



Summer doesn't officially start until Thursday, but the heat wave is making it feel like summer's here already. Eight-year-old friends Paityn Sturtevant and Lila Peters, both of Doylestown, beat the 90-plus degree heat Monday with rainbow snowcones at the playground of Fanny Chapman Park in Doylestown Borough. The hot weather is due to stick around for at least another day. **Weather | A12**

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lay out the plan to turn a 20-acre Warminster farm at Mearns and Ivyland roads into a 42-home residential neighborhood for the five-member board of supervisors, who then will give township residents a chance to chime in on the proposal.

"It's going to be a long night," said supervisor Chair Mark McKee Monday afternoon. "I want to make sure everybody who wants to say something has an opportunity to voice their opinion."

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First round of summer boxed lunches arrives

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When school closes for the summer, most kids are pretty happy. But for some children it means missing a much-needed meal.

Across the country, 22 million children are eligible for free and reduced-price lunches in the nation's

schools, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Only 15 percent of those kids receive a free lunch during the summer, however, when the schools are closed. Experts worry many children go without or have very limited access to healthy food while on summer break.

In an effort to bridge

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More Info

Fresh Connect Bucks County is a free farmers market bringing fresh, healthy food to Bucks County. It returns to the same location on the same day at the same time each week, providing reliable and needed food to the 57,000 Bucks County residents facing hunger. Fresh Connect is a collaboration of Bucks County Opportunity Council, Philabundance, Rolling Harvest Food Rescue and St. Mary

Medical Center, with generous funding by United Way of Bucks County.

- Every Tuesday at noon at Warminster Community Park, 1100 Veterans Way in Warminster
- Every Thursday at 11 a.m. at the intersection of Routes 611 and 412 (previously Thompson Auto) in Ottsville
- Every Friday at noon at the Lower Bucks Campus of Bucks County Community College, 1304 Veteran's Highway, Bristol

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P.M. rain
80°/61°

THURSDAY
Turning sunny
83°/57°



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the summertime gap, the hunger relief nonprofit Philabundance is contributing 600 boxed lunches weekly to the Bucks County Opportunity Council, which in turn will make the meals available at Fresh Connect free farm markets in Warmminster, Bristol Township and Ottsville. The Bucks County Housing Group's food pantry and Pennridge FISH also will receive the lunch boxes each week.

This is the last year of a three-year grant Philabundance received from the Giant Family Foundation to fight child hunger in the Delaware Valley. Philabundance said

plan with a unanimous vote. Commission Chairman Wayne McCulloch said Friday afternoon that the meetings were crowded, but the resistance focused

concerns were discussed in depth at the first of two meetings in April, with representatives from Palmer Development saying they had traffic and engineering

allow left turn in or left turn out," McCulloch said. "That means they would have to keep the Ivyland Road access anyway. In that scenario, there will be a

approval only, and that the developer would have to come back for final approval. "That's what the commission did, and I don't

with the farm's owner, Judy Dautcher, who plans to retire. A phone call to Palmer Development on Monday was not returned.



George Burrows, a truck driver from Philabundance, delivers a pallet of boxed lunches as well as produce to a refrigerated storage room at the Bucks County Central Warehouse in Doylestown Township. (BILL FRASER / STAFF PHOTOJOURNALIST)

it hopes to partner with the foundation again. The first 150 lunches were delivered to Bucks County's general warehouse in Doylestown Township on Monday, where the county has a large

refrigerated space to store the sandwiches, along with thousands of pounds of fresh produce, also donated by Philabundance. More will arrive Wednesday and throughout July and August.

Albillar said, she hopes the lunch program will draw more eligible families to the Fresh Connect mobile farm markets, where people can receive fresh produce, ranging from cabbage to lettuce, corn and sweet potatoes. "The United Way

"Every summer, more and more children are at home without lunches," said Eileen Albillar, community connections manager with the opportunity council, as she waited for the Philabundance delivery truck, with its "Driving Hunger From Our Communities" slogan written across the side. "It can be a challenge for parents to provide a nutritional meal."

Lunches include a turkey sandwich or wrap, a vegetable, juice or milk and fresh fruit. There's a "treat" in there too. The meals are available to kids ages 5 to 18.

FISH's director of operations, "is we can give them out every week." And, she added, they have fresh fruit. Last August, Neuman said the food pantry helped 300 children in 155 needy families. "We do the best we can," she said. That's a sentiment shared by all those helping to feed children during the tough summer months when schools are closed. "We're only scratching the surface," said Samantha Retamar, spokeswoman for Philabundance.

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