a person's private identifying information, is one of the nation's fastest growing crimes. In recent years, Pennsylvania has ranked 14th among states with the highest rates of such thefts. More than 15 million people a year suffer from identity theft, many of whom reported the fraudulent use of their credit cards and bank accounts. As a result, victims lost an estimated \$24.7 billion in 2013.



Here are some tips to follow to help prevent your from becoming an identity theft victim:

1. Keep all your financial records, social security card and healthcare information in a safe place.
2. Shred papers that have your personal or medical information before you get rid of them including bank statements, credit card bills, utility bills, and pre-approved credit card offers.
3. Take mail out of your mailbox as soon as you can and drop outgoing mail in blue Postal Service mailboxes or take them to the post office.
4. Do not provide your personal information to someone who calls or emails you. Always contact companies and banks directly using the contact phone number on your statement to verify suspicious requests. Do not click on links in emails requesting your personal information, log-in ID or password.
5. Be careful when on the Internet. Only provide personal information to secured sites that use encryption technology, these sites will have an "https" in the web address. Also make sure you have up-to-date virus protection to protect against malicious programs.
6. Be sure to regularly check your financial, medical and credit card statements for any charges you don't recognize. Periodically check your credit reports for mistakes or accounts you do not recognize. To request your free credit report visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call 1-877-322-8228.

For more tips and what to do if you suspect you are a victim of identity theft visit the Federal Trade Commission at [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov) and click on the Privacy and Identity tab.

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## ***South Coventry Township Upcoming Meetings***

### **Board of Supervisors - 7:30 PM**

Monday, October 6, 2014  
Monday, November 3, 2014  
Monday, December 1, 2014

### **Board of Supervisors - 7:30 AM**

Friday, October 3, 2014  
Friday, October 31, 2014

### **Historic Commission - 7:00 PM**

Monday, September 8, 2014  
Monday, October 13, 2014  
Monday, November 10, 2014

### **Planning Commission - 7:30 PM**

Monday, September 15, 2014  
Monday, October 20, 2014  
Monday, November 17, 2014



**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK — OCTOBER 5 - 11**  
Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors  
and also check the gauge on fire extinguishers  
to make sure they are fully charged.