

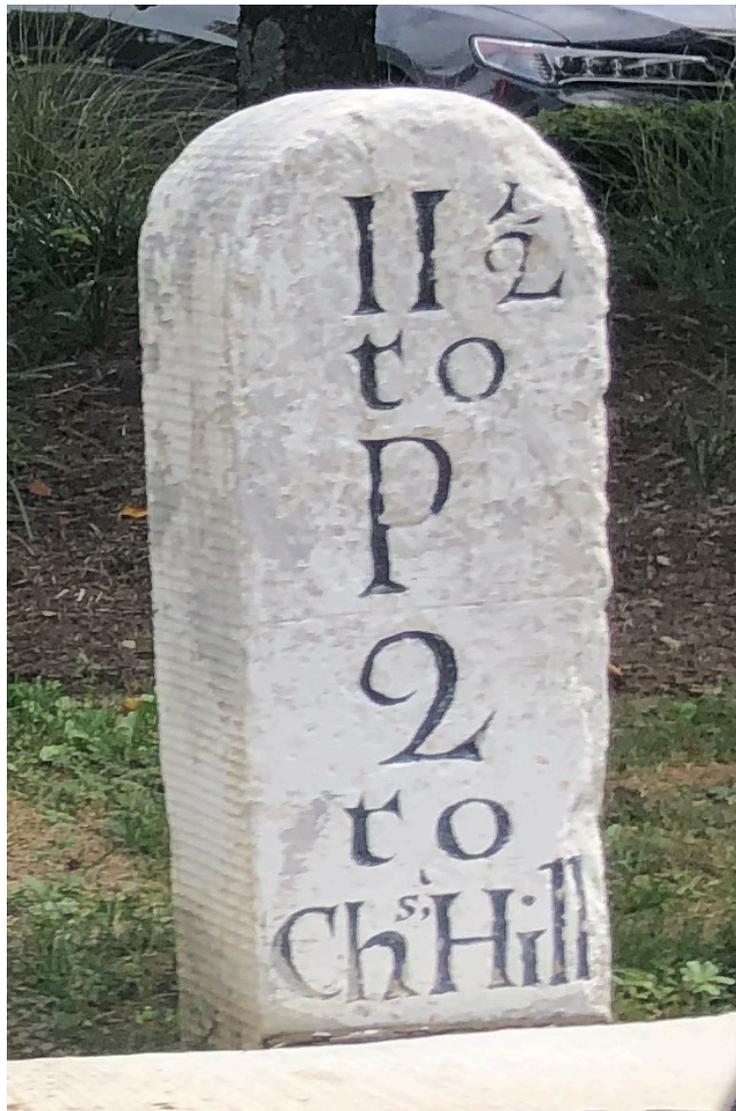
Springfield Township Historical Society Scavenger Hunt

This scavenger hunt is designed to be completed by vehicle and will need your parents' cooperation. You can answer the questions in any order. Please make sure your parents obey all traffic regulations and conditions. Be safe and have fun! Let the hunt begin...

1. Before cars, people traveled either by foot or with horses. Like people, animals need rest after walking for a long time. Inns or hotels were created for the people and animals to stop and rest. Can you find the inn on Bethlehem Pike with an animal as part of its name, shown on the building's sign? Draw a picture of that animal.

2. Today, our phones can give us directions when we want to know how far away a place is. The people who traveled Bethlehem Pike long ago also needed to know how far away they were from where they wanted to go. They used mile markers.

Can you find this mile marker? It told the people who read it that they would have to go 11 and a half miles to get to Philadelphia and 2 miles to get to Chestnut Hill.



3. A long time ago, there were not many houses or stores in the area, which was the country. Most of the people who lived in Springfield Township worked on a farm or a mill. Flourtown had many mills to grind wheat into flour, which is how it got its name.

It is said that during the Revolutionary War, George Washington and his soldiers stopped at this location to mill flour when they were marching back to their camp at Valley Forge. Can you find this window that is part of the school building in Flourtown?



4. Men that worked in banks and offices had to live in the big city of Philadelphia to do their jobs. Once the railroad was invented, people could easily go from the city to the country for work. Now, most people drive to get places. Can you find this road sign for the road that was built where the railroad tracks used to be?



How many of these signs can you find in Springfield Township?

5. Philadelphia was hot, dirty, and noisy in the summer. So, wealthy people built houses in the country for their families to live in during the summer and when they were not working. Many of these houses had large flower gardens.

Edward Stotesbury worked in a bank in Philadelphia. He had a lot of money. He built a huge house he named Whitemarsh Hall. It had a very big garden. Mr. Stotesbury's house and garden were destroyed many years ago. The big vases, called urns, he had in the garden were not destroyed. Find the urns shown in the following picture that Mr. Stotesbury had in his garden.



6. As more people moved to Springfield Township, they needed a place to send their kids to school. Over the years, the school buildings had to get bigger to teach all of the students. They needed lots of land to build the new schools. Some of the land was from property once owned by a wealthy family who used it to raise horses. Can you find the school campus that is on land once part of this farm? (Hint: one of the buildings looks like it has blue triangles on its roof.) How many triangles are there?

7. The village of Oreland was named because of the mineral ore that was found in the ground. Ore is used to make iron, which is then used to make steel. Big machines would dig the ore from the ground, leaving huge holes. The area where the ore was dug up is called a quarry.

After a snowstorm, the quarry lost power. This caused the pumps which kept water out of the hole to stop working. The hole filled with water and could no longer be used to get ore. Because the hole is very deep, the United States Navy used it to do underwater tests. Now, the quarry is a park where people often go fishing. Can you find something at this park that can be used in the water? Draw a picture of what you found.

8. Can you find the memorial in the picture below? It is located at a place where people like to play. A long time ago, carnivals used to be held on the land. The little league now uses the fields.



Did you find all of these historical places that make Springfield Township such an interesting place? What else do you want to know about your local history? You and your parents can contact the Archivist at the Springfield Township Historical Society with your questions.

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