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Boyertown Multi-Service, Wellness Council Merge

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The Boyertown Multi-Service Center at Spring Street

BOYERTOWN PA – The **Wellness Council of Boyertown** will merge into **Boyertown Area Multi-Service**, which plans to continue the council's healthy living initiatives, and fitness and good nutrition activities, the organizations announced Friday (Oct. 18, 2019). Multi-Service also will continue the council's annual Wellness Fair and Turkey Trot 5-K run events, it added.

The reason for the merger was not disclosed, but council out-going president Jeff Shontz – who with council board members helped enable the transition – said “the beliefs and mission of both organizations align perfectly, and will strongly benefit the greater Boyertown area.” Multi-Service board president Matthew T. Hovey agreed council programs “both compliment and expand our current services.”

“We are thrilled the Wellness Council is joining the Multi-Service family,” Hovey added. Its programs, he said, “are supported by a group of passionate volunteers,” and will help Multi-Service “be able to better help each person as we try to address their specific needs.”

Council programs will be implemented through a Multi-Service coordinator, with the assistance of volunteers. A council former board member will join the Multi-Service board.

Multi-Service was organized in 1973 to serve residents of the Boyertown School District, and surrounding communities of Amity, District, Hereford, Pike and Oley townships. It currently operates:

- The **Center at Spring Street** (*at top*), for active adults 55 years of age and older with recreational, educational, health and wellness programs and activities, as well as group meals prepared by an on-site executive chef and professional and volunteer staff;
- **Meals on Wheels**, which delivers hot noon and cold evening meals to more than 100 home-bound recipients;
- **Preston's Pantry**, a community food pantry that serves more than 120 families every month;
- A **Store-to-Door** volunteer grocery shopping program for home-bound seniors;
- **Case management services** for adults of all ages that focus on challenges individuals and families face, provide guidance, and help connect them to resources;
- **Volunteer transportation** to medical appointments for those otherwise unable to get to important doctor visits; and
- Conveniently located, comfortable **office space for partner organizations**.

On Tuesday (Oct. 15), Multi-Service also was selected by Pottstown Borough Council to operate its Ricketts Community Center on Beech Street in Pottstown over a two-year period.

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