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WELCOME TO EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

Dear Fellow Residents, Neighbors, and Friends,

It is, as always, a pleasure to report, on behalf of my fellow Supervisors, our Township Manager, the Township Staff, and our various Authorities, Boards, and Commissions (ABC's), that East Goshen Township will end this calendar year with a projected year-end surplus of nearly \$500,000; a positive budget variance of nearly one million dollars.

Adding to this good news is the long-term rating of AAA assigned to the Township by the Kroll Bond Rating Agency (KBRA); a rating that enables us to borrow funds for capital projects at the lowest possible interest rates.

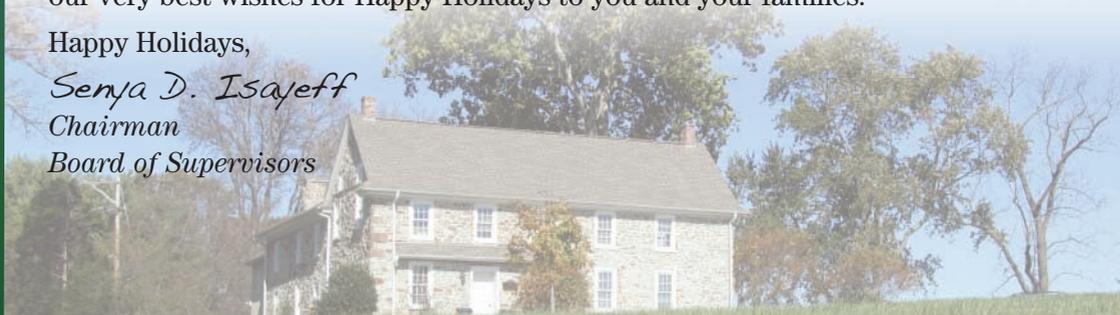
While these achievements, to some extent, are due to the extraordinary efforts of the Township Staff and ABC's, who collectively advise and support the decision making process of the Board of Supervisors, it is important to note that the greater credit really belongs to the residents and businesses whose decisions to invest in and call East Goshen Township their home add great value to our community.

Thank you for the difference you continue to make for our community and please always feel welcome to attend and participate in our meetings which are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and, along with my fellow Supervisors, our Township Manager, the Township Staff, and our ABC's, extend our very best wishes for Happy Holidays to you and your families.

Happy Holidays,

Senya D. Isajeff
 Chairman
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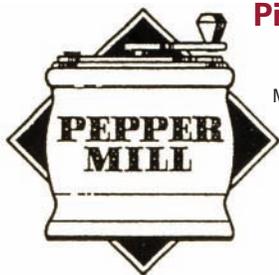
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Meetings

East Goshen Township Meetings
are advertised in the Daily Local News.

All Township meetings
and workshops, with exception
of Board of Supervisors Executive
Sessions, are open to the public

Thank You To The Businesses

The Board of Supervisors would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at minimal charge to our residents.



**Preserving the Past
Serving the Present
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ODDS & ENDS FROM RICK SMITH, TOWNSHIP MANAGER

East Goshen has adopted new stormwater management requirements that will reduce the adverse effects of stormwater runoff from new impervious surfaces such as driveways, roofs and decks.

Peddling and Soliciting – If you do not want people coming to your door to sell you something or solicit donations please complete and submit the “Solicitors Do Not Call Registry” form that is available on the Township web page (www.eastgoshen.org)

East Boot Road – the weight limit for the bridge over Ridley Creek on East Boot Road has been reduced to 26 tons except for combinations, which shall not exceed 37 tons.

In January, District Court 15-02-05 that is located at 1572 Paoli Pike will be closing permanently as part of the realignment of the court system and Judge Chet Darlington will be retiring. Chet has been a fixture in East Goshen Township for 24 years and we wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

However, East Goshen will continue to have a District Court since District Court 15-1-02, which is currently located in Devon, will relocate to 1572 Paoli Pike. We welcome Judge Thomas Tartaglio to East Goshen Township.

Finally, many years ago Frank Vattilano was hired to run a summer recreation program for the children in East Goshen. It was only a part time job, but that first year Frank, or Mr. V. as the children called him, put on a rec program that set the standard for years to come. In 2001 Frank accepted a full time position as the Director of Recreation and he was tasked with running all of the Township’s recreation programs and special events.



Frank Vattilano

The popularity of the programs and events grew over the years culminating in the 2013 Community Day. Over 4,000 people attended this event, which thanks to Frank, went off without a hitch. Unfortunately, all good things end, and Frank will resign from the Township at the end of 2013. Frank will be missed, and his co-workers and I at the Township wish him the best of luck in whatever he decides to do next.

If you would like to receive real time information about East Goshen, please go to our web page at www.eastgoshen.org and click on the link to Constant Contact. In addition, as always, we welcome your comments and/or suggestions.



The Blacksmith Shop

THE BATTLE OF GOSHEN (AKA *THE BATTLE OF THE CLOUDS*)

The Battle of Goshen, more popularly known as “The Battle of the Clouds”, took place on September 16, 1777 in the area near Greenhill Road in the northern section of our Township. The British battle plan was to use a flanking maneuver against the Americans, similar to their tactic at the Battle of the Brandywine the week before on September 11th. If successful, this ploy could have decimated Washington’s army to the point where the Americans could not have continued the struggle for independence, effectively ending the American Revolution.

However, fate intervened and the battle had neither victor nor vanquished due to a violent storm that erupted soon after initial skirmishing between the armies had begun. Hessian Major Carl Bauermeister of the British Army described this storm when he wrote “I wish I could give a description of the downpour which began during the engagement and continued until the next morning. It came down so hard that in a few moments we were drenched and sank in mud up to our calves”.

The storm’s heavy rains soaked the gun powder of both armies making the firing of muskets and cannons impossible. Visibility was bad and the ground so muddy that it made the footing of soldiers precarious and prevented the British from resorting to the use of bayonets in order to continue the battle. It soon became apparent to officers on both sides of the conflict that it was prudent to cease hostilities and retire.

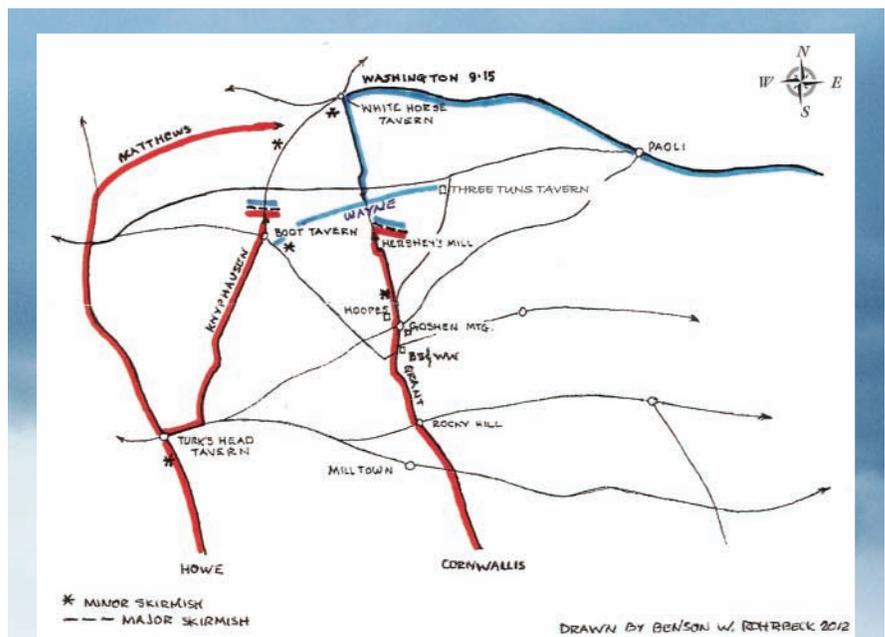
As darkness fell, Washington’s Continental Army retreated north toward Yellow Springs while the British sought shelter in homes and barns in the area that is now East Goshen and West Whiteland Townships.

Had the weather not interceded, the full strength of both armies would have faced each other in a violent and bloody conflict much like the previous Battle of Brandywine.

Recognizing the significance of the Battle of the Clouds, Chester County applied to and was granted from the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) an unprecedented third grant (two prior grants were given to the County for the mapping of the Battles of Brandywine and Paoli). The goal of this ABPP grant is to identify and inventory the defining historic features related to the Battle of the Clouds. GIS and animated map technology will be used to coordinate all of the information collected about this battle. Troop movements related to the battle took place over a large area spanning portions of 17 townships in the County. By mapping these troop locations and historical resources, the County will be better able to define the boundaries of this battle and raise public and municipal awareness for this significant event.

In June 2014, the East Goshen Historic Commission will host Mr. Sean Moir, the project manager of the Battle of the Clouds research program, at which time he will present the animated map of the Battle of the Clouds. This multilayered animated map program will highlight the roads and historical resources that existed in our area in 1777 and later.

If you wish to learn more about this significant battle and its impact on East Goshen Township, make plans to attend this interesting and informative program. The date, time and place for the Battle of the Clouds presentation is not yet finalized but will be announced in the next newsletter.



Map was drawn by Benson W. Rohrbeck in 2012. Red lines show the British Troop movements; blue lines show American Troop movements. Asterisk symbols were used to show the site of minor skirmishes and three hyphen symbols were used to indicate the sites of major skirmishes at the Battle of Goshen.

EAST GOSHEN IS “BUSINESS FRIENDLY!”



It has been almost two years since the Commerce Commission has been in existence.

Its time has been spent making overtures of help and service to the Township's business communities within the two business zones classified as: Commercial, and Industrial & Business Park.

The Board of Supervisors initially charged us with “taking the pulse” of the business community. We have spent our time and efforts to this end. In March 2013, we completed a Commercial zones’ retail business directory of stores, shops and professional offices. Editing this directory, including entries of their actual websites, kept us engaged for months and can now be found on the Township website as a user-friendly tool for residents and businesses alike. Many thanks to Commission members Vince Lord, Don Zembruski, John Stipe, and Dan Callahan, as well as to the dedicated Township staff. This endeavor is not a normal priority of municipalities. It was for East Goshen.

We also held an initial business ‘forum’ for each of the two zoning classification constituencies last fall, and concluded the last two in early Fall 2013. We found it suitable to designate the forums by zoning category due to contrasting logistics within the two classifications. The forums were geared toward capturing participants’ needs, wants and visions, as well as thanking them for their significant support and contributions to EGT.

The data and input gleaned from two years of personal visits, phone interviews, and the direct participation of the businesses in both zoning classes have provided the Township with valuable insights, while initiating improvements or enhancements such as signage, walkways and bicycle safety paths, and extra police patrols without additional scheduling necessary. These were a part of the Township's desire to be of help and service to the business community. These overtures are much appreciated by the businesses.

The Commerce Commission is now engaged in assisting the Township with the update of its Comprehensive Plan 2015. This initiative, which is required by law to be undertaken every 10 years, is scheduled to be concluded by the end of 2014. The Plan involves all zoning districts within the Township, and seeks to improve these for the future. The input we have received is passed on directly to the Board of Supervisors and to the facilitators and members responsible for the Comprehensive Plan updating, in which we participate.

The phrases: East Goshen is ‘Business Friendly’ and ‘Open for Business!’ are often voiced by the business constituencies and have never been more true. As of this article, we appear to enjoy a 100% occupancy of the buildings and facilities within the Industrial & Business Park zones.

Al Zuccarello, Chairman

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY SEWER/REFUSE INVOICE DUE DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- **1st Quarter Invoice**
Mailed: January 15th
Due: February 28th
- **2nd Quarter Invoice**
Mailed: April 15th
Due: May 31st
- **3rd Quarter Invoice**
Mailed: July 15th
Due: August 31st
- **4th Quarter Invoice**
Mailed: October 15th
Due: November 30th



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL REAL ESTATE TAX INVOICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tax Invoices

Mailed out: 1st Week in February

2% Discount Due Date:

On or Before March 31st

Face Amount Due Date:

On or Before May 31st

10% Penalty If Paid After:

May 31st – December 31st

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TREES IN WINTER

They sleep in winter. Or do they? We watch the falling leaves from deciduous trees, as well as the needles from several varieties of conifers. There are some conifers that also lose all of their foliage during the Winter months, including European Larch, and the Dawn Redwood. These trees become completely barren as the Fall months slide inevitably into the grasp of Winter.

There are three recognized zones of dormancy that our trees go through as the Fall months lead into Winter. The first is a "Pre-Dormancy" period. In this time, the stage is set by the cessation of active growth, and the buds are formed that will, in time, open in the following Spring. These buds develop a type of cold weather protection. The entire scenario is brought on by the reduction of light as the days grow shorter. This process is also assisted by abscisic acid which is produced in the Fall months and assists the trees in preparing for the cold months to come. It is known that the concentration of this acid declines as the Winter months progress.

In the second zone, the trees move into "True Dormancy". There is no turning back once the trees in our climate zone have reached this point. In order to develop beyond this "cooling period", trees must maintain temperatures of 38 degrees or less. The time required varies, but one to three months are usually required. Some parts of the trees seem to be less affected by dormancy. The roots of the tree do not require the "cooling period" process. They seem to settle into a "rested state" and will resume growth when the conditions are favorable.

In the third zone of "Post-Dormancy", the cooling period has ended and the trees settle into a restful sleep, wherein they lie dormant until the night time shortens, the daylight periods lengthen and the temperature rises enough for the trees to start their growth process once again.

If you have used the Fall months to install new trees, it is good to keep in mind that newly installed trees are vulnerable during their first Winter and, sufficient mulch should be provided to form a barrier of protection from the changes of temperature and change in moisture levels. Mulch supplied to newly planted trees is good insurance that your investment will be protected.

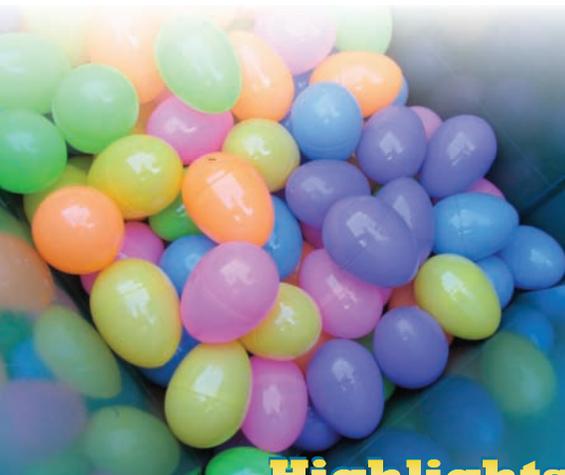
If you have older, more mature trees, Winter is an excellent time to remove deadwood and diseased limbs from your trees. Avoid Winter pruning of Native Dogwoods and Sugar Maples. In addition to deadwood, you may wish to remove epicormic growth (sucker growth) that occurs at the base of a tree or forms along the limbs near the primary wood (trunk) of the tree.

Keep in mind that Winter droughts can be as damaging to a tree's system as a Summer drought. If we have prolonged periods without moisture which may be accompanied by warm temperatures, this would be a good time to water the trees. Newly planted or stressed trees need more of watering than established trees. You would also want to avoid over watering. Watering would be possible in areas where the ground is not frozen.

As the production of chlorophyll declines in the leaves at the onset of Winter, there are other colors that have been there all along, but were masked by the dominant green of the growing season. This is the time when our Oak trees bring out a display of browns, the Maples transform into yellow and red and the stage is set for the coming time of sleep and thoughts of a new time of planting when the new Spring arrives.

T. Scott Sanders

Mr. Sanders is a Consulting Arborist and member of the East Goshen Township Conservancy Board. He provides consulting to both East and West Goshen Townships and is President of a local Company that specializes in the care of mature trees



Highlights of the 2013 Event Schedule!

WESTTOWN-EAST GOSHEN POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY

HOME THEFTS INVOLVING CONTRACTORS

The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department has noticed an increase in reported thefts that occur when residents invite individuals into their homes to perform services such as contractors, cleaning services, and home health care services. In order to prevent these types of thefts, it is recommended that residents take the following steps:

1. **Before allowing an individual or company to enter your home**, check their references. If a company is unable or unwilling to provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of references, it is recommended that you do not use the company.
2. **Contact the Better Business Bureau** at (215) 985-9313 or easternpa.bbb.org to determine if the company has been investigated.
3. **Lock all valuables** including money, jewelry, checks, and small electronic devices in a secure location that is not accessible to the individuals entering your home or removable by those individuals. For added protection in the event that secure storage is not available, it is recommended that the valuables be stored in an unusual location such as a freezer or laundry hamper.
4. **Do NOT** leave the individuals unattended while they are inside your residence.



STORMWATER AUTHORITIES ARE COMING TO OUR AREA

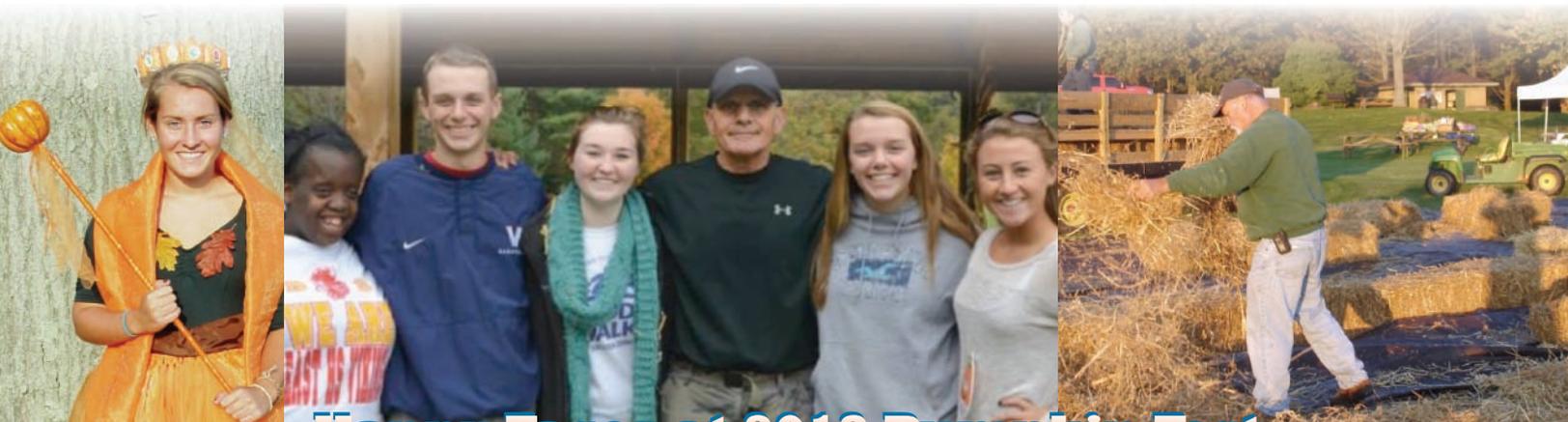
Although most of us don't realize it, stormwater management laws have been in place in Pennsylvania since 1978. The laws, collectively known as ACT 167, were put in place to deal with rainfall that runs off impervious surfaces like roofs, driveways, parking lots, walkways, decks and patios. Most municipalities have, for the most part, ignored these state laws because they competed with federal laws. East Goshen, however, has been one of the few communities that is ahead of the curve with regard to following and implementing the requirements of ACT 167. If you have recently added impervious surfaces due to a construction project, you are aware of the stormwater runoff requirements. The biggest issue surrounding ACT 167 has been how municipalities were going to fund the cost of the ACT 167 requirements.

To alleviate this burden the state has passed new legislation, ACT 68, which became effective on September 7, 2013. ACT 68 allows municipal authorities to undertake stormwater planning, management, and implementation. A municipal

authority is a municipal corporation that is separate and distinct from the municipality that creates it. In East Goshen the Municipal Authority owns the public sewer system.

Stormwater runoff that is not properly managed is a growing problem for municipalities throughout the state. Flooding and water pollution are the obvious issues. But the cost of treating and managing this runoff is becoming a financial burden to most municipalities. We currently handle the implementation and requirements of ACT 167 through the General Operating Fund in our Township budget. This new ACT 68 would allow the creation of a "Stormwater Authority" to fund the management of stormwater runoff.

While the creation of these authorities has been authorized by the state, East Goshen has not decided if it will create a "Stormwater Authority", let the Municipal Authority handle this issue, or continue our current path of having the zoning and code enforcement office handle stormwater planning, management and implementation.



Happy Faces at 2013 Pumpkin Fest



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WINTER WEATHER AND SNOW REMOVAL

Pre-storm Preparedness Checklist:

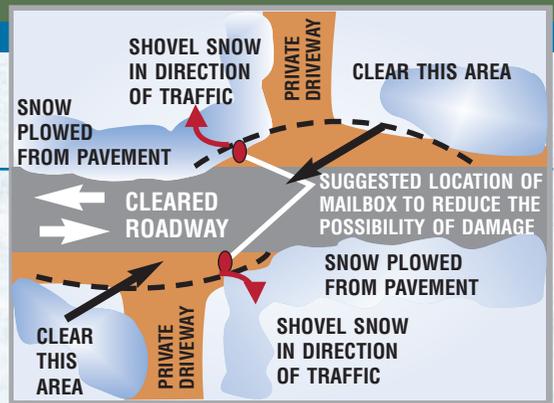
- ✓ No on-street parking to allow for efficient and safe plowing/salting
- ✓ Have multiday supplies of all essentials, including food, water and prescription medications.

Snow Removal Basics:

1. We put a layer of brine on the road before the snow event starts; this prevents snow from bonding to the pavement and creating ice.
2. Then we put a layer of salt down on the roads when the snow event starts.
3. Once the snow starts to accumulate the plows begin to make one pass in and out of every street until the snow stops.
4. When the snow stops we begin to clear the streets by pushing the snow to the curb.
5. We plow roads in order of traffic priority, beginning with main roads before plowing secondary roads.
6. Cul-de-sacs and storm drains are the final areas to be cleaned up after a storm.
7. The Township does not plow residential driveways.

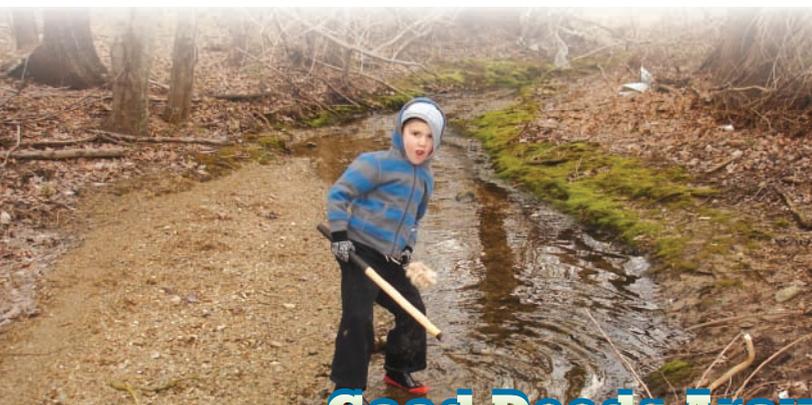
Important Tips During and After the Storm

1. Do not park on the street during a snow event.
2. When clearing your driveway, do not deposit the snow into the roadway; this can cause hazardous conditions to other motorists.
3. When shoveling your driveway, leave the last six feet of your driveway un-shoveled until the plowing has ceased. This un-shoveled part will allow the snow being pushed by the plow to remain on the plow and not pushed into your driveway.
4. If an ambulance has been called to an address in the Township we will help bring in the emergency vehicle.
5. Our snow plow drivers are asked to take precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with their plows, but snow can be extremely heavy and a cold, brittle mailbox can come down easily.



Mailboxes:

1. Expensive/ornate mailboxes should be removed with a basic mailbox for the winter months
2. Mailboxes should be located so the face of the box is 6 – 8 inches from the edge of the roadway. This is according to USPS guidelines. We suggest putting them as far as 15 inches back from the road edge.
3. Is your mailbox sturdy? Plastic mailboxes tend to become brittle from the sun's UV rays. Make sure the door on the mailbox is closed tightly. If the door is missing or open, the mailbox is sure to "fold" on impact of the snow.
4. East Goshen will reimburse a resident \$25 for replacement or repair of a damaged mailbox, provided the resident has advised the Township of said damages within one week of the snow removal operation. The Township does not repair mailboxes.



Good Deeds Around the Township

U.S. FLAG DISPOSAL:

Any U.S. Flag that is torn or faded and needs to be disposed of properly can be dropped off at the Township for a proper retirement. A local VFW will conduct a proper flag retirement ceremony to dispose of it.



STATE ROADS:

**Boot Road, Greenhill Road, N. Chester Road,
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SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014 KEEP EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFUL DAY

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- Have a little snack of juice, coffee, donuts and fruit before you start.
- Individuals, families, civic associations, scout troops, organizations or businesses are all welcome.

CALL THE TOWNSHIP 610-692-7171 to let us know you can come.



HISTORICAL COMMISSION LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN, WOMEN AND TEENS

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The Historical Commission **needs to involve many more East Goshen residents** in its activities.

- More volunteers are needed to serve as tour guides at the Plank House and the Blacksmith Shop.

- If you have a green thumb, we need help tending to the Plank House garden.
- We also need one-time only volunteers for events throughout the year. For example, Living History Day, scheduled for June 7, uses volunteers both costumed and support alike.

A Volunteer Information Sheet has been posted on the Township website and information sheets are also available at the Township Building. A short orientation and training will be provided for all activities. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call the Township at 610-692-7171.



FIRE SAFETY TIPS

From the Goshen Fire Company

The Goshen Fire Company would like to remind you of a number of fire safety tips designed to ensure the life safety of your family during the coming months.

- **Have Your Home Heating Systems Checked and Serviced:** Having your home heating system checked and serviced ensures that it is in proper working condition to safely heat your residence throughout the fall and winter months. It is important to have this service performed before using your heating system each year. It is also important to make sure that you have appropriate carbon monoxide detectors installed in your residence.
- **Have Your Fireplace Checked and Use Safely:** Have your chimney inspected, cleaned, and make all necessary repairs to cracks before using your fireplace each season. If you have a gas fireplace, make sure that all lines and connections are inspected. Burn only appropriate materials in your fireplace. All combustible materials should be stored a safe distance from your fireplace. Use fireplace screens to contain fire debris and sparks within the fireplace. **Never leave a fire unattended.**
- **Exercise Caution When Using Portable Heaters:** It is essential that space heaters be surrounded by sufficient empty space and that they not be placed too close to furniture or draperies or near other combustible items. **Never leave space heaters unattended.**
- **Check Your Fire Extinguishers:** This is an appropriate time to check each of your fire extinguishers to make sure that they are fully charged and operational.
- **Change Your Batteries:** As you change your clocks this fall, remember to also change the batteries in all battery-powered smoke detectors AND carbon monoxide detectors and test them for proper operation. If a detector is more than ten years old or does not work properly, it should be replaced. These life saving devices can only protect you if they have working batteries.

East Goshen Recreation

Winter 2014

Weekly Programs

YOGA

January 6th to April 17th

Mondays or Tuesdays or Thursdays
- see below to pick your class

East Goshen Township Building

Yoga, an ancient art, is taught beautifully by Charo Cabello. Through postures, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques, Charo will help you become more flexible, stronger, balanced and healthy. A complete health system, Yoga stimulates the body to function efficiently and provide stress relief. Bring a yoga mat, small pillow, and wear comfortable clothes.

Mondays

AM Yoga- Gentle Yoga 9:30am to 10:15am

Tuesdays

All Levels - 5:30pm to 6:45pm

Basics - 7pm to 8:15pm

Thursdays

Seniors- 4pm to 5pm

All Levels - 5:30pm to 6:45pm

Basics - 7pm to 8:15pm

Please make checks for Yoga payable to Charo Cabello and send with the Registration form to 2505 Winterbridge Lane, West Chester, PA 19382.

Fee: \$120 (14 week series- 90 minutes (Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays)

\$90 seniors class (60 minutes)

ZUMBA

International and Latin rhythms!

East Goshen Township Building

- Zumba Gold Toning class for older adults and beginners
Session 1, January 6th to February 24th Mondays 5:30 to 6:45pm (no class Jan 20th and Feb. 17th)
Session 2, March 3rd to April 7th Mondays 5:30 to 6:30pm
- Zumba Toning for everyone 18 and up
Session 1, January 6th to February 24th Mondays 7 to 8:15pm
Session 2, March 3rd to April 7th Mondays 7 to 8:15pm
- Senior Zumba Gold Toning for older adults and beginners
Session 1, January 7th to February 4th Tuesdays 11 to 11:45am
Session 2, February 18th to March 18th Tuesdays 11 to 11:45am

This is a Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow exercise program done to international and Latin rhythms. NO EXPERIENCE necessary! Movements to Salsa, Cha-Cha and Reggaeton rhythms add up to a FUN workout. It is popular all over the world- a great way to send the calories away! The routines, expertly taught by Pam Nelson, feature both fast and slow movements that combine to tone and sculpt the whole body while burning fat. Zumba Gold is a little slower pace, but participants get a great fun workout.

Fee: \$65 for one session OR \$120 for 2 Sessions



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AEROBICS

*January 7rd to April 15th
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30pm*

East Goshen Elementary

The thermometer mercury will shrink and so will your waistline! Instructor Ann McGrath will motivate you to realize your goals: health, fitness and clothes that will fit you better in the spring. Fee: \$75

INTRO TO SOCIAL DANCING - BALLROOM, LATIN AND SWING

*January 8th to February 12th
7 to 8 pm Wednesdays*

East Goshen Township Building

This introductory dance course will give you an excellent introduction to the basics of various social dances including the Foxtrot, Tango, Swing, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Jitterbug, Salsa and Meringue.

Fee: \$99

INTERMEDIATE PILATES

*January 8th to February 26th
10:30 to 11:30 am Wednesdays
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30pm*

East Goshen Township Building

This excellent value is a class that is a step up from beginner and a stepping stone. Pilates helps to strengthen the core muscles and improve posture, flexibility and balance. Attention will focus on correct alignment and

INTERMEDIATE PILATES

breathing. Instructor, Ruby Telehorster, has completed over 200 hours of Pilates mat certification and has a dedicated following. Bring comfortable clothes and a mat. Fee: \$85

LEARN TO SKATE FOR TOTS AGES 3 TO 6 YEARS OLD

Tuesdays, February 4th to March 11th 1 to 2pm

Ice Line Rink

It is amazing how these children progress in just 6 weeks! This is great exercise, socialization, and a great bargain. The instructors are wonderful. Class consists of one half hour of instruction and then one half hour practice time. Parent or guardian is welcome on ice during practice time at no charge. Free rental skates. Bicycle helmets required. Fee: \$89

MATURE DRIVER TRAINING

*April 7th and April 9th
Monday and Wednesday, 9am to 1pm*

East Goshen Township Building

This excellent and popular National Safety Council 8 hour course aids mature motorists in learning to compensate for the physical effects of aging on driving skills. It will deal with the effects of vision and hearing loss and prescription drug usage on driving. Most auto insurance policy carriers offer a discount for completing this course. Fee: \$19

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Special Events and Trip Dates for your planning purposes

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL IN WASHINGTON DC

Saturday, April 5th

8am departure from the East Goshen Township Building. Back in East Goshen at approximately 7:30 pm. Visit the museums and monuments surrounding the National Mall. Don't miss out- we plan on only taking one bus!
 Fee: \$35 per person

THE EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12th, 10am

East Goshen Park (rain date Sunday, April 13th)
 Ages 2 to 10.

Spring is in the air when it's time for the Giant Bunny to make her yearly appearance. But she won't sneak into town. Sirens will blare and lights will flash. Bunny will pose with the kiddos (who may also have their faces painted) for photo ops. The Park Commission will hand out prizes. Bring your camera, your child and your smiles.

TOWNSHIP WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, May 3rd 9am to 1pm
(rain date Sunday, May 4th)

Have you finally had enough of trying to decide about what to do about your extra stuff? ATTENTION!!! The township is doing the advertising, composing a map of yard sale sites and even providing some yard sale signs (first come-first-served, sign-out basis). Sellers who live in gated communities may apply for use of a spot in the Township Building parking lot. (610 692-7171) Clear some space and add some cash.

NYC DAY TRIP

Saturday, May 10th 7am departure from Township Building and leaving NYC at 5:30pm

The world's most exciting city is yours to do with as you wish. So much to see and do and you are free to do it on this day. Fee: \$35 pays for coach bus. See Registration Form



2014 Winter Recreation Registration Form *(please submit with payment)*

Aerobics: \$75 • Zumba Gold Toning and Zumba Toning, Zumba Gold Toning for Seniors and Beg. \$65 or \$120 for 2 sessions
 Yoga \$120 or \$90 for seniors • Intro to Ballroom Dancing etc \$99 • Intermediate Pilates \$85 • Learn to Skate for Tots \$89
 Mature Driver Training \$19 • Trips \$35

Date(s) of Activity - From _____ to _____

Check day(s) of the week: Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri • Time the program or event begins _____AM _____PM

	Resident <i>(Y or N)</i>	Activity Name	Cost	Phone	Address	Zipcode
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email						
Name						
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Signature of Participant _____ Date Submitted: _____ Amount Paid: _____

- Checks must be made out to **East Goshen Township** for the above programs *except* for Yoga. The township building address is 1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380
- **For Yoga class please make check out to Charo Cabello** and send to 2505 Winterbridge Lane, West Chester, PA 19382

Check must accompany this form - Unless you are paying online - Thanks

Questions? Please call 610.692.7171 and or email Frank Vattilano at recdirector@eastgoshen.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Refuse and Recycling days are being switched in 2014.

If your refuse and recyclables are currently collected on Monday and Thursday, beginning in January they will change to Tuesday (recyclables and refuse) and Friday (refuse).

If your refuse and recyclables are currently collected on Tuesday and Friday, beginning in January they will change to Monday (recyclables and refuse) and Thursday (refuse).

Please place your recycling containers and trash can at the curb the night before your scheduled collection day.



2014 Yard Waste Pick-Up Dates

ALL YARD WASTE IS PICKED UP ON THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY'S:

Jan – 8th and 22nd
Feb – 5th and 19th
March – 5th and 19th
April – 2nd, 16th, 30th

May – 14th and 28th
June – 11th and 25th
July – 9th and 23rd
August – 6th and 20th

Sept. – 3rd and 17th
Oct – 1st, 15th 29th
Nov – 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Dec – 3rd, 17th , 31st

Trash Hauler Holidays:

May 26th – Monday – Memorial Day
July 4th – Friday – Independence Day
September 1st – Monday – Labor Day
November 27th – Thursday – Thanksgiving
December 25th – Thursday – Christmas

Trash Container Code Requirements:

Ch 194-6.E. Trash cans, trash bags, bulk trash, leaf bags, leaf waste and recycling bins shall not be placed at the curb for collection before noon of the day immediately preceding the scheduled collection day.

All municipal waste containers (trash cans) and recycling bins shall be removed from the curb no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day immediately succeeding the scheduled collection

2014 Bulk Pick-Up Dates:

Monday-Thursday

Trash Days

January 16th

February 13th

March 13th

April 17th

May 15th

June 12th

July 17th

August 14th

September 18th

October 16th

November 13th

December 18th

Tuesday-Friday

Trash Days

January 17th

February 14th

March 14th

April 18th

May 16th

June 13th

July 18th

August 15th

September 19th

October 17th

November 14th

December 19th



Public Works Department paving Grand Oak Lane

DEER – CAR COLLISIONS – BE CAREFUL!

According to data obtained by State Farm Insurance Company and reported in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, there were about 115,000 deer-car collisions in Pennsylvania between July 2012 and June 2013, resulting in 14 human deaths and 1,352 injuries. The average damage claim from a deer accident was \$3,400. This means that repairing deer-car collisions in Pennsylvania is a \$400 million industry!



frighten them into bolting, and they can bolt right into the road rather than away from it. If you see one, there are probably others nearby!

SLOW DOWN through areas of decreased visibility and around open-space and wooded areas where you suspect or know deer live.

If you hit a deer, stop and pull safely to the side of the road...make sure that

The whitetail deer mating season extends from mid-October to mid-December, peaking in mid-November. Deer are on the move during this time and are much less cautious than normal.

The best guidance for East Goshen drivers, young and old, to avoid deer-car collisions is as follows:

UNDERSTAND that we have whitetail deer in the township; they are out there and they are moving around, often at night.

BE WATCHFUL for deer at the side of the road, your car can

you and your passengers are all right. If the deer is still there, do not approach it. Call the police to report the accident and whether the deer is injured on the side of the road.

Deer and other animal life are a part of suburban living. Responsible and careful driving will make this relationship less dangerous to both the human and wildlife residents of East Goshen Township.

For more information about East Goshen Township's Deer program, visit www.eastgoshen.org.



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Calling All Poets and Poetry Enthusiasts in East Goshen Township!

The Board of Supervisors is looking for nominations, and self-nominations, for East Goshen Township's first honorary post of Poet Laureate.

To be eligible, a candidate must have demonstrated a commitment to reading and writing poetry.

Submissions should include a resume, ABC application form (found under Forms and Applications) and a list of publications and/or submission of poems.

Applications/nominations are due by close of day on December 30, 2013.

Applications may be submitted either by mail or by email.

Send to:

Rick Smith, Township Manager
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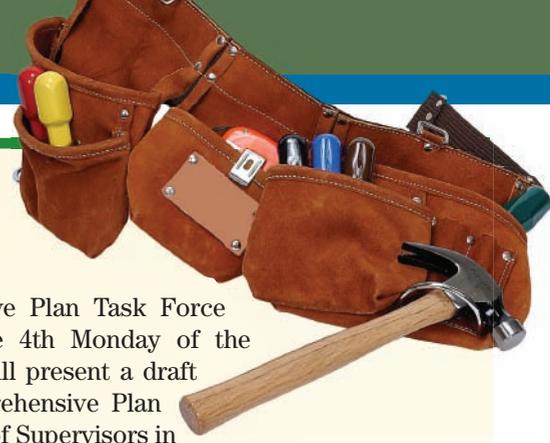


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CODE CORNER

Construction Activities Requiring Permits

The Township Code requires that all construction activities conducted within the Township have a permit prior to the start of any work. A list of construction activities that require a permit is posted on the East Goshen Township website, <http://www.eastgoshen.org/quick-links/forms-and-apps.php>.

Change of Use and Occupancy Inspections

Are you selling your home in East Goshen Township or thinking about purchasing a new home in East Goshen Township? The Township Code requires that all changes of use and or occupancy be inspected by the Township to ensure that a standard level of safety is afforded to all residents and business owners. This application can be found on the East Goshen Township Website, <http://www.eastgoshen.org/quick-links/forms-and-apps.php>.

Township Comprehensive Plan Update

The Township is currently engaged in developing an update to the Township Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a planning guide for the Township to use during future planning decisions. The

Comprehensive Plan Task Force meets on the 4th Monday of the month and will present a draft of the Comprehensive Plan to the Board of Supervisors in September of 2014. Meetings are open to the public and your participation is encouraged.

Township Openspace and Recreation Plan Update

The Township is currently working on updating the Openspace and Recreation Plan. The openspace and recreation plan serves as a guide for decisions that impact the Township Parks, Recreation programs, trails and the management of Township openspace areas. The Openspace and Recreation Plan Task Force will be meeting over the next 5 months to finalize the plan and is scheduled to deliver a draft of the plan to the Board of Supervisors in June of 2014. Meetings are open to the public and your participation is encouraged.

The Openspace Recreation Task Force will be having an Open House on January 30, 2014 at 7 PM at the Township Building. *All are welcome and encouraged to attend.*

Construction activities which require a Building Permit

The Township Code Department works with Township residents, businesses and their contractors every day to ensure that construction work performed in East Goshen Township meets or exceeds the building code requirements. If you have any questions about improvements to your home or building code requirements please contact the Code Department. The following is a list of activities which require a Building Permit in East Goshen Township.

- Accessibility features such as ramps, lifts, or elevators
- Additions to the building such as porch, sun room, spare bedroom or garage
- Alarm systems that forward the alarm to a monitoring agency
- Accessory structures, such as sheds, garages, greenhouses
- Basement - finishing or remodeling / all finished basements require at least 1 means of egress to the exterior
- Bathrooms
- Kitchens
- Change of Use of the structure
- Chimneys, Fireplaces, & Woodstoves
- Decks and Deck Restorations (Re-Decking , New Handrails or Guardrails, new or replacement steps, etc.)
- Demolitions
- Doors - if existing opening is enlarged
- Driveways (adding additional paving or change in storm water flow)
- Earth moving involving the disturbance of 5000 square feet or more - or 100 cubic yards
- Electrical work involving new wiring, new circuits, new panels, new service, etc.
- Fire suppression or sprinkler systems
- Gas barbecues permanently installed
- Hot Tubs and Spas
- Impervious coverage such as tennis courts, concrete, pavers or brick patios
- Lawn sprinklers (need outside shut off)
- HVAC systems such as new heat pumps, furnaces, oil burner, boilers, AC units (excluding window units)
- Plumbing - new supply, drain, waste or vent lines
- Retaining walls over 4' high
- Roofing
- Septic systems (new, replacement, or repair) Permit issued by Chester County Health Department
- Private / Public sewer line - new, replacement or repair
- Siding and Stucco
- Signs - wall mounted or freestanding
- Solar Panels
- Storm water management - Addition of new impervious coverage or modification to an existing system
- Swimming pools - in ground or above ground pools over 24" deep
- Walls - removal, replacement or installation of any wall
- Wells (new or replacement) Permit issued by Chester County Health Department
- Windows - if existing opening will be enlarged

NEWS FROM MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY



- **Have you visited the Children's Room lately?** Teri Flint, sponsored by the Malvern Community Arts Project, is working on murals. See how many creatures you can find! The MOMS Club of Malvern and Matt Urban have been working to create new seating, storage and display areas on the porch. Matt is working on his Eagle Award Project. Stop in to see how they are transforming our porch!
- **We are partnering with Swiss Farms in a fundraiser.** Come to the circ desk and receive your Swiss Farm Fresh Family Card. When you use it while shopping at Swiss Farm, you'll receive a 5% discount and the Library will receive a 3% donation. For more information, call 610-644-7259.
- **We are looking for interested residents to volunteer at the library.** We can always use volunteers to help out at various community events, during fundraising events and to serve on our Board. If you are interested, stop by the Library and speak to Rosalie Dietz or call 610-644-7259.
- **Don't forget you can download FREE e-books from www.ccls.org.** Renewals are now allowed on items that are not on hold. If you need help, don't hesitate to ask us.

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ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY WINTER DEICING TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

Excess salt and other deicing chemicals can harm aquatic life in our streams and impact drinking water supplies. This winter, you can help by following these environmentally-friendly snow removal practices:

- Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for deicing chemicals like rock salt.
- Shovel snow onto permeable surfaces including gently sloping and level landscape and grassy areas so as the snow melts it will soak into the ground rather than flow directly into a nearby storm drain or stream.

If you must use deicing chemicals, follow these suggestions:

- **Control application** of chemical deicers and avoid over application.
- **Limit chemical applications** near environmentally-sensitive areas including springs, streams, ponds, wetlands, and water supply areas and sensitive landscape and vegetation
 - **Sand and sawdust** can be used as an environmentally-friendly alternative to commonly-used salt products.
 - **Use salt substitutes** that are less harmful including Calcium Chloride (CaCl_2) and Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA).
 - **For larger areas**, apply salt as a brine solution to prevent drift off of paved surfaces.
 - **After snowmelt, sweep up residues**, including sand, to prevent them from washing into storm drains and streams

Why should I limit my use of salt and other chemical deicing products?

Deicing products contain chemical constituents that can be harmful to the environment including water resources and drinking water supplies. For example, sodium can break down soil structure and decrease soil permeability, which adversely impacts vegetation and soil microbes; chloride mobilizes heavy metals and impacts fresh water supplies including ground and surface waters; and heavy metal components can adversely impact water quality, plant and aquatic life.



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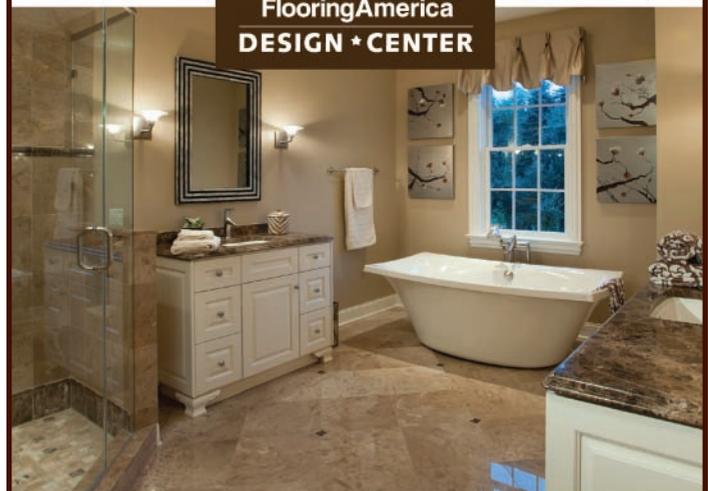
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2014 FINANCIAL UPDATE

- **2013 has proven to be another strong year for the Township's finances** as a combination of lower-than-expected expenses and higher-than-expected revenues have put the township on a path to finish the year with a comfortable budget surplus. In particular, real estate transfer tax revenue has been robust, reflecting the desirability of East Goshen both to home buyers and business owners looking to relocate.
- **This month, the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to adopt the 2014 budget** with no tax increases for the 11th straight year. More information about the 2014 budget can

be found on the website under the "General Information" tab.

- **In October, the Township received a prestigious AAA credit rating** from the Kroll Bond Rating Agency, joining a select few municipalities in southeastern Pennsylvania with the highest possible rating. In its report, Kroll cited the Township's strong financial management policies, favorable cash position, stable property values, highly-educated population and diverse employment base as determining factors in its rating.

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

JANUARY

- New Year's Day**
Jan 1 - Office Closed
- Park Commission**
Jan 2 - 7 pm
- BOS Annual Reorganization**
Jan 6 - 7 pm
- Conservancy Board**
Jan 8 - 7 pm
- Planning Commission**
Jan 8 - 7 pm
- Historical Commission**
Jan 9 - 7 pm
- Municipal Authority**
Jan 13 - 7 pm
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Jan 20 - Office Closed
- Commerce Commission**
Jan 20 - 7 pm
- Board of Supervisors**
Jan 21 - 7 pm
- Friends of East Goshen**
Jan 28 - 7 pm

FEBRUARY

- Board of Supervisors**
Feb 4 - 7 pm
- Planning Commission**
Feb 5 - 1 pm
- Park Commission**
Feb 6 - 7 pm
- Municipal Authority**
Feb 10 - 7 pm
- Conservancy Board**
Feb 12 - 7 pm
- Historical Commission**
Feb 13 - 7 pm
- Presidents Day**
Feb 17 - Office Closed
- Commerce Commission**
Feb 17 - 7 pm
- Board of Supervisors**
Feb 18 - 7 pm
- Friends of East Goshen**
Feb 25 - 7 pm

MARCH

- Board of Supervisors**
Mar 4 - 7 pm
- Planning Commission**
Mar 5 - 7 pm
- Park Commission**
Mar 6 - 7 pm
- Municipal Authority**
Mar 10 - 7 pm
- Conservancy Board**
Mar 12 - 7 pm
- Historical Commission**
Mar 13 - 7 pm
- Commerce Commission**
Mar 17 - 7pm
- Board of Supervisors**
Mar 18 - 7pm
- Friends of East Goshen**
Mar 25 - 7pm



* Other meeting dates (including Zoning Hearing Board) may be added as needed. For verification of dates call Township, check Township website or sign up for Constant Contact.

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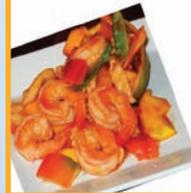
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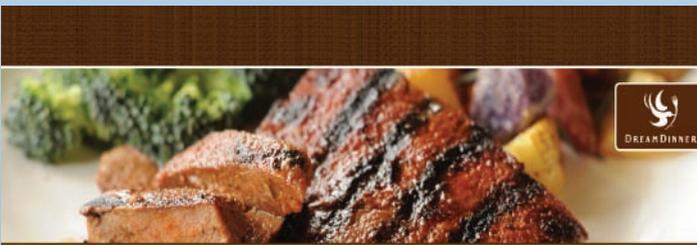
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