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## NORTH WALES

# Borough-owned church could host concerts

Renovations to convert to community center may start in summer

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**NORTH WALES** » A borough-owned church in North Wales that's slated for renovations may not be going quiet just yet.

Borough Manager Christine Hart announced last week that the former St. Luke's Church at 125 N. Main Street could host additional live concerts soon.

"We talked about continuing to utilize the church area, if you

will, for some performances," Hart said.

"We did the January organ recitals, and we would like to keep utilizing that for low-key performances, until we're able to get the construction underway," Hart said.

Talks have continued with Jon Leight, musical director for St. Luke's UCC, about hosting more live music before renovations begin.

"We have been in there with the

structural architects and engineers, so some behind-the-scenes areas are not usable, but certainly the church area is," she said.

Those performances would likely be hosted and run by volunteers and/or at low costs offset by donations at the door, the manager added, and details will be posted on the town's website and Facebook page as they're finalized.

"Jon is looking to bring a cou-

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North Wales residents and community members listen to an organ recital by Vincent Ryan, at organ, and flautist Melissa Freilich on Jan. 17, 2023.

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## TELFORD

# BOOKS TALK HEATS UP



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Following controversy over library funding, the Telford Borough council meeting was moved to the Department of Public Works building to accommodate a larger crowd.

## TWO SIDES: Community continues debate on library content

### CONTROVERSY: Council takes straw vote for member to resign

By John Worthington  
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**TELFORD** » The Telford community continued to debate library content at a tense council meeting Monday evening.

The debate follows a decision by the Telford Borough Council to slash funding for the Indian

Valley Public Library, reallocating the funds to the police department. The decision kicked off a fiery debate in the community about age-appropriate content at the library. Supporters of the cut claim that the library is providing sexually-explicit material to children, which opponents characterized as a false national hysteria over library

content and prejudice towards the LGBT community.

At the previous council meeting, Councilman Bob Jacobus presented a report accusing the library of promoting the "LGBTQ+ agenda" and offering pornographic books to children. The report has since been posted online and was handed out to attendees of the meeting

at the door. Jacobus has also been accused of writing emails about plans to defund the library and rewrite the borough's transgender policy and inviting out-of-town, like-minded individuals to the borough meetings.

At Monday's meeting, both the mayor and multiple council members condemned Jacobus's behavior. Council member John Taylor specifically denounced Jacobus for posting the report alongside the council

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## MONTCO COURTS

# Farm Park rapist admits to smuggling drugs in jail

Three others accused in prison conspiracy

By Carl Hessler Jr.  
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**NORRISTOWN** » A West Norriton man already serving a prison sentence for raping a woman at gunpoint in Norristown Farm Park admitted to participating in a scheme to smuggle papers soaked with illegal drugs into the Montgomery County Correctional Facility.

Mason Alexander Hall, 23, formerly of the 2000 block of Palmer Road, pleaded guilty in county court to charges of conspiracy to deliver drugs or contraband to inmates, conspiracy to possess a controlled substance with intent to deliver it and criminal use of a communication facility in connection with incidents that occurred at the jail in Lower Provi-

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Mason Hall

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# Books

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cil member's email addresses, saying he has since received nasty emails and phone calls, including from one gentleman who instructed him to "follow Jacobus's lead" or "be held in judgment before God."

In response, Jacobus said that he made the report publicly available online only after the library failed to meaningfully address his concerns. He characterized the borough's refusal to take further action against the library as an "abomination."

"I put the sum total of my thoughts in that report. I exposed evil," said Jacobus. "The legislature has the power of the purse. We're forcing all these good people to pay for this. I understand that we're a small town, but sometimes moral issues require us to stand up."

Councilmember Taylor then conducted a straw poll of the council on whether or not Jacobus should resign. Every council member but Eric Kratz voted yes.

Borough president William Ashley reminded the audience that the borough provides unrestricted funding to the library. He said the budget was finalized in December and that the next budget discussion will not occur until late summer and advised audience members to direct their concerns to the library staff. In response, Jacobus said they can attach strings to the budget and called on the borough to interrupt their existing funding structure until the library "cleans up its act and knocks it off."

In her report, Margie Stern, the Indian Valley Public Library director, echoed Ashley's remarks, encouraging individuals with concerns about library content to contact the library board and follow the proper procedure. She then turned to Jacobus's report, pointing out that every book cited in the report is shelved in the adult and young adult sections of the library.

"So these books are not shelved in the children's room," said Stern. "These are not books that children have access to, unless their parents take them there and help them find them."

Stern proceeded to get choked up as she discussed the backlash against the library. As a librarian for 30 years, she said that she cares deeply about children and only strives to put books into their hands. She further revealed that she recently had to call the police on a man who was harassing the library staff.

"We as librarians, we're being perceived as people who are grooming people, providing pornography to children. I can tell you that my staff does nothing but care about children. We have mothers, we have grandmothers, we have aunts, uncles and everyone else. Children are very important to us," said the director. "So this demonizing is very hurtful as a person. I want people to realize that if you're angry at libraries, try to remember that there are people that are working there."

But many community members were unmoved by Stern's report and emotional plea.

Kaitlin Derstine called for an age-restriction on explicit books to ensure that they can

only be checked out by adults. She additionally condemned the library for offering books on gender reassignment surgery and Black Lives Matter.

"Where's Frederick Douglass? Where's Clarence Thomas? Where are these amazing figures in our history? Why are we not promoting them?" asked Derstine. "It seems like there's a political agenda in the children's section. Every three books that my child picks up is typically about transitioning kids right now."

A Souderton man doubted that the books cited in Jacobus's report are shelved in the adult section and even doing so would still not prevent children from accessing them.

"I think these books should be burned. It's grooming. It's disgusting," he said. "We need to protect our kids from this crap."

Orlando Analis expressed disgust at the content in Jacobus's report and blasted the board for not taking action.

"I'm really surprised that you guys are OK with all this crap," he said. "We gotta go back. This is a Christian nation."

A former business owner in the borough condemned the board for failing to protect children and cited a Bible verse to illustrate his point.

"When Jesus said, it's better for you to be drowned in the sea with the millstone around your neck than to harm one of these little ones, that same Jesus is gonna be judge," he said. "You should reread the book."

Another former business owner in the borough described children as the "heritage of the Lord" and called on the board to repent for mistreating Jacobus.

"We need to wake up. We need to get back to the word of God," he said. "It's hypocritical and horrendous to defend materials that aim to destroy our children. And groom them exactly the opposite of what God the Father the Creator created them. Do the right thing in Jesus's name and for his sake."

Jay Schisler, a former resident of the borough, said Jacobus's resignation would be an "insult" and chastised the council members for being close-minded.

"When I read my instruction manual, which is the Bible, I think you could all call it that, it says that you are going to be judged a lot more drastically than any of us, because you're educated people," he said. "And if you're not doing the right thing, Lord have mercy on you."

Councilmember Kratz then took the microphone to explain why he voted against Jacobus's resignation. He revealed that he previously struggled with a pornography addiction and denounced pornography as an "extremely addicting substance" to your mind.

"I was part of a church group and I was too embarrassed to admit it. I've been free from it for a year," he said. "I want to stick up for Bob because he's sticking up for the children. I just want to say, protect the children."

Nancy Brosius struck a different tone. She noted that the opposition to the library is largely being cloaked in the language of religion, and as a lifelong Christian, she said that Jesus said to love everyone.

"I take Jesus very seriously. And I take what he says especially seriously," she said.

"I also want to say that our founding fathers made it very clear that government and religion were two different things. And the government does not dictate your religion."

Bill Brosius advised concerned parents to simply accompany their children to the library and monitor their activity. He said that they have a diverse community and characterized the library's opponents as hypocritical for professing to love freedom while supporting censorship.

"If you don't like a book, don't read it. Don't take it out. But don't make that decision for everyone else," said Brosius. "Conservatives often like to cry freedom and liberty, but you have to give freedom and liberty to everyone else besides those who agree with you. Censorship and book banning never lead to good outcomes."

A woman who has worked with emotionally-challenged children for 20 years estimated that at least 35% identify as LGBTQ. She attributed their issues to a lack of support and resources, which the library can help provide.

"My fear is that young adults who need the information and the support that they may not have in their families, they can now not get even at a public library," she said. "And that's essential for their own ability to thrive."

Lauren Dites blasted the library's opponents as hypocrites for allowing their children to have access to cell phones and computers where pornography can easily be attained. She reminded them that over half of U.S. teenagers are sexually active and need information on how to do it safely.

"Take the cell phones that you paid for for your kids away from them, because they're just gonna google this at home," she said. "The fact that you're even mad is completely absurd. And half of you don't even live here, you're angry for reasons that don't impact you."

Neil Grennan thanked the council for distancing themselves from Jacobus and asking him to resign. He suggested that Jacobus and his followers are simply using child welfare as a pretext to further stigmatize marginalized community members and restrict information for everyone else. He said that parents are responsible for monitoring their children's reading material.

"If you are concerned about your child when you go into the library, focus your energy on parenting them," Grennan said. "It's not a school library, it's a public library for the public and this includes everybody in the community, even the ones you disagree with."

A man blasted Jacobus for inviting non-residents to speak at the borough meetings and participate in his "political theatre." He pointed out that Jacobus's report does not include any depictions of heterosexual sex or romance and said that the borough meetings are not the appropriate forum for concerns about library content.

"What are we doing here? This is a borough. The governing council of this town should be about public works. But Jacobus has over the past six months brought national political agenda to this organization," he said. "You're gonna have the same political theatre every single month for the next year when really we should be focused on fixing potholes, keeping people from speeding and doing things in this town that make it a better place to live."

The man's daughter followed up by saying that the books cited in Jacobus's report are exclusively shelved in the adult section. A woman in the audience interjected, asserting there are inappropriate books on display for anyone to read.

"Can you name any? Can you recommend any?" the daughter asked.

"I recommend you the book, called the Bible. Jesus is real," the woman said.

Jacobus concluded the public comment period by reiterating that the library is providing inappropriate material to kids, encouraging them to engage in anal sex and gender reassignment surgery. He claimed that such material is inflicting "skyrocketing damage" on children that can be irreparable.

"Thousands of kids are now moving through our medical system with this kind of damage, turning them into permanent cash cows for hospital systems and pharmaceutical companies," Jacobus said. "And it's utterly ridiculous that we are allowing our library to be leveraged in this way."

Jacobus concluded his remarks shortly before board president Ashley adjourned the meeting.

The next Telford borough council meeting is on April 10 at 7 p.m. For more information, visit [telfordborough.org](http://telfordborough.org).

# Drugs

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dence between October and December 2021.

At the time of the smuggling scheme, Hall was in jail awaiting sentencing for the Aug. 1, 2017, gunpoint sexual assault of a 19-year-old woman at the park in West Norriton to which he pleaded guilty. In March 2022, Hall was sentenced to 13 to 32 years in prison and is currently serving it in a state penitentiary.

Assistant District Attorney Gabrielle Hughes vowed to seek consecutive prison time against Hall for the smuggling scheme, over and above what he is currently serving for the rape.

"This is a completely separate crime. It has nothing to do with the rape," said Hughes, arguing Hall didn't learn a lesson from his previous arrest and continued to commit crimes from behind bars.

"Drug dealing is dangerous in and of itself but when you're doing it inside a correctional facility, it's especially dangerous, not only to the people who are going to get it and potentially use it, but also to the employees there who are trying to have some semblance of control in an already dangerous environment," Hughes added.

Three others also were charged in connection with the drug smuggling scheme.

Luis Velazquez, 38, who also was an inmate at the county jail and allegedly conspired with Hall, is still awaiting court action on charges related to the scheme.

Two others, Patrick David Perna, 22, and Latashia Lucas, 38, both of Norristown, are accused of helping Mason with the scheme from outside the jail.

Perna, of the 200 block of West Fornance Street, Norristown, pleaded guilty to charges of contraband and conspiracy to assist inmates in getting contraband and is awaiting sentencing before Judge Thomas M. DelRicci.

Lucas, of the 200 block of Centre Avenue, is still awaiting trial in connection with her alleged role in the scheme.

With his guilty plea in the smuggling scheme, Hall admitted that he conspired with Valazquez to bring drugs into the jail by soliciting someone outside the jail's walls to spray pieces of paper with synthetic marijuana and then send it to him through the mail system.

The conspiracy was to get the drugs into the jail and then sell them to other inmates within the jail for profit, prosecutors alleged.

During the investigation, detectives recovered a handwritten letter from Hall to Perna, dated Dec. 11, 2021, in which Hall described the demand in jail for the drug-coated paper and his plan to smuggle 10 pages a month into the jail and sell it at a significant profit. Hall allegedly wrote, "I'm trying to make \$100,000 before I go upstate."

The investigation began after county detectives received information about the conspiracy to smuggle illegal drugs into the jail using papers. The investigation included listening to recorded inmate phone calls with their conspirators, reviewing prison records, physical surveillance, interviews, and drug testing on a recovered letter.

The investigation found that inmates Hall and Valazquez, both housed in the same maximum-security section of the jail, were working with Hall's friend, Perna, and Valazquez's girlfriend, Lucas, in an attempt to get controlled substances into the jail through drug-soaked paper. The inmates would then sell the paper soaked with illegal drugs to other inmates.

"In November and December 2021, Hall made phone calls during which the conversations centered on an 'investment,' where Hall claimed a person could make an initial investment of \$450 or \$500 and double or triple their money in 21 days," detectives wrote in a criminal complaint. "Hall stated during phone calls that he would be the person making all the necessary arrangements and that the only thing needed from the people he was talking to was cash."

The investigation found that the first attempt to smuggle drugs into the prison was by Lucas. About a month after Valazquez was arrested, according to Lucas, she received a piece of construction paper at her home.

Valazquez allegedly instructed Lucas to have her children draw on the paper and then send it to him in prison. Lucas did as she was instructed, but the paper was rejected by prison officials on Nov. 3, 2021, and returned to Lucas. Records show the rejection was because "crayon-colored artwork not permitted in the facility," according to court documents.

About three weeks later, Lucas allegedly was the conduit to get the drug-sprayed paper to Perna, at the direction of Hall and Valazquez.

Perna then mailed a hand-written letter on Nov. 15, 2021, to Hall, which was intercepted by jail officials and not delivered due to a "stained" look, according to court documents.

The letter was returned to Perna's home and recovered there by detectives during the execution of a search warrant. Testing on the letter revealed it actually was sprayed with cocaine, according to court documents.

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**TELFORD**

## Council members tour library amid controversy

Tour follows heated debate about books, funding for public library

By John Worthington  
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**TELFORD** » Members of the Telford Borough Council toured the Indian Valley Public Library following controversy surrounding the library's content.

Council president Bill Ashley briefly discussed the tour at the Telford Borough Council meeting Monday evening. It comes on the heels of a heated community de-

bate on age-appropriate content in the library, with council member Bob Jacobus and some community members arguing that the library was providing inappropriate material to children.

At the previous meeting, Jacobus distributed copies of a self-published report accusing the library of shelving pornographic books in the children's section. In response, library director Margie Stern stated that the books

cited in the report are exclusively shelved in the library's adult and young adult sections and invited the entire borough council to tour the library to resolve any concerns.

At Monday's meeting, Ashley announced that council members Emiline Weiss, Eric Kratz and himself toured the library on March 30. Ashley appeared to be very pleased with the tour, de-

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Telford resident Luke Ziegler speaks at the Telford Borough Council meeting.

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**BLUE BELL**

## SPRING HEATS UP

Stretch of summer-like temperatures continues



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Temperatures in the 80s and bright sun continued through the week, giving area residents a taste of summer. BJ Serhan, of Plymouth Township, pauses her walk to smile for a photo with her dog, Wu on April 12, 2023 while at Wentz Run Park in Whippen Township.



Serene, 5, and Salma, 3, (left) of Blue Bell, play with toys in the sand on a sunny afternoon. Pink and yellow tulips (above) are pictured in full bloom on April 12, 2023 in Plymouth Township.

**LANSDALE**

## New design in works for old skatepark

Wedgewood park was dismantled last fall

By Dan Sokil  
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**LANSDALE** » A new design for Lansdale's first skatepark is in the works, and local skaters are stepping up.

Councilwoman Mary Fuller reported this month that skate park designer Jesse Clayton has submitted a rough draft of a new design for the town's Wedgewood skatepark, and local skateboarders have hit a major milestone that could help fund it.

"The area over at Wedgewood has been repaved, and so his

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**MONTCO COURTS**

## Judge jails gun trafficker: This problem 'needs to stop'

By Carl Hessler Jr.  
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**NORRISTOWN** » As a judge sentenced a young man for his straw purchase scheme that involved three dozen firearms, she warned the community that young people with no criminal records are being targeted by others, used to funnel thousands of weapons onto the streets.

"They are marks. This is a major issue in the community. It's a major problem and it needs to stop," Montgomery County Judge Wendy G. Rothstein said as she prepared to sentence Daniel Sharif Lucas, who prosecutors said purchased 36 firearms in

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### Celine Dion teaches you how to 'Love Again'

Superstar and queen of love songs Celine Dion, 55, on Thursday released her latest song. PAGE A2



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Unique Snacks and Experience Chiropractic among the Eastern Pennsylvania District winners for 2023. PAGE A6

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Fetterman has dispelled the notion that men should shoulder their mental health burdens silently. PAGE A7

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## PROTESTS

# France's Constitutional Council approves higher pension age

By Elaine Ganley and Angela Charlton  
The Associated Press

PARIS » France's Constitutional Council on Friday approved an unpopular plan to raise the retirement age from 62 to 64 in a victory for President Emmanuel Macron after three months of mass protests over the legislation that have damaged his leadership.

The decision dismayed and enraged critics of the pension plan, including protesters gathered outside Paris City Hall on Friday evening as the decision came down. Most chanted peacefully, while some set a garbage bin on fire.

Unions and Macron's political opponents vowed to maintain pressure on the government to withdraw the bill, and activists threatened scattered new protest actions Saturday.

Macron's office said Friday he would enact the law in the coming days, and he has said he wants it implemented by the end of the year. Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne said Friday's decision "marks the end of the institutional and democratic path of this reform," adding that there was "no victor" in what has turned into a nationwide standoff and France's worst social unrest in years.

The council rejected some measures in the pension bill, but the higher age was central to Macron's plan and the target of protesters' anger. The government argued that the reform is needed to keep the pension system afloat as the population ages; opponents proposed raising taxes on the wealthy or employers instead.

In a separate but related decision, the council

rejected a request by left-wing lawmakers to allow for a possible referendum on enshrining 62 as the maximum official retirement age. The council will rule on a second, similar request, next month.

Carl Pfeiffer, a 62-year-old retiree protesting outside City Hall, warned that the Constitutional Council's decision won't spell the end of tensions. The council members "are irresponsible, because the anger that will come right after in the country, it's their fault," he said.

Bartender Lena Cayo, 22, said she was disappointed but not surprised by the decision.

"We are protesting for so many weeks and the government didn't hear us," she said. "Workers who have gone on strike or protested the legislation since January are fighting for their rights, but nothing changes."

As tensions mounted hours before the decision, Macron invited labor unions to meet with him on Tuesday no matter what the Constitutional Council decision was, his office said. The unions rejected Macron's invitation, noting that he had refused their previous offers of a meeting, and called for mass new protests on May 1, international workers' rights day.

Unions have been the organizers of 12 nationwide protests since January and have a critical role in trying to tamp down excessive reactions by protesters. Violence by pockets of ultra-left radicals have marked the otherwise peaceful nationwide marches.

The plan to increase the retirement age was meant to be Macron's showcase

measure in his second term.

The council decision caps months of tumultuous debates in parliament and fervor in the streets.

Spontaneous demonstrations were held around France ahead of the nine-member council's ruling. Opponents of the pension reform blockaded entry points into some cities, including Rouen in the west or Marseille in the south, slowing or stopping traffic.

The prime minister was interrupted while visiting a supermarket outside Paris by a group of people chanting, "We don't want it," referring to the way she skirted the vote by lawmakers to advance the pension reform.

The government's decision to get around a parliamentary vote in March by using special constitutional powers heightened the fury of the measure's opponents, as well as their determination. Another group awaited Borne in the parking lot.

Union leaders have said the Constitutional Council's decisions would be respected, but have vowed to continue protest actions in an attempt to get Macron to withdraw the measure.

The leader of the moderate CFDT, Laurent Berger, warned that "there will be repercussions."

Holding out hope to upend the decision, unions and some protesters recalled parallels with a contested 2006 measure about work contracts for youth that sent students, joined by unions, into the streets. That legislation had been pushed through parliament without a vote and given the green light by the Constitutional Council — only to be later scrapped to bring calm to the country.

## PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

# Meadowbrook Farm opens for the season

Free gardens are in Abington, Montgomery County

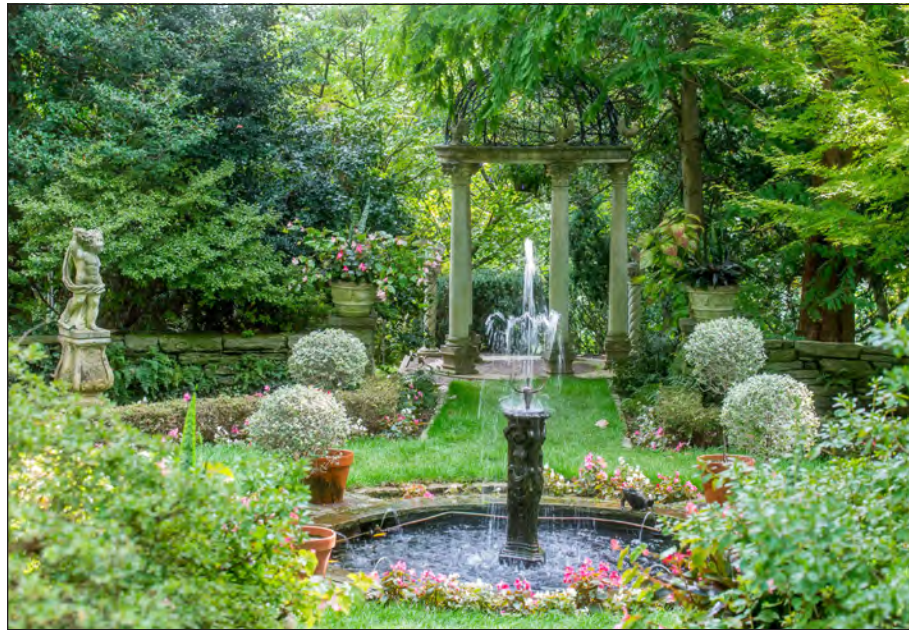


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A tranquil fountain is prominently featured at PHS Meadowbrook Farm in Montgomery County.

By MediaNews Group

JENKINTOWN » The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Meadowbrook Farm will open this weekend as spring is in full swing for much of the area.

Starting Saturday, April 15, the free public 25-acre garden, at 1633 Washington Lane, in Abington Township, will be open and now features reimagined garden spaces that were renovated over the past couple of years. Those interested do not need to preregister to attend.

The entrance walkway has been re-constructed with a new path and design vision for its plantings. The main garden has been completely redesigned with emphasis on the usage of stately con-

crete planters brimming with pops of color and fragrance.

"After considerable renovations and design updates, we are thrilled to open the doors at Meadowbrook Farm this spring," said Matthew Dougherty, associate director of facilities, administration and safety at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

The farm's features include a dozen garden rooms. Additionally, the herb garden now includes new stone work and garden beds in the queen's garden.

Hellebores, daffodils, and bulbs are currently in bloom while season annuals mixed with emerging perennials and trees are beginning the process of leafing out. Shades of purple, apricot, peach,

white, yellow, silver, blue, and orange are abundant throughout Meadowbrook Farm, ushering in the gardening season.

"With numerous enhancements to the gardens and planting change-outs throughout the year, there is something unique to experience each time you visit," Dougherty said in a statement.

Meadowbrook Farm will be open until October 14. It's closed Sunday through Tuesday, and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Saturday.

Anyone with questions should call the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society at 215-887-5900. Visit [phs.org/locations/phs-meadowbrook-farm](https://www.phs.org/locations/phs-meadowbrook-farm) for more information.

## Library

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scribing it as "cordial" and "informative."

"A most cordial tour, a most informative tour, learning about the materials that are available and the programs that are offered through the Indian Valley Public Library," said Ashley.

In response, Wendy Leshinskie, secretary of the library's board of trustees, thanked the council members for their time and suggested additional tours for members of the public. She also told the council that they can direct public concerns about library content to the library's website where answers about policies, procedures and criteria for book selection can be found.

As the meeting turned to the public comment period, Ashley reminded the public that the council passed a motion at the previous meeting to restrict public comment to Telford Borough residents. As a result, there was only one speaker.

The speaker, Luke Ziegler, with Jacobus's report in hand, accused the library of putting "easily manipulated" children in harm's way by giving them "perverse" material. He thanked his parents for raising him with the "truth" found in scripture and said that the books cited in Jacobus's report should be replaced by the Bible.

"The Bible and all its esteemed literature is only the most influential literature in all of human history and about the greatest tri-act of a being you could ever believe in, whoever ex-

isted for the greatest reason ever," said Ziegler. "We have seen what fills the void in the absence of scripture, all kinds of chaos and perversions, such as these graphic novels."

Council also passed a motion to require agenda items to be submitted to the borough manager by the close of business on the Wednesday before borough meetings unless under emergency circumstances. They additionally floated the idea of a community clean-up event on Earth Day, appointed Kyle Detweiler as the new borough manager and announced that PennDOT's long-awaited Main Street resurfacing project will begin next week.

The next Telford Borough Council meeting is on May 8 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit [telfordborough.org](https://www.telfordborough.org).

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