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Warwick Fire Co. (non-emergency)	215-343-9971	Tax Collector – Denise Betts	215-491-0611

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3rd Monday 7pm

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Quarterly on 3rd Wednesday 7 pm

Financial Advisory Committee

Quarterly and as needed 12 pm

Zoning Hearing Board

1st Tuesday, as needed 7 pm

Planning Commission

1st Wednesday, as needed 7 pm

Tree Committee

Quarterly on 3rd Wednesday, as needed 7 pm

Water & Sewer Authority

4th Monday (3rd Monday in May) 7 pm

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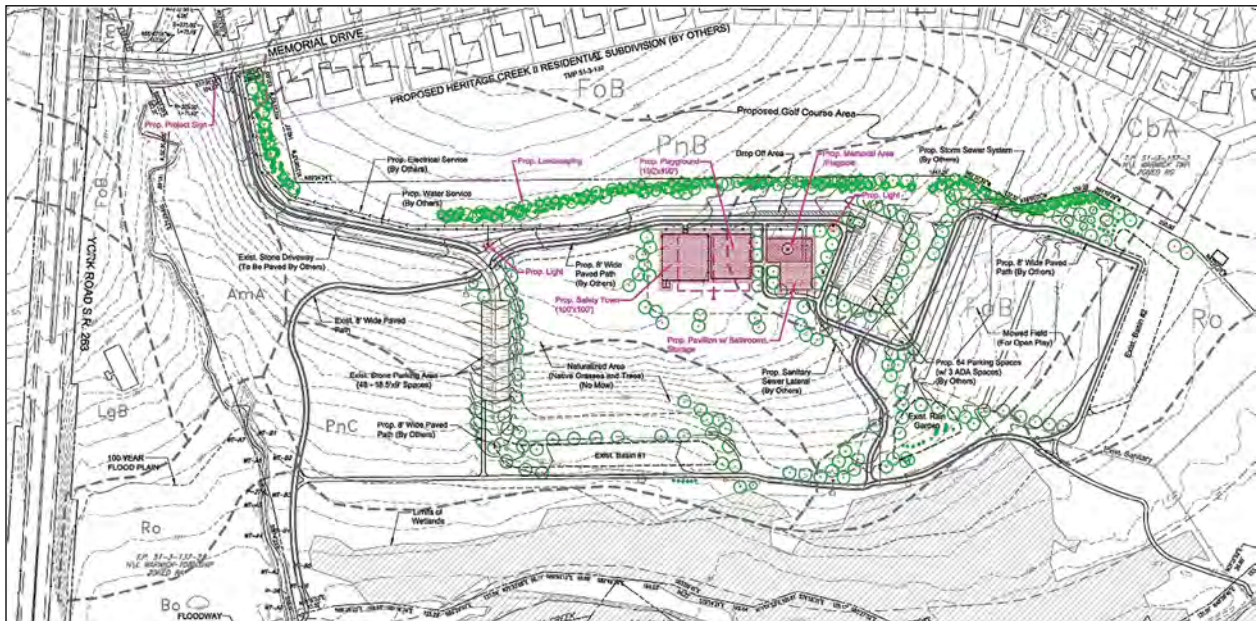
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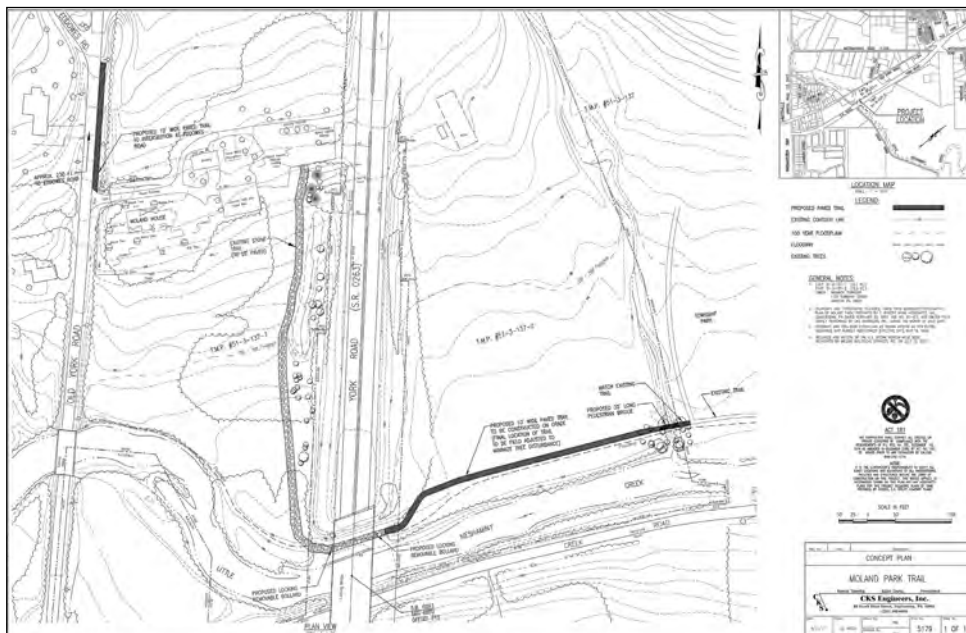


It certainly seemed that this past winter would never end...but warmer weather and sunshine are now here! As the temperatures heat up, our road crew will be out making repairs to Township roads and damage incurred over the winter. Furthermore, the Board of Supervisors is excited to announce several prominent projects coming to fruition in 2018.

- Memorial Park** – The Township received a \$250,000 grant to combine with funds already set aside to complete Memorial Park. The park will include a pavilion, walking trails, memorial picnic area, playground, and the future site of a “Safety Town” (miniature town with buildings and roads for children to play and learn). The construction will be put to bid in May 2018, with completion in early Fall 2018. You will be able to access Memorial Park from Memorial Drive which is off of York Rd (near the Moland House).



- Headquarters Trail** – The Township received a \$500,000 grant to install a trail connection between the Moland House and the new Memorial Park. Grant clearance work will be completed in 2018, with construction in 2019.



- **2018 Road Program** – The lowest responsible bidder for this year’s road program was Harris Blacktopping at \$583,581. The following roads will be repaved in 2018:
 - Creek Road (middle section)
 - Candy Tuft Drive
 - Katydid Court
 - Stony Road (Meyer Way to Turkey Trot Road)
 - Guinea Lane (Cedar Drive to Almshouse Road)
 - Graeme Way
 - Hart Lane
- **A new Case 621 Loader** was purchased this winter to expedite the loading and unloading of salt during snow removal operations.
- **Public Works Garage Floor** – After over 50 years of use, our Public Works concrete garage floor is in poor condition and requires replacement. Much of the work will be completed by our Public Works crew to contain costs. The final installation will be done by the lowest responsible bidder Reamstown Excavating and Concrete at \$47,275. The contractor and our Public Works crew will complete the reconstruction this spring 2018.
- **Emergency Medical Services** – After opening in 2016, our (now local) EMS services are driving down response times. Between 2006 and 2015 response times averaged between 6-7 minutes. In 2017, response times were down to almost 5 minutes. 1 or 2 minutes is critical when it comes to emergency services. The Board of Supervisors is proud of the commitment Central Bucks Emergency Services has made and the level of service they continue to provide to Warwick Township. Moreover, through developer contributions, the EMS property will be enhanced with additional landscaping this year.



Lastly, these projects (and more) are all to be completed or purchased without raising taxes!

As a result of an overwhelming demand, Warwick will be returning to four newsletters per year. Our goal is to disseminate as much information to you as possible. Please note that there is a delay between when articles are written and the newsletter is distributed. For more immediate Township news, we ask that you follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or the Township website (www.warwick-bucks.org).

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- Township web page www.warwick-bucks.org
- Township Facebook page
- Administration Twitter account @TwpWarwick
- Park/Rec Twitter @warwickrecbucks
- Police Twitter @warwickpdbucks

Warwick Township will publish non-emergency information via some or all of these sources. Critical emergency information will be published using a communication system managed by the Bucks County Emergency Management Agency. This system is known as Everbridge, and **COMMUNITY MEMBERS MUST SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION**. Further information is available at www.buckscounty.org. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and look for the Ready Bucks link.

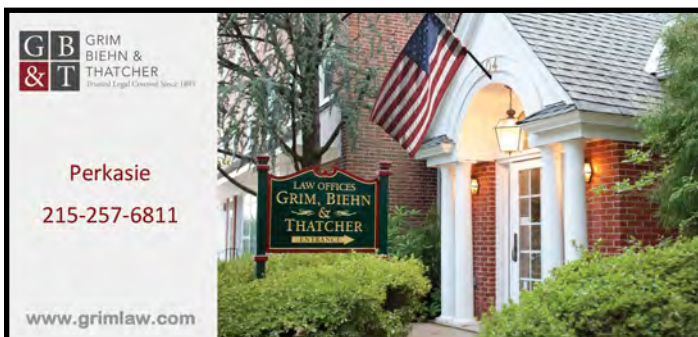
REMINDER FOR Phase 1 On-Lot Sewage Registration

Nancy Ehrmann-Cheatle, Code Enforcement Officer

In January 2018, the Township sent letters to all households in Phase 1 of the Warwick Township on-lot sewage management program. These households are required to have their septic systems pumped by December 31, 2018. They must file a visual inspection form that is to be filled out by their waste hauler. In addition, the Township needs a copy of the bill from their hauler.

Warwick Township is requesting that anyone who is part of Phase 1, have their system pumped and return their forms to us as soon as possible to avoid having to pay any fines in the future. If you have lost or misplaced your forms, you can obtain a copy by going to our website, warwick-bucks.org (permits and forms) or you can pick them up at the Township administration building.

In 2011, Warwick Township adopted the on-lot sewage maintenance ordinance to ensure basic maintenance of on-lot septic systems in the township. Septic tanks must be pumped at intervals not to exceed three years. You only need to register for the program one time but you will be notified every three years in reference to pumping your tank. Pumping your tank regularly will greatly reduce the chance of accumulated solids escaping the tank and clogging other components, especially the drainfield, which is the most critical component of most septic systems. In addition, pumping the tank regularly will prolong the life of any on-lot system.



How to protect your family and home from a fire.

Ed Pfeiffer, Warwick Township Fire Marshal

Not all fire causes are apparent or predictable. There is, however, a basic truism about fires: They are always preceded by smoke. Not knowing at the first possible moment that there's smoke in the house can quickly put you, your family, and your property at risk. Many people who have been injured or killed in their homes didn't know there was a fire until it was too late to escape.

Smoke must have a clear path to reach a detector. The living room, dining room and kitchen normally share a common ceiling and can be protected by a single detector. Where stairs are present, the top of the stairs is the best location for another detector. But in rooms that can be closed off by doors, a detector is needed in each room (excluding bathrooms and closets). Every bedroom requires a smoke detector for two reasons: first, so that smoke can be detected; and second, to ensure that every sleeping person can hear the detector's alarm. Smoke rises because it's always warmer than room temperature—place each detector on the ceiling.

Detectors must be interconnected. Without the interconnect feature you may not hear the alarm if it sounds from another area of your home. A traditional, non-interconnected detector may detect the presence of smoke too late, or not make a loud enough noise to get your attention when you're sleeping. This is the reason that most deadly fires occur at night.

Detecting the presence of smoke as early as possible provides the maximum escape time. It may also provide the time to find the source of smoke and take action. When in doubt, call the Fire Department. However, you may find that you only need to unplug a faulty appliance or turn off the stove or oven, or use a fire extinguisher to solve the problem.

Here are two questions to ask yourself when you evaluate the fire safety of your home:

1. Do I have enough smoke detectors to sense the earliest presence of smoke everywhere in my home?
2. Can I hear all of my smoke detectors from anywhere in my home, especially from bedrooms when my family and I are asleep?

In order to answer "Yes" to these two questions, your smoke detectors must be interconnected with hardwired or wireless detectors, or a combination of both. "Wireless" detectors are battery-powered and send signals to each other. They are an ideal upgrade to older homes. All interconnected smoke detectors (both wireless and hard wired) are now offered with 10 year batteries. Freedom from battery changes for 10 years. New homes are constructed with complete detector systems that are connected by wires, or "hardwired." They must be in every room with a door (except bathrooms and closets)—this includes bedrooms, basement rooms, garages, etc. And they must be on every level of your home.

Except for a sprinkler system, a complete, interconnected smoke detector system is the best investment you'll ever make. Your safety and the safety of your family depend on it.



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Grass Clippings and Leaf Litter are Stormwater Pollutants

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Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant materials like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of stormwater pollution. When you blow your lawn waste into the street it can clog storm drains and cause drainage and flooding issues. Storm drains are not connected to the wastewater treatment plant. There is no treatment to remove the debris from the water before it reaches nearby streams.

Please do not leave grass clippings, leaves & other yard waste on the street. According to a paper prepared and published by Penn State University (PSU) and written by George Hurd: Grass clippings that are blown into the street eventually enter the street storm drain. When mowing make sure that the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the yard not the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains. Keeping your leaves and lawn clippings out of the streets will have significant benefits for local storm water systems.

According to the U.S. EPA, leaving your grass clippings on the lawn doesn't cause thatch buildup. Grass clippings are about 90 percent water, so they decompose very quickly. Leaving your grass clippings on the lawn can reduce your lawn's fertilizer needs, reduce your fertilizer costs and reduce water pollution.

We need your help to keep our streets beautiful for our neighbors and to prevent water pollution in our storm water system. No Dumping of yard waste of any kind is permitted in our Parks, Open Spaces or Basins.

Did you know that yard debris is defined as a Nuisance by Ordinance 84-1 Chapter 127 and that violators can be subject to fine? Please do your part to keep township property clear of debris. Thank You!

Meet the new Director of Planning and Zoning **Brandy McKeever**

Brandy McKeever was hired in September 2017 to fill the position of Director of Planning & Zoning. She is a graduate of Temple University with a degree in Community & Regional Planning. Brandy has worked in municipal government for seven years throughout Bucks County.

By continuing her education she has obtained a certified zoning officer and master planner certificate. Brandy has resided locally since birth and has volunteered her time within her local municipality on many occasions including sitting on her local planning commission.

She looks forward to her career in Warwick and is excited to assist the Township.



Brandy McKeever

DISCOUNTED TICKETS

The Parks and Recreation Department offers discounted tickets throughout the year. You can purchase discount movie tickets, year round, for \$9.00 per ticket. These tickets are available for use at all Regal Cinemas, United Artists Theatres and EDWARDS Theatres. Tickets are valid for all show times WITH NO RESTRICTIONS. Movie tickets are perfect for birthday gifts, holiday gift, thank you gifts, employee incentives, etc.

We also offer discount amusement park tickets. We typically receive our tickets by late April and they are available until the end of August. You can purchase tickets for sites such as Adventure Aquarium, Camelbeach, Dorney Park, Dutch Wonderland, Hershey Park, Knoebels, Longwood Gardens, Morey's Piers, Philadelphia Zoo, and Six Flags Great Adventure.

All tickets are sold at the Warwick Township building, 1733 Township Greene, Jamison, PA 18929 during normal business hours. We suggest you call ahead to make sure the desired tickets are in stock. Cash, check AND credit cards (VISA & MASTERCARD) accepted. Please call (215) 343-6100 for more information.



Calling All Book Lovers

We are looking to form a new social group. Come join us for an afternoon of inspiration and camaraderie over works of literature, both new and old.

In conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department, the Warwick book club, A Novel Bunch, is forming and we are extending this invitation to those of you who love to read. The inaugural meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Warwick Township Building (1733 Township Greene, Jamison, PA 18929) in Jamison. The group will meet monthly to discuss the chosen work. Specific details on where and how each meeting will be conducted will be relayed on the 6th.

If you are interested in sharing a delightful afternoon with others who love socializing and reading as much as you, please contact Elaine Fitt at ebfitt@verizon.net, or (215) 913-4379 for additional details.

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Momentum Madness Engineering Camp

Lego Robotics: Robo Battles

Arts and Crafts Camp

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CSI Fun with Crime Solving Computer Camp

Create Video Games, Animations, and Stories Computer Camp

Build and Program Awesome Robots

Broadway/Pop Camp

Soccer Stars 2

Karate



ADULT

Zumba

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Yoga Gently

Indoor Cycling – Scenic Guide Ride

Spinning

Chair Fit

T'ai Chi



Warwick Township Movies in the Park 2018

We have a FANTASTIC line up this year all due to the wonderful sponsors that support this series. All are held on the field behind the Large Pavilion at The Community Park and start approx. 8:45pm (dusk.) Bridge Valley Elementary School will be used in the event of inclement weather. We will be providing a gigantic 16 foot movie screen, amplified sound system and premium projection. All you have to bring is your blanket or chairs and sit back to enjoy the movie.



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at The Moland House
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August 11, 2018 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m.
Rain date- August 18, 2018

The Warwick Township Historical Society will honor Washington and all the men and women of the American Revolution who fought for our independence. Revolutionary War Reenactors will engage in skirmishes and representations of colonial life. Benjamin Franklin will be attending this year along with 18th century music, blacksmithing, woodworking, barrel making, 18th century children's toys and games, puppet shows, folk painting, quilting, 18th century distilling, and other activities.

Admission benefits The Moland Property that is managed and maintained by the all volunteer Warwick Township Historical Society. Cash or Check only: Adults \$5.00 Seniors (62+) \$4.00 Youth (5-12) \$2.00 Families (parents & kids) \$10.00 Please see our website: www.moland.org for updated information in late July.

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We know you've got a busy schedule. Whether it's school, work, parenting or running a business, emergencies happen, and we could really use your help. Station 66 is staffed by volunteers (students, retirees, professionals, and skilled trade professionals) just like you who volunteer an hour or more each month to make a difference.

If putting out fires and saving lives and property interests you, then becoming a Volunteer Firefighter is the right choice. We even have a program for teens 14 years old and up as Junior Firefighters. Maybe you're more comfortable helping out with community events to promote public safety and raise money for the fire company. This falls under our Administrative membership. Or if you'd like to assist with controlling traffic and people at and around an emergency scene, then becoming a Fire Police Officer would work for you. The fire company provides all training, insurance, and equipment necessary to perform your tasks correctly and in a safe manner.

We'd love to have you stop by the firehouse at 2390 York Road in Jamison any Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. to take a tour, ask questions, and learn more about your fire company. New members are always welcome, and any amount of time you can give will make a difference.



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 [Facebook.com/WarwickFD](https://www.facebook.com/WarwickFD)

 [Twitter.com/WarwickFireCo](https://twitter.com/WarwickFireCo)

Warwick Township Fire Company No. 1, Station 66, 2390 York Road, Jamison, PA 18929

WARWICK TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN CLUB ESSAY CONTEST

As the WTRC was discussing its community service projects for 2017, we were reminded just how rich in history Warwick Township is, dating back to its founding in 1733. George Washington had his headquarters here centered at the Moland House in 1777. Since then, Warwick has changed immensely, with great parks, playgrounds, and ball fields, community events, and preserved open space. Since upper elementary school students study American history in their school curriculums, it was decided it would be nice to involve kids in thinking about how they can become involved in their community. So the idea of an essay contest titled *“Why It Is Great to Live in Warwick Township”* evolved. 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students living in Warwick Township were invited to send their entries in by January 2018. \$150 first prize, \$100 second prize, and \$50 third prize was awarded. *The first and second place articles are included below.*

1ST PLACE ESSAY 2018

Earlier this year, my 5th grade social studies teacher asked every student to write about the town they lived in, so I began by searching up information. I found out that there are a lot of good reasons to live in Warwick Township.

First of all, we've got great parks like Guinea Lane and Meyer Way. These are fun parks to have picnics and spend the day enjoying some activities. You can play on the playgrounds, take a walk, play tennis or pickleball, have sports or games, and even get to play in the spray pole! The employees of the township are working very hard. They put in new sidewalks, paths and safety lights, all for our benefit.

Second, there is a fabulous variety of different stores and restaurants. Giant, Randazzo's Pizza, CVS Pharmacy, The Pour House, and Wawa are some of the places I go to.

Warwick also has a lot of history around it. The Township was founded on February 13, 1733. If you visit the Moland house, you can learn a lot about George Washington and how he camped out there. The Moland House also has reenactments so everyone can understand what kind of history is in Warwick.

Everyone who lives in Warwick is very lucky that we have our own police and fire company, because they keep us safe. Warwick Township has different programs for kids and adults to participate. When I was younger, I went to a dance class and an art class at the Warwick Township building. My parents also go there to vote on Election Day.

Finally, there are lots of highly rated schools and excellent churches in Warwick Township. I go to mass at St. Cyril of Jerusalem and they have a lot of nice activities for kids and teens.

I hope I can learn more about living in Warwick. I also hope that because all of the essays everyone has made, they will inspire people to live here and learn more about Warwick. Warwick Township is a great place to live, and I'm happy to live here.

Lauren Haenn

5th Grade, Age 11, Gwynedd Mercy Academy

2ND PLACE ESSAY 2018

Have you ever wondered why it is great to live in Warwick Township? Well if you did here are some reasons why. It is because it has tons of parks. Warwick Township not only has parks but it has amazing weather. One of the best parts about it is it has lots of activities. Warwick Township is known for having tons of parks and fields.

Trails, fields, dog parks, and playgrounds, Warwick Township has them all. I have a dog so he needs to have three to four walks per day, sometimes it is nice to walk him at the parks in Warwick Township. Me and my little brother love to go to the playgrounds because we can run around and play on all of the equipment. If I ever just want to take a nice walk, I know that Warwick Township has tons of trails to walk on. Fall, winter, spring, and summer are the four seasons that Warwick Township has.

During the fall in Warwick Township you have to wear a light jacket. Fall is also the time of the year when leaves fall from the trees. In winter you have to bundle up, you have to wear a heavy coat, hat, gloves and a scarf. Winter is also when it snows. In spring you wear a light sweat shirt if needed. Spring is when flowers and trees start blooming. In summer you wear t-shirts and shorts. Summer is when school is out and when it is super-hot outside. Summer is a perfect time to enjoy the Myer Way sprinkler zone. Having all these seasons is fun because you are able to wear different clothing and because you get to both cold and hot weather. Not only does Warwick Township have great weather but they also have lots of activities.

For Christmas, Halloween, and Easter Warwick Township has fun festivals. For Halloween they have crafts, food, storytelling, and trick or treating. The Christmas festival has horse rides, singers, dancers, crafts, food, gifts, and Santa. For the Easter festival Warwick Township has an Easter egg hunt, food, and crafts. Warwick Township also has kid's night out. During Warwick Townships kids night out they have tons of things to do like, crafts, games, dance parties, food, playing outside, and much more.

In my opinion Warwick Township is the best place to live. Warwick Township has tons of parks. Warwick Township has the best weather. Warwick Township will always be the first place I think of when I think about places to live.

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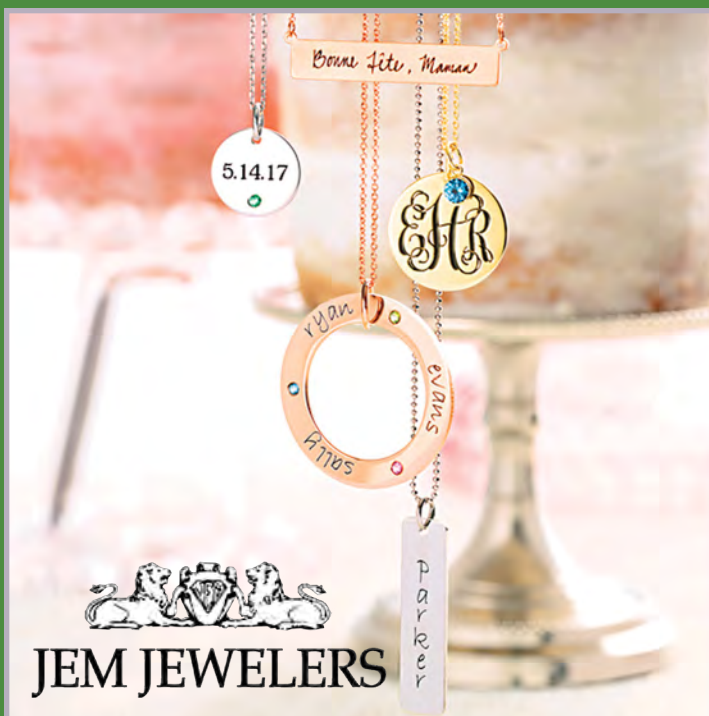
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