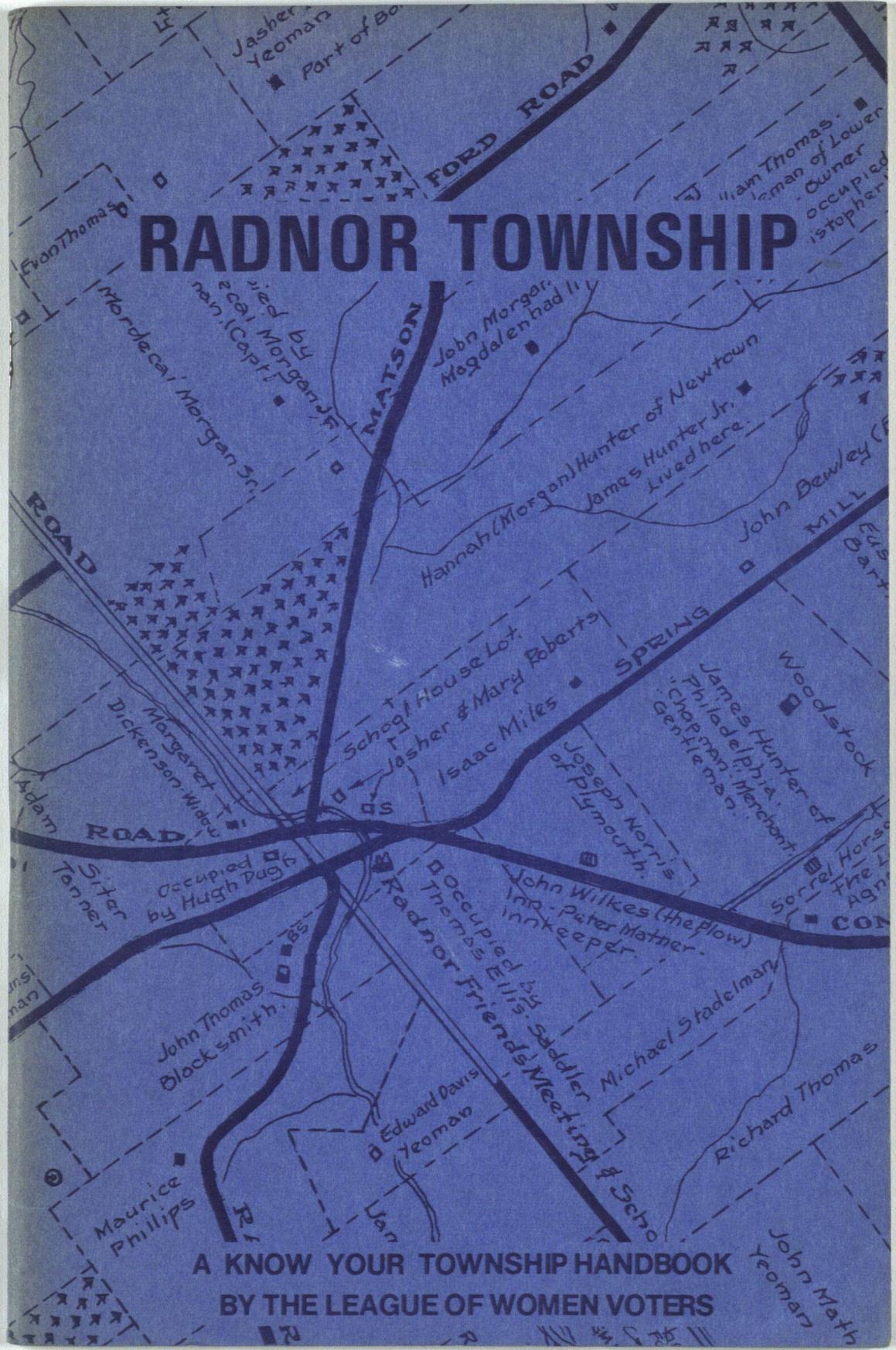


RADNOR TOWNSHIP



A KNOW YOUR TOWNSHIP HANDBOOK
BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters

is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to encourage informed and active citizen participation in government and politics. Its work is devoted basically to the following:

Voters Service, which includes distribution of nonpartisan information on candidates and issues as well as an annual Radnor Township Legislative Directory;

Projects to encourage registration and voting;

Candidates meetings to inform the electorate on issues and candidates;

Study of and action on various governmental issues (national, state, and local), as selected by League membership.

Membership in the League is open to anyone over 18 years of age.

We wish to thank Township and School District officials and employees, members of the League of Women Voters, and other private citizens for their help in the preparation and distribution of this booklet.

The cover design shows a portion of a map of Radnor in 1776, researched by Katharine Hewitt Cummin and drawn by Herbert S. Henderson. Copies of the entire map are available for \$3.00 from the Radnor Historical Society which is also the greatest source of information on the history of Radnor. Mrs. Cummin furnished the material for our chapter on Radnor, Past and Present.

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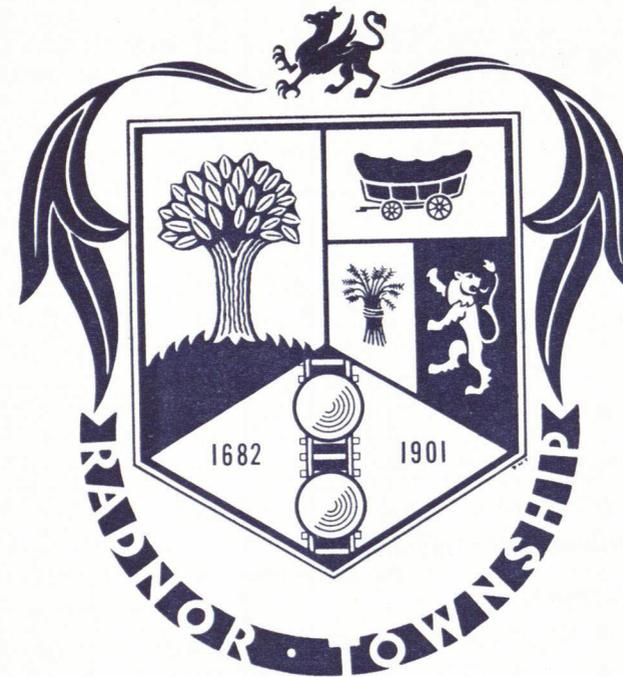
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THE SEAL OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP

Adopted in 1977



- TREE** – William Penn's "Greene Countrie Towne."
- CONESTOGA WAGON** – The wagon that traveled the road to the west.
- WHEAT SHEAF** – Early farming.
- LION** – Found in the coat-of-arms of Radnorshire, Wales.
- RAILROAD TRACKS** – Main line of the railroad from Philadelphia to the West.
- PENDULES** – Found in William Penn's coat-of-arms.
- 1682** – Year of land grant by William Penn.
- 1901** – Year of incorporation of Township.
- GRIFFIN** – Mythological animal. (Believed by the Greeks to inhabit Scythia and to guard its gold.)

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RADNOR - Past and Present

Radnor Township is located on what is known as Philadelphia's Main Line, a series of residential suburbs along the main rail line from Philadelphia to the west on an area of 13.8 square miles. Post office addresses used by local residents include Wayne, St. Davids, Radnor, Villanova, Rosemont, Bryn Mawr and Newtown Square. None of these communities is a political entity. While they are all part of Radnor Township, only St. Davids is located entirely within the Township.

Once a home of the Lenni Lenape indians, Radnor was first settled in the 1680's by Welshmen from Radnorshire who bought land from William Penn or his assigns and established farms on the moderately fertile ground. For two centuries Radnor remained predominantly agricultural. Using the water power of Darby and Ithan creeks, the Welsh set up small grist mills, saw mills and tanneries which have long since been abandoned and have disappeared. The first stone buildings of the Radnor Friends Meeting House and of St. David's Church adjacent to the Township line stand after 250 years as memorials to the Welsh who founded Radnor.

The Conestoga Road from Philadelphia to the west, laid out in the 1730's, bisected the Township. Its traffic supported four inns, only one of which now stands as the Agnes Irwin Lower School. Lying between the Brandywine Creek and Valley Forge, Radnor was a no-man's-land during the Revolution. It was traversed by both armies and raided for livestock, food, fuel and clothing. Washington established an outpost on the heights behind the Radnor Friends Meeting House from which the network of roads could be surveyed.

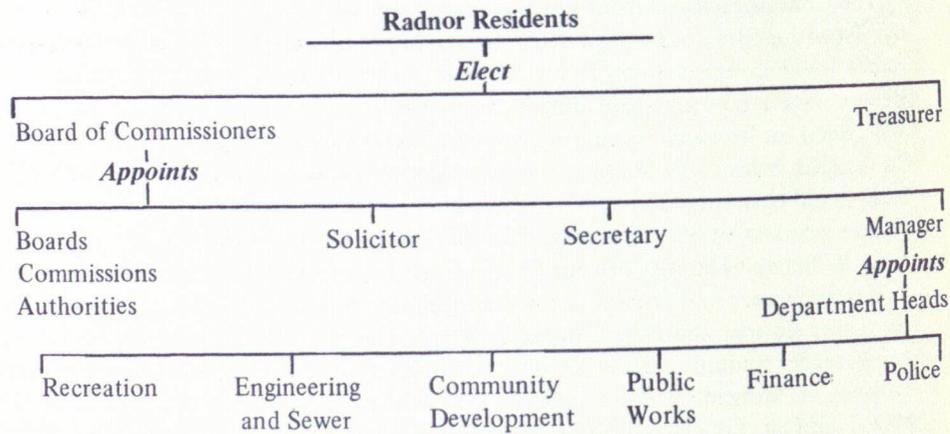
The opening of the Lancaster Turnpike in 1794 led to the development of land along its length. The magnificent Spread Eagle Inn replaced an earlier tavern, two new inns were erected and small settlements appeared on both ends of the Township where the Turnpike met the older Conestoga Road. The railroad, crossing the Township in 1834, made Radnor more accessible to the city. Near its stations new settlements evolved; at Morgan's Corner (Radnor), at White Hall (the Radnor section of Bryn Mawr) and at Louella (Wayne). Wayne, an upland summer resort of the 1880's, became Radnor's population center. Brickyards (in Garrett Hill) and quarries also spurred development.

In the outlying areas, industrialists from Philadelphia turned the farmlands into country estates. They built handsome mansions, many of which still stand and are now occupied by golf and country clubs, colleges, schools and charitable and religious organizations. Some estates have been replaced by residential and commercial developments and parkland. One large farm remains.

Since World War II Radnor has experienced tremendous growth. By 1960 the population of 21,697 was almost double that of twenty years before. Although many residents still work and shop in Philadelphia, new business has been created in and around Radnor Township. However, it is primarily a residential community of single-family homes on tree-shaded streets. Wayne is the main business district. Smaller shopping centers are located in Strafford, St. Davids, Villanova, Ithan, Rosemont and Garrett Hill.

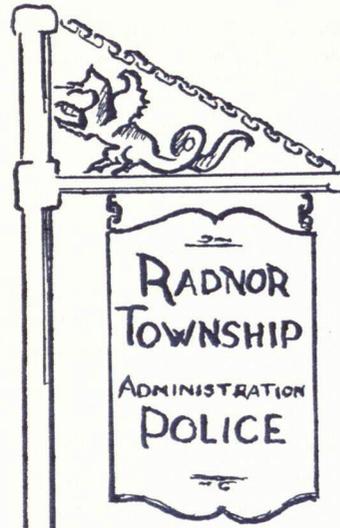
RADNOR GOVERNMENT

The U.S. Constitution left to the states responsibility for state, county and local government. As a result, patterns of governmental structure and services evolved in different ways as the country was settled. At the county and local level, most jurisdictions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adhere to the pattern established in its early state constitution. This pattern was implemented by legislative statutes known as "codes." However, recognizing the growing complexity and diversity of communities, a new constitution was passed in 1968 which gave to counties and local governments the right to establish "home rule" government, to be formulated and approved by the voters with guidelines for implementation in Act 62 (1972). A "home rule" charter for Radnor Township was approved by the voters in 1976. The Charter mandated that details of organization and administration be provided in an Administrative Code, to be established by local ordinance. Open meetings and provisions for recall, initiative and referendum were among the devices to encourage citizen participation.



ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Legislative and executive powers under the Charter are exercised by a seven-member Board of Commissioners, each of whom represents one of the seven wards into which the Township is divided. A Commissioner is elected for a four-year term by the voters of the ward and receives a yearly salary of \$2100. As the terms are staggered, the Commissioners do not all come up for election in the same year. A President and Vice-President of the Commissioners are elected by the Board annually, and all Commissioners are appointed to oversee certain aspects of Township operation as established by the Charter and Administrative Code. They establish a budget, levy taxes and pass other ordinances necessary for the government of the Township. Public meetings of the Board are held twice a month at the Township Building on Iven Avenue.



TREASURER: The Treasurer is elected at large for a four-year term, and compensation is fixed by ordinance. The Treasurer receives, deposits and records all monies due the Township or collectible by the Township as provided in the Charter and Administrative Code. If directed, the Treasurer may also collect school district taxes.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

TOWNSHIP MANAGER: The Manager, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, is the chief administrative officer of the Township and is responsible to the Commissioners for the execution of all policies and for the administration of all affairs delegated by the Board as established by the Charter and Administrative Code. The Manager appoints department heads subject to Board approval and directs all administrative departments. With the cooperation of all Departments, he prepares and recommends to the Board an annual budget. The Manager's compensation as well as that of all appointed officials is fixed by the Board.

TOWNSHIP SECRETARY: The Secretary is appointed by the Board of Commissioners and serves as secretary to the Board and keeper of the Township seal and attests to official actions taken by the Board. The Secretary maintains and publishes a calendar for regular meetings of Boards, Commissions and Authorities and is custodian of the records and minutes.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR: The Solicitor is appointed by the Board of Commissioners and serves as the legal advisor to the Board, Department Heads, Administrative Officers, Boards and Authorities and Commissions, except as otherwise provided by law. The Solicitor represents the Township in legal proceedings.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Administrative departments of the Township are under the direction of the Manager and are comprised of the departments of Community Development, Engineering and Sewer, Finance, Police, Public Works and Recreation. Department Heads and Directors are responsible to the Manager who supervises their work. Appointment and dismissal are made subject to the approval of the Board.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: The Community Development Department, headed by a Director, is responsible for the administration and enforcement of regulatory ordinances of the Township. Administrative personnel in this Department include the Health Officer, Plumbing Inspector, Building Inspector and Fire Marshal. The Director reviews all construction plans and subdivision plans and, with the Township Engineer, conducts inspections of the sites to ensure compliance. Building permits and

business licenses are also issued through this Department. When appropriate, complaints and appeals are referred to the Board of Commissioners, Board of Health, Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission.

ENGINEERING AND SEWER DEPARTMENT: The Engineering and Sewer Department, under the direction of the Township Engineer, is responsible for furnishing professional engineering advice and consultation, for reviewing all engineering and construction plans, and for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Township sanitary sewer collection system. It provides engineering consultation and advice to the Public Works Department and to other departments as required in the areas of street construction, drainage, storm sewers and floodplain maintenance. The Township Engineer serves as Chairman of the Subdivision Advisory Committee with the Director of Community Development and the Director of Public Works. This Committee processes and reviews subdivision applications.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT: The Finance Department, under the direction of the Finance Director, is responsible for the collection, expenditure, accounting, investment and management of Township funds and assets as specified in the Charter. It collects the Township occupational privilege tax, mercantile tax, amusement tax, sewer rents, special assessments and other charges. It maintains a uniform accounting system, administers a uniform Township purchasing procedure and other responsibilities as outlined in the Charter. It assists the Manager and Department Heads in the preparation of the Township budget.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: The Police Department, under the direction of the Chief of Police, is responsible for maintaining public order and enforcing laws and ordinances by taking lawful and appropriate measures to prevent crime and to protect persons and property against crime. It also directs traffic and promotes public safety. The Board of Commissioners fixes the number of police officers and supervises the organization of the police force. Other employees of the Department include the school crossing guards, parking meter attendants, dispatchers and the animal warden. Larceny, burglary, disorderly conduct and vandalism are the most common types of crime committed in Radnor. An overnight lockup of four cells is maintained. A volunteer Townwatch, organized in 1977, acts as additional "eyes and ears" and alerts police to trouble areas.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: The Public Works Department, administered by the Director of Public Works, collects and disposes of solid wastes and snow, and is responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of Township physical facilities and equipment. It also constructs and maintains streets and bridges and provides for installation and maintenance of signs.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: The Recreation Department, administered by the Director of Recreation, is responsible for development, operation and maintenance of Township recreation facilities and for the development, administration and supervision of recreation programs for all age and interest groups. It coordinates and plans with the School District and other agencies and institutions for utilization of their facilities for recreational purposes. It also is responsible for the planting and removal of trees and plants on Township property and rights-of-way.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES

In accordance with the Charter and Administrative Code, volunteers serve the Township on various Boards, Commissions and Authorities. They are appointed by the Board, are advisory in nature and perform no administrative function except where otherwise provided by law. Terms are staggered and their lengths vary, but no member may serve more than two terms. Any vacancies are filled by the Board as needed.

BOARD OF HEALTH: The Board of Health consists of five members, three of whom must be licensed doctors, registered nurses or persons trained and experienced in public-health matters. The term of office is five years. The Board of Health advises the Commissioners and the Community Development Department on matters of public health necessary to protect the health of the citizens. It also advises on federal and state laws and regulations.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: The Civil Service Commission consists of three members, and no member may at the same time hold another elected or appointed office. The term of office is four years. It enforces rules and regulations approved by the Board, certifies qualified applicants for positions and promotions within the Police Department and may investigate all matters concerned with the administration and enforcement of civil service provisions in the Administrative Code. It may issue subpoenas, hold hearings and hear appeals.

ETHICS BOARD: The Ethics Board consists of five members, one of whom is the incumbent President of the Board, who may not serve as Chairman or Vice-Chairman. The term of office is four years. The Ethics Board hears and investigates written complaints and may formally file its findings with the Board of Commissioners or render confidential advisory opinions.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: The Municipal Authority consists of five members, whose term of office is five years. Duties of the Authority are to acquire, hold, construct, improve, maintain, operate and own or lease the Township Building, sewers, sewer systems and projects pertaining to parking spaces, playgrounds, park and recreation grounds and facilities. It holds and invests funds as they are created and redeems obligations as they mature.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD: The Park and Recreation Board consists of seven members, two of whom are delegated by the Radnor School Board from its membership. The term of office is five years. The Board advises the Commissioners and the Recreation Department on matters of recreational policy and administration. It makes recommendations on matters concerning the utilization of programs and on facilities, fees, maintenance and shade tree management.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The Planning Commission consists of nine members, whose term of office is four years. The Commission advises the Board on all plans related to development in the Township. It makes recommendations concerning the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, subdivision building standards and zoning.

ZONING HEARING BOARD: The Zoning Hearing Board consists of three members, and the term of office is three years. It conducts hearings and renders decisions on appeals, variances and special exceptions.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD: The Board of Commissioners appoints two members to represent the Township government on the fifteen-member Library Board. The term of these two members is three years. Most of the Library's operating budget funds come from Township taxes.

RADNOR-HAVERFORD-MARPLE SEWER AUTHORITY: The Authority consists of two appointees from each of the townships. The term of office is five years. It owns and operates certain trunk mains and meters and provides television inspection services for sewage mains owned by the individual townships. The Authority is responsible for providing for treatment of all sewage emanating from the Darby Creek Drainage Basin in Radnor, Haverford, Marple, Newtown and Tredyffrin townships. The sewage is treated in plants located on the Delaware River. Approximately 90% of the population of Radnor is served by public sewers.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Since the early 1960's, Radnor Township has been characterized by substantial growth in the number of residences and of offices and other commercial establishments. There is no longer any manufacturing industry, but there are now about 16,000 people employed in the Township. Many work in regional and national headquarters offices within a half-mile of the Radnor train station. They include Sun Company, Sears, Chilton Company, TV Guide, Wyeth Laboratories and other major firms.

The most recent comprehensive land use plan was approved in 1969 and has not been updated. The plan provides a guide for orderly growth by mapping out the preferred land uses for different areas in the Township, including a range of residential densities for apartments as well as for homes on one-acre lots.

Density modification is permitted for larger developments, so that houses may be clustered more closely together on smaller lots, permanently setting aside open space reserves within the new developments.

Strict controls have been legislated for construction on floodplains and on steep slopes.

Development and subdivision proposals are thoroughly reviewed in a process starting with staff attention for compliance with the subdivision ordinance and other relevant codes. The Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners also analyze the proposals, with the Commissioners granting final approval or rejection.

ZONING

The Zoning Ordinance is a major Township law, restricting specifics of land use. The ordinance divides the Township into "zones," or areas where only one type of new development is allowed.

For instance, one zone may permit only single homes, another only offices or another, apartments. The ordinance puts specific limits on lot size, building height, setbacks, number of required parking spaces, minimum green or open spaces, etc.

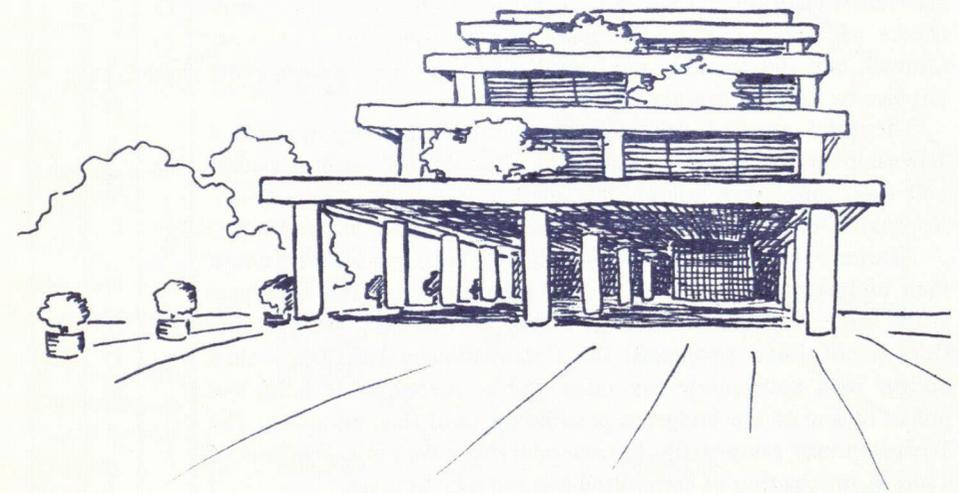
Certain uses and buildings which pre-date the zoning are allowed to continue, although the Zoning Ordinance controls any modifications to them.

Like any Township law, the ordinance may be changed by a vote of the Board of Commissioners. Such changes include amending the wording or rezoning a property or a neighborhood.

The ordinance provides for cases where zoning rules should not be strictly applied. If a hardship peculiar to the property is shown in an appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board, a variance will be granted. Also built into the law are special exceptions for uses in some zones under specified criteria.

Limitations or conditions are often listed for variances or special exceptions in the decisions of the Zoning Hearing Board.

Zoning Hearing Board decisions are independent of the Board of Commissioners, although the zoners' procedures must follow the state Municipalities Planning Code.



TOWNSHIP FINANCES

Township services are financed primarily by the tax on real estate. Additional sources of revenue are fees, other taxes and the sale of bonds for capital purposes. Taxes are levied by the Board of Commissioners who is responsible for all fiscal policies. (The School Board levies school district taxes, and County Council establishes county taxes.)

The real estate tax accounts for about 55% of all revenues for running the local government. Property is assessed at a certain percentage of its market value and is the basis for the real estate tax. In 1979 the total real estate tax rate for the Township, the county and the school district was 236.00 mills. At that rate, the taxpayer pays \$236.00 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation of his property. The ratio of assessed value to actual value is the result of county assessment practices. Assessment of new construction, reassessments, choice of assessors and tax appeals are all functions of County Council, and the resulting tax base is used not only by the county but also by local governments and school districts.

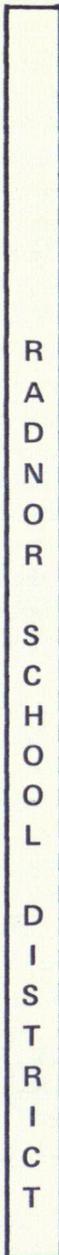
The total assessed valuation for computing taxes in Radnor Township in 1979 was \$61,244,300. The 1979 Township budget and tax rate were about 8% higher than the year before. Approximately one-third of the property in Radnor is tax-exempt.

As directed by the Home Rule Charter, the Commissioners adopt their budget by December 31 for the following year. The fiscal year is the same as the calendar year. From the Township Manager and Department Head proposals, the Commissioners establish a final budget with appropriate tax rates. Public meetings are held, and public review of the budget is possible up until final adoption. The Township may temporarily borrow operating revenue in the form of loans in anticipation of committed income such as taxes.

The general fund for 1979 is shown on the accompanying charts. The 1979 budget totaled \$4,662,676 for Township services.

1979 TAXES

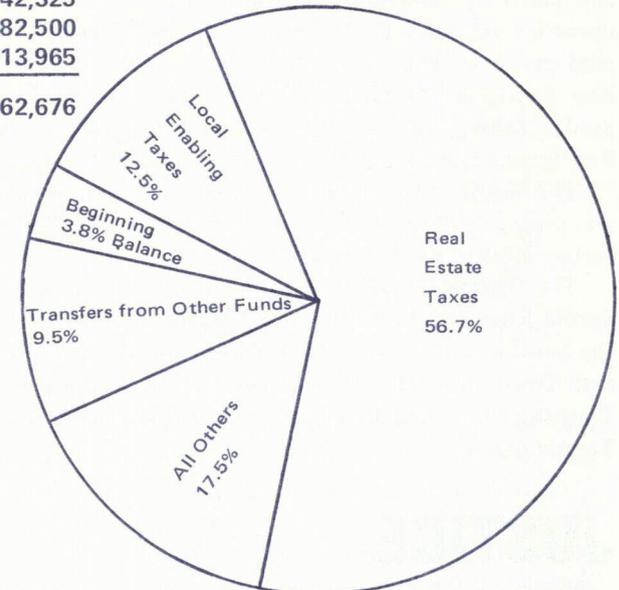
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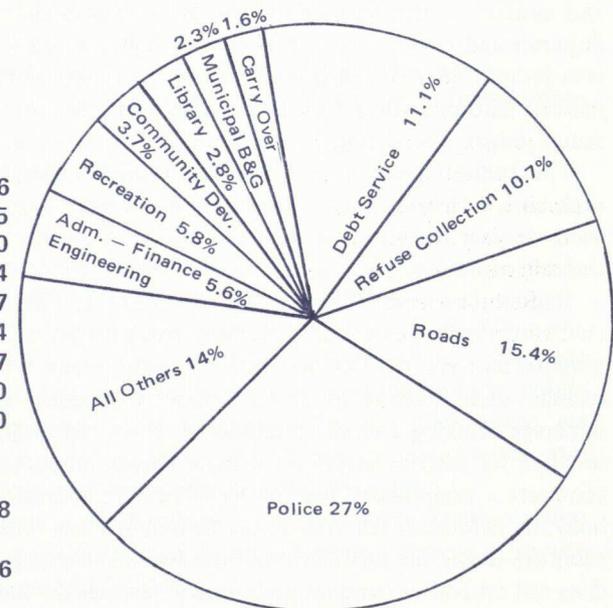
1979 Income

Real Estate Taxes	\$2,644,340
Beginning Balance	179,546
Transfers from Other Funds	442,325
Local Enabling Taxes	582,500
All Others	813,965
Total	\$4,662,676



1979 Expenditures

Police	1,259,246
Debt Service	518,205
All Other	651,160
Refuse Collection	499,974
Roads	716,107
Recreation	269,724
Community Devel.	175,517
Library	131,000
Municipal Bldg. & Grounds	108,740
Administration	} 264,728
Finance	
Engineering	
Carry Over	76,276



FIRE PROTECTION

The Radnor Fire Company is located in the center of Wayne. It has approximately 55 active volunteers who elect the Fire Chief. It is supported partly by contributions and partly by Township funds which pay for major equipment acquisition and some operating expenses. It also operates an ambulance service staffed during the week by paid personnel and on weekends by volunteers, all of whom are state certified and have Emergency Medical (EM) Technician training. This service is financed by special public subscription. A paid dispatcher operates the switchboard at all times. Firefighting and ambulance services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Board of Commissioners also makes financial contributions to neighboring fire companies in Bryn Mawr, Newtown Square and Broomall that have easier access to certain areas in Radnor Township.

The Bryn Mawr Zone is in the Southeast corner of the Township, bordered by Sproul Road and North Spring Mill Road and Township lines. The Broomall Zone is in the Southwest corner of the Township, bordered by Bryn Mawr Avenue, Sproul Road and Township lines. The Newtown Square Zone is on the Western edge of the Township, bordered by Saw Mill Road, Darby-Paoli Road, Bryn Mawr Avenue and Township lines.

JUSTICE

The Courts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are unified under the supervision and control of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Other statewide courts are the Superior and Commonwealth Courts, which are appellate courts. The state is divided into judicial districts, each with a Court of Common Pleas. Delaware County is such a judicial district with a Court of Common Pleas comprised of twelve judges and two senior judges. These judges are elected for a term of ten years.

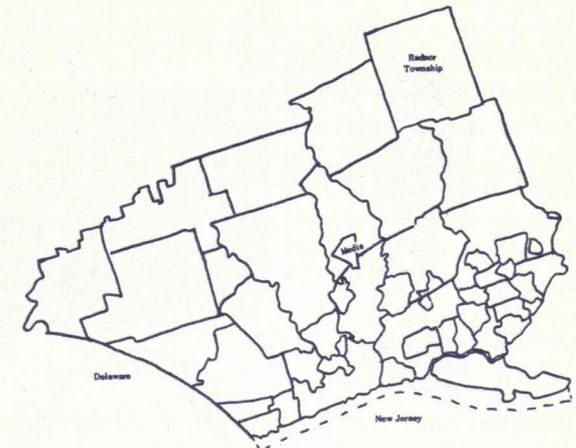
The Judicial District of Delaware County is divided into thirty-three subdistricts, each with a District Justice (formerly known as a Justice of the Peace), who is elected for a six-year term and paid a fixed salary. A Justice must be a lawyer or complete a training course and pass an examination before assuming office.

Radnor Township is Judicial District 32-1-11, with a District Justice responsible for civil and criminal cases. In civil cases, small claims up to a \$2,000 limit are heard. In criminal matters, the District Justice hears all minor crimes (summary offenses), which include such matters as motor vehicle violations, disorderly conduct, trespassing, underage drinking and all violations of Township ordinances. The District Justice also sets bail for persons arrested for more serious crimes (misdemeanors and felonies) and conducts a preliminary hearing to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to hold the defendant for trial in the Common Pleas Court in Media. All serious juvenile cases are under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court in Media, and the District Justice does not set bail or conduct preliminary hearings for these cases.

DELAWARE COUNTY

Radnor Township is located in Delaware County, a county of about 586,400 population, with the county seat located in Media.

Although most counties in Pennsylvania operate under the old system which is determined by state statutes, Delaware County is governed by a "home rule" charter which was approved by the voters in 1975, the first in the state. Policy is made by a Council of five members, elected at-large, beginning in 1979 for a limit of two staggered terms. Other elected county officials are as follows: County Solicitor, County Clerk, District Attorney, Controller, Sheriff and Register of Wills. A County Executive Director appointed by the Council is responsible for administration and management of departments of county government not directly managed by the Council. Among these are the following: Budget Administration, Central Purchasing, Public Works, Health Coordination, Consumer Affairs and Senior Citizen Services.



The County is responsible for these functions:

- Administration of institutions such as a home for the aged and a prison.
- Administration of County courts, including probate of wills and administration of estates.
- Supervision of voting registration and elections.
- Issuance of dog, hunting and fishing licenses.
- Issuance of marriage licenses.
- Assessment of property for taxation purposes.
- Collection of County real estate and personal property taxes.

The County takes primary responsibility for waste water planning and treatment.

Delaware County is represented on the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) which collects data and issues regional plans for land use, public transportation, open space, sewer and water systems. Other counties which are represented are: Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery and Chester in Pennsylvania, and the New Jersey counties of Camden, Burlington, Mercer and Gloucester.

Delaware County is represented on the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), which operates Conrail and Reading Railroad commuter service and owns the bus and trolley lines serving Radnor.

RADNOR SCHOOL DISTRICT



STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS

The Constitution of the Commonwealth and the laws of the General Assembly provide the legal framework for the Radnor Township School District. The Pennsylvania School Code (not a part of the Radnor Charter) is a compendium of all school law. It is administered by the Secretary of Education, a cabinet-level position; the State Department of Education; and the State Board of Education, a board of directors appointed by the Governor. The Code provides for a free public education for all school-age children including identified exceptional students. In addition, federal laws and regulations as well as court decisions supplement Pennsylvania law and mandate additional requirements on local districts.

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

The Radnor School Board has nine school directors who serve without pay and are elected at-large on a party ballot for four-year, overlapping terms. The School Code requires that candidates be at least 18 years old, be residents of the school district for at least one year before election and not hold any other public office. Candidates are permitted to cross-file and may appear before the political party committees for possible endorsement. Those elected in November take office in December. Vacancies are filled within thirty days by majority vote of the Board members, and such appointees serve only until the next municipal election.

The Board determines general educational policies in compliance with state and federal law, adopts a balanced annual budget and sets the local school tax rate. It approves the hiring of both professional and non-professional personnel, and through the collective bargaining law, Act 195 (1970), and local Agency law, establishes grievance and dismissal procedures. The Radnor Township School Authority, whose members are appointed by the School Directors, borrows money through bond issues to finance school construction and to provide administration of long-term indebtedness.

Regular meetings of the School Board are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month either in the Administration Building or in individual schools. Special meetings may be called and are advertised in the local press. All regular and special meetings are open to the public, and no official action may be taken by the Board in executive session except as provided and limited by law.

ADMINISTRATION

The Radnor Township School District is administered by a Superintendent of Schools who is hired by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for a three-to five-year term, with no tenure rights. Other central office staff may include Assistant Superintendents for Curriculum and Personnel, a Business Manager, a Director of Special Education, and additional administrative assistants or supervisors as determined by the Board.

ENROLLMENT

The District is experiencing a decline in enrollment. One elementary school has been closed (Rowland), and another is anticipated to close in June 1980 (Rosemont). Enrollment as of December 1, 1978, was 3,676, and the projected enrollment for 1985-86 is 2,369. The five schools in the district are: Radnor Senior High (grades 9 - 12), 1,476 pupils; Radnor Middle School (grades 6 - 8), 858 pupils; and Ithan, Rosemont and Wayne Elementary Schools (grades K - 5), a total of 1,351 pupils.

TEACHING STAFF

In 1978-79 there were 246 full-time equivalent members of the professional staff. The Radnor Township Educational Association is the recognized bargaining unit for this staff, and a negotiated contract was ratified in June 1977 for a three-year period beginning September 1977. The contract includes the Radnor Career Plan, which provides for a modified merit salary plan of three tracks based on performance evaluations and number of years of service in the District. The mean teacher salary in 1978-79 was \$16,500. State tenure law entitles teachers with valid teaching certificates to tenure rights after two years of successful teaching performance in the Pennsylvania schools.

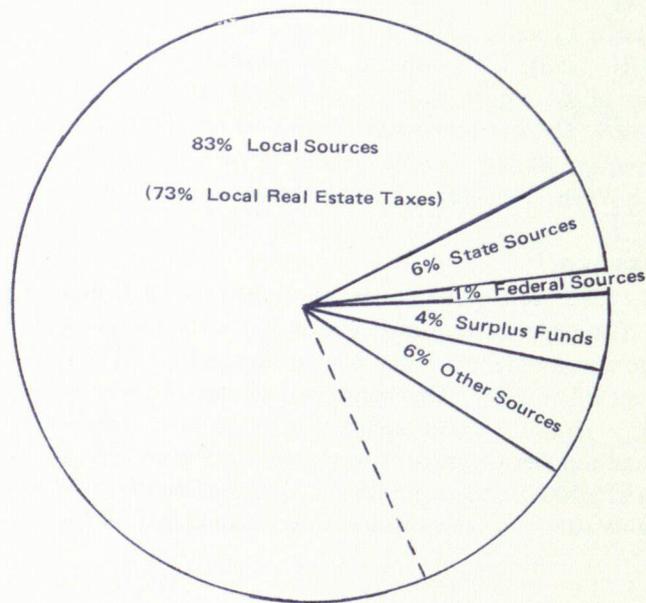
FINANCE

Financing local education is primarily dependent on local real estate taxes, with some additional income from state and federal sources through subsidies and grants. Each spring the Board adopts an annual balanced budget after open public study sessions, advertisement and a public hearing. For the fiscal year July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980 the real estate tax rate was 146 mills per \$1,000 of assessed market value. Major categories in revenue and expenditures are shown on the accompanying charts. Salaries and wages constitute 52% of the total expenditure of \$12,284,230.

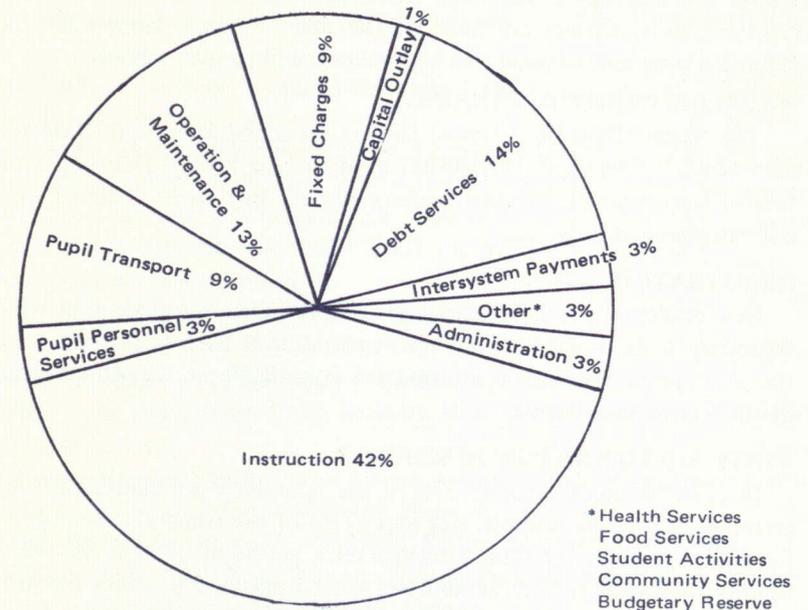
The tuition cost per student in Radnor Township for 1978-79 as calculated by the State Department of Education, was \$1,892 per elementary student and \$1,814 per secondary student. These figures represent instructional costs only and do not include transportation, debt service, Community College and other nonrelated expenses.

RADNOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT 1979-80 BUDGET

Revenue



Expenditures



* Health Services
Food Services
Student Activities
Community Services
Budgetary Reserve

SPECIAL EDUCATION

State and federal laws and court decisions mandate a free public education for all identified exceptional students. The School Board provides district operated classes for learning disabled, socially and emotionally disturbed and gifted students. Mentally retarded students and others are provided for in either Intermediate Unit classes or placements in approved private schools based on individual educational programs for each student. The Intermediate Unit is the County educational service unit which provides school districts with special educational programs and consultative services.

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

The School District provides vocational and technical training in three Vo-Tech high schools operated by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit Vo-Tech Board and financed by state and local contributions. Thirty Radnor students were enrolled in 1978-79; total enrollment at the three schools exceeded 3,000 students. The operating budget for 1978-79 was \$3,901,879, with a \$1,171 cost per pupil. Radnor's share in 1978-79 was \$30,344.

DELAWARE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Radnor School District is one of eleven Delaware County districts which sponsor the Delaware County Community College. Radnor's share of its capital and operating expenses amounted to \$225,389 for 1978-79. Total enrollment for the Winter 1978 semester was 5,099 students, who attend on both a part-time and full-time basis. Classes are held on the main campus, Route 252, Media, and in extension programs in some area high schools and vo-tech schools.

MAIN LINE PROJECT LEARNING

The Radnor Township School District, in cooperation with Haverford and Lower Merion School Districts, participates in Main Line Project Learning, a Title I federally funded project which provides nursery schools, English as a Second Language services and other related programs.

REGISTRATION

New residents who have school-age children may enroll them at the elementary or secondary schools. Pre-kindergarten registration is held each spring and advertised in the local press. Additional information is available at the Administration Building, South Wayne Ave., Wayne.

STATE AID TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In 1978-79, approximately 27% of the school-age population of Radnor Township attended non-public schools. Act 89 (1975) of the General Assembly provides funds for special services for these students on a per-pupil basis of \$64.42. The Delaware County Intermediate Unit administers these funds and provides the professional staff for testing, counseling, speech and hearing therapy, etc., as requested by these schools.

The School Code requires each local district to provide health and dental services to non-public schools within each district; approximately 4,000 students in Radnor were served in 1978-79. Partial reimbursement of these costs is provided by state subsidy payments.

Act 372 (1972) grants transportation services to non-public students who attend schools in Radnor and within a 10-mile range of the District's boundaries. Direct and shuttle bus services, private contracts and commuter bus and rail systems are used in a complex transportation network currently serving 44 non-public schools. State transportation subsidies provide partial reimbursement for these costs.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Private schools located in Radnor Township include the Academy of Notre Dame de Namur, St. Aloysius Academy, St. Katharine of Siena School, Hill Top Preparatory School, Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, Agnes Irwin School, Archbishop Carroll High School and Valley Forge Military Academy. Degree-granting institutions include the American College, Cabrini College, Eastern College, Penn State University Extension, Valley Forge Junior College and Villanova University. All of these schools and colleges are tax-exempt. Many churches in the area operate private nursery schools.

PARK AND RECREATION AREAS

Under the supervision of a Park Superintendent, employees of the Recreation Department maintain all parks, playgrounds, field houses and Township-owned property. Recreation areas include the following:

Odorisio Memorial Park: West Wayne Avenue – Ball fields, Basketball courts, Tot-lot area, Ice-skating rink, Picnic area.

Rosemont Park: Conestoga Road, Rosemont – Ball field, Basketball court, Tennis courts.

Converse Field: Garrett Avenue between Conestoga Road and Lancaster Avenue – Ball fields, Picnic areas.

Encke Park: Iven Avenue – 3 holes of golf, Ball fields.

Darby Creek Area: between Briarwood Road and Saw Mill Road – Conservation area, Fishing.

Hare Tract: between Matsonford Road and Gulph Creek Road (Entrance on Gulph Creek Road) – Open space area.

Fenimore Woods: Eagle and Paul Roads – Picnic areas, Fishing.

Ithan Valley: runs along Ithan Creek between Mid-County Expressway and Ithan Avenue – Open space area.

Warren Filipone Memorial Park: South Devon Avenue – Ball fields, Tennis courts, Basketball courts, Tot-lot area, Ice-skating rink, Picnic area.

Cowan Field: Radnor Street Road – Ballfield, Basketball court, Tot-lot area.

Skunk Hollow: Darby-Paoli Road between Willows Park and Saw Mill Road – open space area along Darby and Little Darby Creek. Fishing.

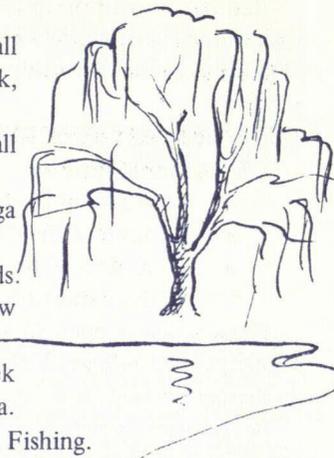
Willows Park: Darby-Paoli Road – 47 acres, Fishing, Picnic areas, Picnic stoves. The "Willows" building may be rented for weddings, business meetings, civic organizations and other special events.

In addition the school district owns and maintains play facilities at all the schools. It also owns a playground off North Wayne Avenue and Martha Brown's Woods at the end of Brown's Lane.

The Recreation Department sponsors year-round recreation programs which are partially funded by the Township. Cooperation between the Township and the School Board provides additional programs for all age groups. Details of recreation programs are available in a brochure distributed by the Recreation Department.

The following activities are sponsored by the Recreation Department: Sports clinics (basketball, football, soccer, golf, tennis), Tennis tournaments, Girls' softball, Ice skating, Judo, Ski program, Youth program, Marathon race, Crafts, Day camp, Playgrounds, Tot-lot, and "Holiday at the Willows."

The Radnor High School pool is available to any Radnor Township resident for a minimal membership fee plus fees for participation. Activities offered are: recreational swimming, lessons for children, scuba diving, slim-nastics, lap swimming, water safety and advanced life saving. Competitive swimming and diving teams are available for boys and girls ages 6 to 18.



ELECTORAL PROCESS

REGISTRATION

Radnor Township residents may register to vote by mailing an official mail registration card to the Delaware County Board of Elections, Media. These cards are obtainable at the Township Building, various public offices and from party committee people.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The registrant must be:

- 18 years old by the day after election.
- a citizen of the United States for at least one month.
- a resident of the State and election district where he/she will vote at least 30 days immediately preceding the election date.

Registration is open to any qualified person up to thirty days before each general, municipal and primary election. It is reopened thirty days following each general and municipal election, and five days following each primary election.

Registration is permanent if a resident votes at least once every two years and does not change his/her name or address. Voters register in the party of their choice or as a nonpartisan voter. Party registration may be changed by mail during the registration period.

Absentee registration is permitted for persons in military service, for civilian overseas employees and their dependents and for electors who are unable to appear in person because of illness or physical disability.

PENNSYLVANIA VOTING

The same requirements apply for voting as for registration. However, qualified voters who move from one election district to another in Pennsylvania within thirty days of an election may vote in the election district from which they moved.

ABSENTEE BALLOT

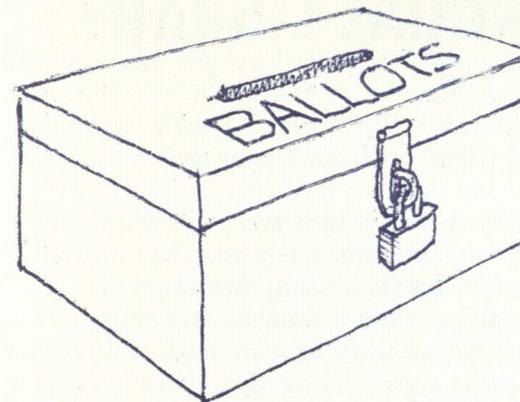
Any properly registered voter is entitled to vote by absentee ballot if the voter is unable to attend the polling place. To receive information concerning a request for an absentee ballot, call the County Board of Elections in Media, 891-2271, or speak to a local party committee person. Absentee ballots may be obtained up to a week before the election.

ELECTIONS

Primary elections are held on the third Tuesday in May in all except presidential years, when they are held on the fourth Tuesday in April. Only voters registered as members of a political party may vote for candidates in a primary election. Nonpartisan voters, however, can vote on questions that appear on the ballot in such elections. Referendum questions may appear on the ballot at any election.

General elections are held in even-numbered years, and local elections in odd-numbered years, on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

A voter may cast a write-in vote for a candidate not listed on the official ballot. A Judge of Elections at each polling place can explain the procedure.



POLITICAL PARTIES

As of April 1979, registration in Radnor Township was as follows: 9,983 Republicans; 2,929 Democrats; 939 non-partisan voters, and 6 Constitutional Party. The Township is divided into seven wards, each with two precincts. Each precinct has a polling place. Voters in each precinct elect two committee people for each party, who serve two-year terms without pay. Together the committee people form each party's Township Committee. Each party establishes its own operating procedures on a local, county and state level. Each party's Township Committee elects its own Party Chairman and participates with the County Committee in selecting candidates for election. Committee people see that residents are registered, inform the voters on issues, get out the votes, work at the polls and help raise party funds.

As of April 1979, registered voters in Delaware County numbered 202,398 Republicans, 75,867 Democrats, 150 Constitutional and 11,642 non-partisan and other parties. Each major party is governed by a County Committee made up of committee men and women from each voting precinct in the county. This group elects a County Chairman and other officers for two-year terms.

The main functions of a political party organization are selection, nomination and election of government officials. Anyone who wishes to run for County or local office may obtain a nominating petition from the County Board of Elections. It must be signed by a specific number of qualified voters from his or her party and filed by the required date. Ten signatures generally are required for most offices in a Township. The petition must be filed with the County Board of Elections along with an affidavit giving the candidate's residence, a loyalty oath and a filing fee for remunerative office.

A "political body," which is defined as an organization that has not polled the required number of votes as specified in the election code to qualify as a political party, may nominate candidates by nomination papers. Independent candidates may be nominated in the same way. The mechanics of obtaining and filing nomination papers are similar to those used for nomination petitions, but the names of candidates nominated in this manner go directly on the November general election ballot, whereas a party candidate must contest in the spring primary election.

RADNOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Memorial Library of Radnor Township, presently located on Lancaster Avenue in Wayne, has served the community since 1892. It has a collection of 69,000 volumes plus magazines, newspapers, 8mm films, recordings, art slides, filmstrips, art reproductions, puzzles and puppets. It also maintains a large research collection of magazines on microfilm.

During the 72 hours which the library is open each week, a reference librarian is always available to assist and to answer questions both in person and by telephone. A children's specialist assists parents and children in selecting children's books. Offerings for adults include film festivals, workshops, lectures, seminars, art exhibits, crafts and many other cultural and informational programs. With the assistance of the Friends of the Library, the Library regularly brings material to the homebound, presents story times at the summer camp playgrounds and conducts an ongoing oral history project.

The Library operates as a nonprofit corporation chartered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is governed by a fifteen-member Board of Trustees. Two members of the Board are appointed by the Township Commissioners, one is appointed by the Superintendent of the School District and the remainder are elected from a list submitted by the Trustees and the public. The Township tax money provides 72% of the operating budget. Fines, rentals, non-resident fees, memorial funds and state money in the amount of 25¢ per resident make up the rest.

In 1977 the voters approved a bond issue of \$1,285,500 to finance the construction of a new library to be built on West Wayne Avenue adjacent to the Post Office. Estimated completion is mid-1980. The new building will be double the size of the present facility. Construction of ramps will make it accessible for the handicapped. There will be space for 85,000 volumes and seating capacity for 140 readers. All reader services will be arranged on one level. In addition, the building will have a quiet room, audiovisual room, comfortable browsing areas and a puppet stage. There will also be a large meeting room for community use and library programs.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Wayne, which is the focal point for the business community, also is the center for social, cultural, civic and religious activities available to the residents of Radnor Township.

The Neighborhood League, on West Wayne Avenue, offers comprehensive home health care services. These include: Professional Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Home Health Aide Service, Maternal and Infant Service, Health Teaching and Guidance. These services are provided in accordance with the plan of care as ordered by the attending physician.

The Radnor Senior Program is also coordinated by the Neighborhood League. Senior Citizen services include a nutrition program, which provides hot meals for a nominal donation, five days a week. A bus is available for transportation to this program. Other senior citizen transportation needs within the community are met on a limited basis.

Meaningful community service by those 60 and over is provided by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). The local office is housed in the Neighborhood League building. Volunteers may be found helping at the schools, the library, hospitals, etc.

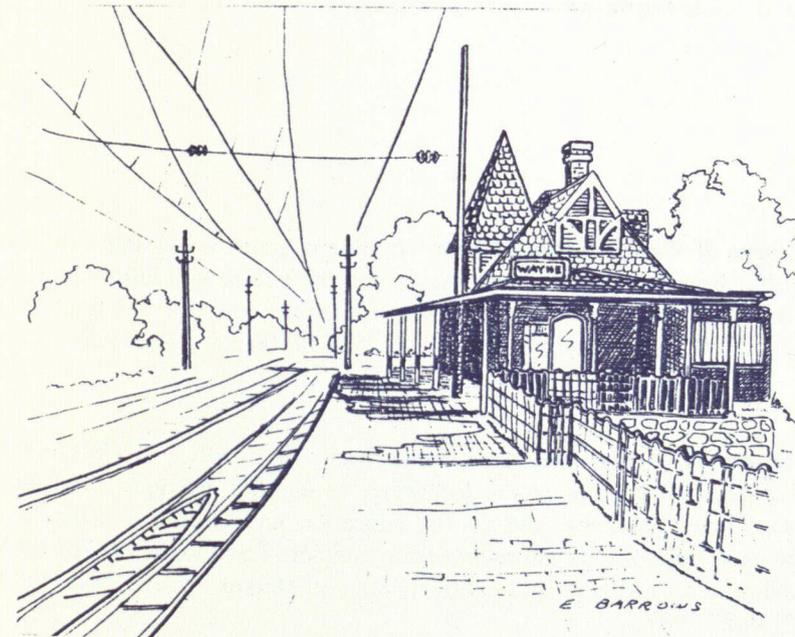
The Main Line Meals on Wheels, serving an area which includes Radnor Township, provides two meals a day, five days a week, to anyone who is handicapped or convalescing from an operation or illness, or to a senior citizen who is in need of nutritious meals. The charge is moderate, and food stamps are accepted. The program, serviced by volunteers, receives no federal aid but relies on private contributions. This program, now nationwide, was started 25 years ago in Delaware County. For further information regarding these programs call the League office.

Other facilities and programs available to the whole community are the Wayne Art Center, the Radnor Historical Society and W.A.Y.N.E. Incorporated, a teen recreation center. Main Line School Night provides a program of adult education, and programs are also offered by local colleges. Men's and women's service organizations meet regularly. Throughout the community there are many civic associations and homeowners' associations which represent neighborhood concerns.

While there are no hospitals in Radnor Township, residents of the area are served by three Main Line hospitals: Bryn Mawr, Lankenau, and Paoli Memorial. Nursing, rehabilitation and retirement homes are also available locally.

Weekly newspapers devoted to local news are *The Suburban and Wayne Times* located in Wayne, the *Main Line Times* with offices in Ardmore, and *Today's Post*, a daily with offices in King of Prussia.

A selected list of local and county organizations (service clubs, senior citizen clubs, garden clubs, etc.) may be obtained from the Radnor Memorial Library.

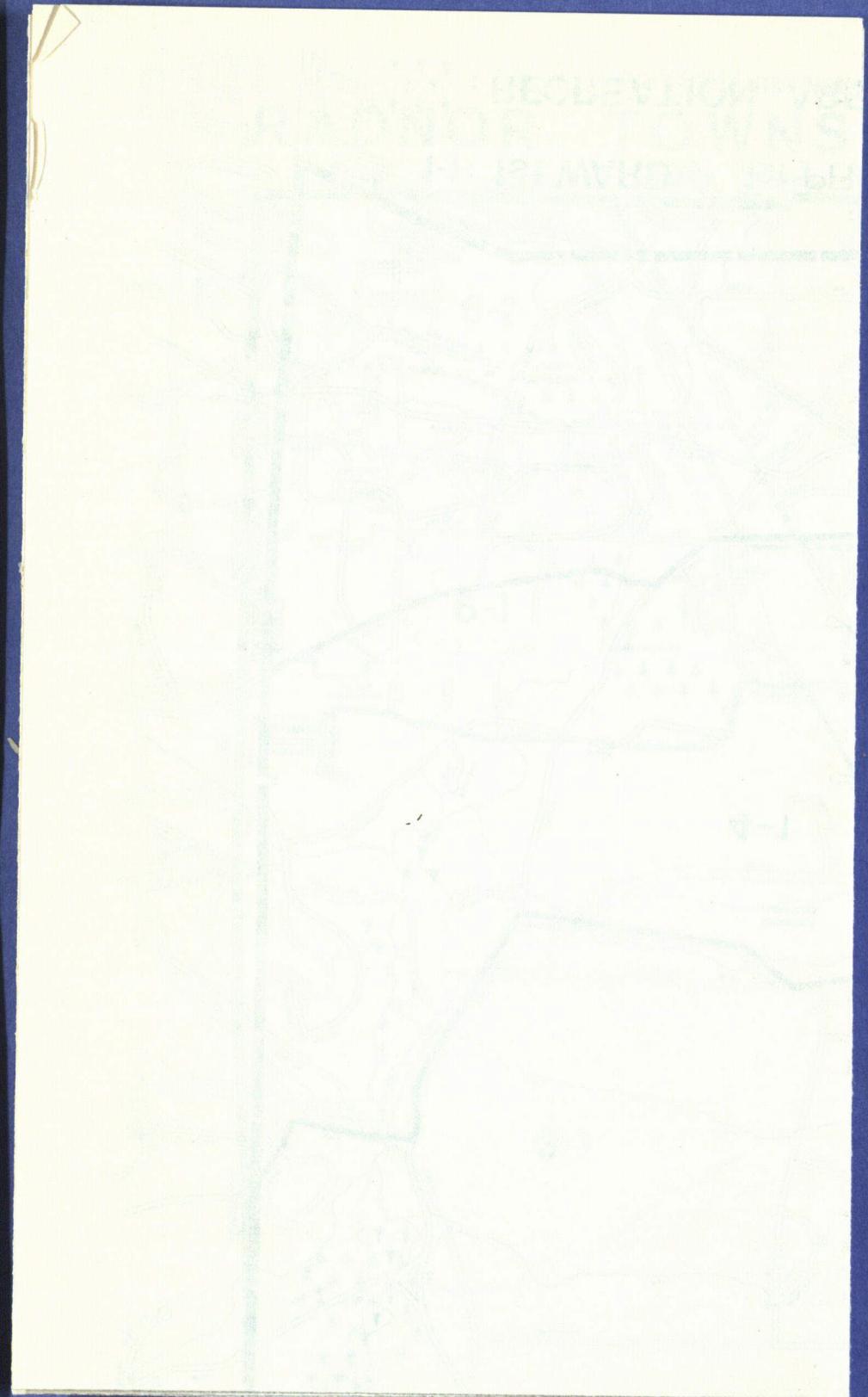


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Radnor Township Municipal Building688-5600
Police Department688-0500
Fire and Ambulance . . . . .	.688-0450
District Justice . . . . .	.525-5205
School Administration Building . . . . .	.688-8100
Memorial Library of Radnor Township . . . . .	.688-6475
Neighborhood League . . . . .	.688-3077
Radnor Historical Society . . . . .	.688-2668
W.A.Y.N.E. Inc. Teen Recreation Center . . . . .	.688-4761
Wayne Art Center . . . . .	.688-3553
Delaware County Court House - Assistance/Information . . . . .	.891-2011
Community College of Delaware County . . . . .	.353-5400
Delaware County Bar Association Lawyers Reference Service . . . . .	.566-6625
Public Assistance - Delaware County Board of Assistance . . . . .	.734-1710
State Employment Service . . . . .	.352-4700
Social Security Administration . . . . .	.734-1450

The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania maintains a Legislative Information Center in Harrisburg to provide local leagues and the public with information on bills before the Pennsylvania Legislature and on other matters relating to state government. Toll free phone: 1-800-692-7281, M-F 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

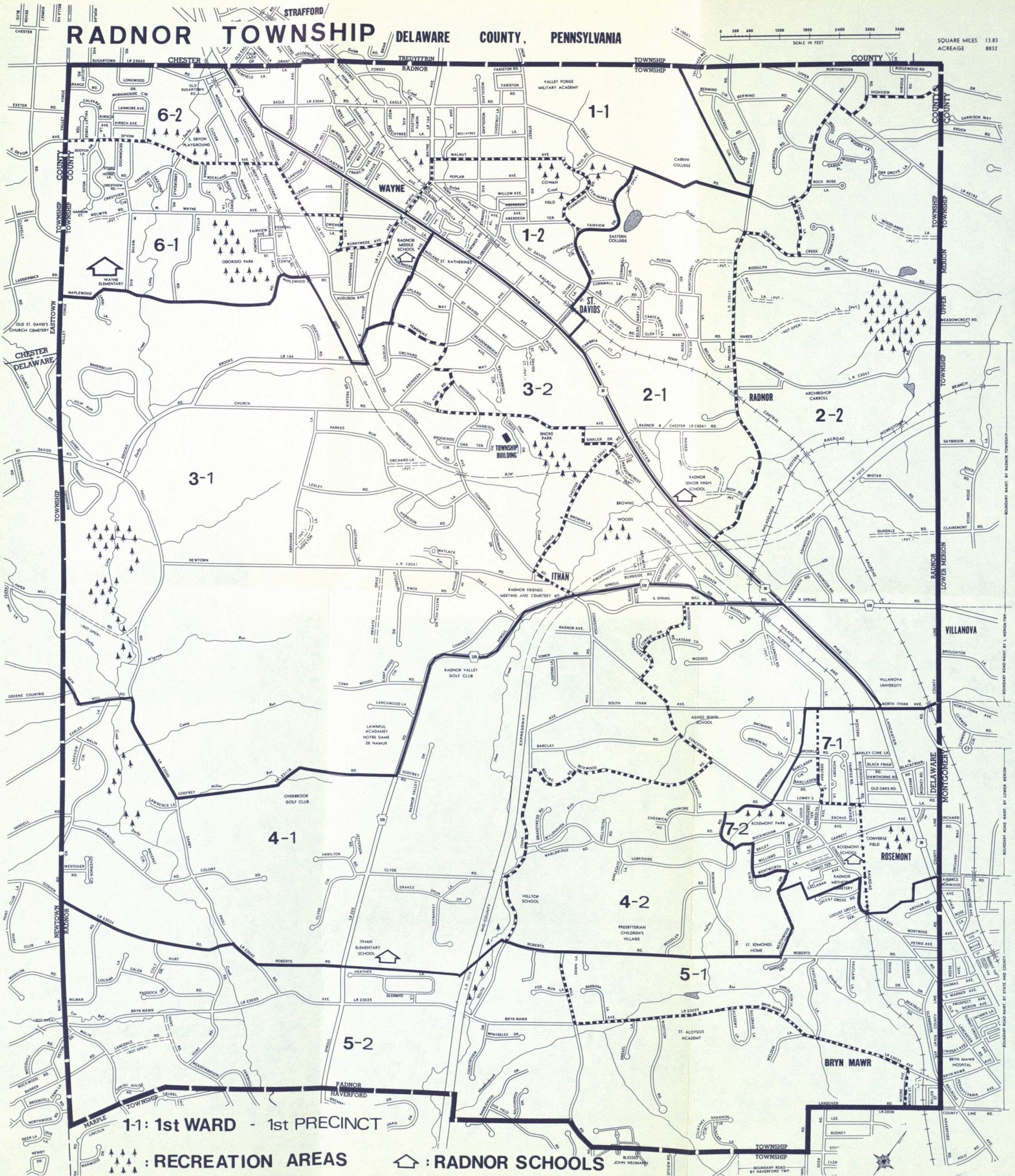
The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania State office in Philadelphia will furnish League publications on the following: voting and elections, local and state government, taxes, land use, the courts, education and consumer protection. For information on publications and membership contact: The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, Strawbridge and Clothier, 8th and Market Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. 19105, 215-627-7937.



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