



# EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2013

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### Meetings

*East Goshen Township Meetings  
are advertised  
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All Township meetings and  
workshops, with exception of  
Board of Supervisors  
Executive Sessions,  
are open to the public.*



Please see  
East Goshen Township's  
web page at  
[www.eastgoshen.org](http://www.eastgoshen.org)  
for updated information.

# The East Goshen Township Park & Recreation Commission is Happy to Announce the Continuation of Our Successful East Goshen Township Farmers Market!

During the winter months, it will be an indoor bi-weekly market from 3:30pm-6:00pm, beginning Thursday, December 20, 2012 in the [East Goshen Township Public Works Garage at 1580 Paoli Pike](#). The additional winter market dates are January 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 17<sup>th</sup>, January 31<sup>st</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Featured Producers & Artisans are:

- [Dia Doce Cupcakes](#) - Gourmet Cup Cakes -Featured on the Food Network
- [Carmen B's Honey](#) - Natural Chester County honey
- [Golden Valley Farms](#) -Coffee Roasters
- [John & Kira's Chocolates](#) - Gourmet Chocolate
- [Take Me /Bake Me](#) - Gourmet Bake-At-Home Pizza
- Ridge Valley Maple Syrup
- [St. Peters Bakery](#) - Fresh Breads & Pastries
- [Vera's Pasta](#) - Homemade Pasta/Sauces
- [Jacks Jams & Jellies](#)
- [Sweet Salvation Truffles](#)
- Mini Treats - Delicious Home Made Soups
- [Lavinia's Cookies](#) - Cookies & Biscottis
- [Veronica's Doggie Delights](#)



We are taking **NEW** applications for additional local producers and food artisans for our upcoming spring/summer 2013 season held weekly on Thursday from 3 PM - 7 PM in the East Goshen Park, located on Paoli Pike, just east of Route 352. Go to our web site: [www.eastgoshen.org](http://www.eastgoshen.org) under the PARK & REC tab and click on East Goshen Farmers Market to download all the necessary forms that include the applications, rules & regulations.

We look forward to seeing you at the market!



# CONSERVANCY BOARD

## WILDLIFE IN EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

### There are more than Just Deer visiting us

Last year, I enjoyed observing a wide variety of wildlife found in our Township, while walking in Applebrook Park. The highlight was seeing a Bald Eagle, perhaps one of the pair pictured in the East Goshen Township Fall 2012 Newsletter, when it was flying out from above Applebrook Park.

Great Blue Heron, Lesser Heron, Redtail Hawk and Kingfisher birds were frequent visitors to a retention basin, as well as Ridley Creek, in Applebrook Park. I also saw a Baltimore oriole there. Pictures of many local birds are shown on several posters displayed in the Park to help with bird identification.

A pair of muskrats joined the turtles and Mallard ducks in a retention basin kept wet by water running off to Ridley Creek in the Park. The muskrat is a rodent that is more aquatically oriented. I watched the muskrat swim and eat the vegetation under the water and around the edges of the retention basin, including cattails.

I moved a turtle over the street curb of East Boot Road to enable it to safely enter Ridley Creek. The Bog turtle is protected under the United States' Endangered Species Act. Perhaps, this turtle was the rare and secretive Bog Turtle?

The Groundhog, also known as a Woodchuck, have tunneled homes into the frequently mowed grassy areas of Applebrook Park. The Township Public Works crews avoid their holes when mowing the grass. The groundhogs are likely now in hibernation during the Winter months.

I did not see red foxes during the Summer and Fall last year, but I sighted one during early Spring in the Park. Their absence now may be in part caused by hibernation of the groundhog and disappearance of the muskrats into their dens during the Winter.

Many visitors like to watch the sucker fish from the bridges in the Park. I would be thrilled to one day make a confirmed sighting of a Brook trout there.

Enjoy the wildlife in our township in 2013.

Bryan Del Monte

East Goshen Township Conservancy Board



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INFORMATION YOU WISH TO RECEIVE.**

## AN EAST GOSHEN RAIN GARDEN

There's been much talk about rain gardens recently, and I decided to try one. Between my house and Sally's, my neighbor in Hershey's Mill, there is a flood every time we get a hard rain. The developer intended water to run off between our houses, but it runs hard and fast, leaving us a bare, muddy trough instead of a lawn. I thought the area was probably a great candidate for a rain garden, so I went on the internet to read up on it. (<http://www.crcwatersheds.org/resources/view96> is one site, [www.for-wild.org](http://www.for-wild.org) another)

The first thing to do, it seemed, was to find out where the water ran. We observed the area during several rainfalls and then studied it at different times of day to find out where there was sun so we could have flowers in our rain garden once it got established. We laid out an oval garden about 5' wide and 10' long in a sometimes wet and sunny spot.

With help from Hershey's Mill Landscape, a shallow basin about 8" deep was dug, with a dam (made of soil removed from the basin) at the lower end 6" above the level of the garden. The basin was filled with a mixture of a third garden soil, a third sand, and a third compost. This was wrong. It was supposed to be a third soil, sand, and mulch, but I transposed the materials in my head, I'm afraid, according to my prejudices which are pro compost and anti mulch. Fortunately, the rain garden plants are thriving and hummingbirds enjoy.

I put in a border of forget-me-nots, since I have plenty in my perennial beds. Then I planted thalictrum or meadow rue, great blue lobelia, and New England aster, since they were in my flower bed too. I bought cardinal flower, swamp milkweed and little joe-pye weed, and some native columbine, the red and yellow one, called *Canadensis*, I think. (I bought most of those plants at Red Bud native plant nursery, on the right side of route 352 between Gradyville Road and Route 1 and the joe-pye weed at Potter's.) Next year I will try other wetland plants and cover the spaces between with more forget-me-nots. I was supposed to put on mulch but didn't. Gardeners are allowed idiosyncrasies.

There are stepping stones beside and below the garden. These give Sally and me a place to walk and also help channel excess water. The lawn area disturbed for the garden was seeded and has been kept watered through this summer's droughts.

Your garden does not have to be done the same way. You may wish to provide for water from a downspout or to make a pretty garden out of a wet spot in your lawn. You don't have to have stepping stones. They are extra work, but except for the initial digging involved, making a rain garden is not a lot of effort, and the result is well worth it.

In our case, when we have water from heavy rains, it flows into the rain garden, seeps over the dam, and sinks into grass instead of making a trough in the mud. The whole thing is quite pretty and is putting excess water back where it belongs—into our aquifers.

Ginnie Newlin, The Conservancy Board.

## MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Need a reading buddy? Children are invited to read to Bruno, a trained therapy dog who loves to calmly listen to children read to him. Join Bruno for a little reading and TLC on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. He's very popular so you need to register for 20 minute sessions.
- Have you checked out our Facebook page? Become a friend of the Library on Facebook and keep up to date on upcoming events and bad weather closings. Don't be the last to know about the latest events and news.
- Please remember Malvern Public Library in your gift plans. Visit us online at [www.malvernpubliclibrary.org](http://www.malvernpubliclibrary.org) to donate or stop by the library for an envelope. Thank you.
- Visit [www.malvernpubliclibrary.org](http://www.malvernpubliclibrary.org) and view our event calendar.
- We are planning our annual Phonathon fundraiser. We are looking for enthusiastic supporters willing to make calls or write thank you notes. Please call the library (610-644-7259) for details.

## Goshen Fire Company Strategic Planning Initiative

The Goshen Fire Company is currently engaged in a strategic planning process designed to enhance our ability to deliver high quality fire, emergency medical, and fire police services to the communities that we serve. The intent of this process is to ensure that we are prepared to deliver the level of service that stakeholders expect and deserve. Our commitment is to not only meet reasonable stakeholder service expectations, but where possible to exceed these expectations.

Our planning process is designed to be inclusive of the various stakeholder groups, offering the opportunity for both internal and external stakeholders to participate in this important initiative. Dr. Robert S. Fleming, a Professor of Management at Rowan University is facilitating our strategic planning activities. He is a resident of East Goshen Township and member of the Goshen Fire Company.

The initial activity in our planning process involved our Board of Directors identifying the various stakeholder groups, as well as the expectations of each group. The Board also reviewed our current mission statement and considered possible revisions. The current mission statement is:

### ***Our Mission – Neighbors Helping Neighbors***

*We, the members of the Goshen Fire Company, are dedicated to the preservation of life, property, and the environment. As a volunteer and career department, our goal is to provide exceptional fire, rescue, fire police, and emergency medical service to the community through the recruitment and training of qualified individuals, providing them with the tools they need to perform any task. We ask only for the support of our community to help us perform our mission of public service.*

Members of the fire company have been asked to complete a survey through which they will indicate their thoughts on the organizational strengths and weaknesses of the Goshen Fire Company, as well as the environmental opportunities and threats that it is likely to face during the five-year planning period. Those members who are active in one or more of our operating divisions have been asked to complete a similar survey regarding their respective division(s).

Each of the three operating divisions, as well as the Board of Directors, are engaged in strategic planning workshops designed to reach consensus on the organizational strengths and weaknesses of their division and the environmental opportunities and threats that it faces. Based on these insights, each division will be preparing goals for the five-year planning period, along with supporting strategies and objectives.

The project is being conducted in a coordinated manner that will ensure that the resulting plan is cohesive in that the planned initiatives of each division will synergistically contribute to the attainment of the fire company's mission and to its preparedness to both meet and exceed stakeholder expectations.

Should you have any questions regarding our strategic planning initiative, please feel free to contact Bob Fleming at [RSFHAZMAT@aol.com](mailto:RSFHAZMAT@aol.com).

# East Goshen Recreation - Winter 2013

## Park and Recreation Commission Members

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore, John Jamgochian - Secretary, Heidi Karpa - Chairperson, Erich Meyer, PJ Viloski - Vice Chairperson, Betsy Williams, Joe Zulli

**Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation**

If you want to receive Recreation program information please visit our website: [www.eastgoshen.org](http://www.eastgoshen.org) or sign up for Constant Contact on our website or contact Frank Vattilano at 1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380 or at [recdirector@eastgoshen.org](mailto:recdirector@eastgoshen.org) or at (610) 692-7171.

## Special Events and Trips

### Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington DC

**Sunday, April 7**

**8am departure from the East Goshen Township Building.**

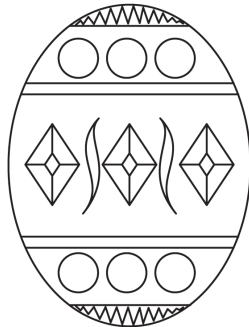
Back in East Goshen at approximately 7:30 pm. Taste foods from festival vendors; visit the museums and monuments surrounding the National Mall. Don't miss out- we plan only taking one bus!

**Fee: \$35 per person**

### The Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am East Goshen Park (rain date Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>) Ages 2 to 10.**

Spring is in the air when it's time for the Giant Bunny to make her yearly appearance. We'll form an honor line to greet her, "Her Bunniness". She won't sneak into town. Sirens will blare, lights will flash and little eyes will shine brightly as she arrives by Goshen Fire Truck driven by East Goshen's own, Lt. Teddy Harrison. Then it's *Bunny Hop* dance time led by the Amerikids to warm up for the Hunt. The Bunny will pose with the kiddos (who may also have their faces painted) for photo ops. The Park Board will hand out prizes. Bring your camera, your child and your smiling muscles.



### Township Wide Yard Sale

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 9am to 1pm**

**(rain date Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>)**

*Up to your ears in yesterdays treasures? 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) A great chance to clear some space and add some cash.



## Weekly Programs

### Aerobics:

**January 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30pm**

**East Goshen Elementary**

Ann McGrath is the real "energizer bunny". The days may be shorter, the thermometer mercury may shrink, but Ann will motivate you to your goals- health, fitness and clothes that will fit you so much better in the spring. Those who were enrolled in the fall 2012 class will receive a discount for the upcoming spring session. Sign up for this class. Your body will thank you for it. Almost 25 classes for only:

**Fee: \$75 (\$65 for those enrolled in 2012 fall aerobics).**



### Line Dancing

**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> - Mondays - 1pm to 1:55pm**

**OR**

**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23, 30 and February 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> - Wednesdays - 6:15 to 7:10 PM**

**East Goshen Township Building**

This great way to have fun and get some exercise will include the latest line dances as well as the old favorites. It will be taught by an awesome instructor from **Going Fit, (Exercise for anyone, anywhere)** Founder, Heather Wadsworth has instructors are certified and the best at what they do. She also teaches many of the classes herself. **Fee: \$48**



## Yoga

**January 7th to April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**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. The teacher is the medium through which you learn anything and there is none better than Charo. Through postures, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques, she will guide you and as a result, your body will 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- Beginners 9:30am to 10:45am

**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)**

## Relax and Renew - Relaxation Class

**January 7 to February 12 - Tuesdays 4pm to 5pm**

**East Goshen Township Building**

Relax the mind and body using different relaxation techniques like meditation, visualization, guided imagery and deep breathing. During relaxation, you rest your body, allow stress hormones to subside, and occupy your mind so that unpleasant, stressful thoughts do not intrude. Improve your day to day living, gain control over the body's responses to stress and enjoy greater sense of well-being.

*Please make checks for Relax and Renew- Relaxation Class payable to Charo Cabello and send with the Registration form to 2505 Winterbridge Lane, West Chester, PA 19382. Fee: \$60 for 6 classes*

## Zumba

**Zumba Gold- Fitness class for older adults and beginners**

**Session 1, January 7<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Mondays - 5:30 to 6:45pm**

**Session 2, February 25<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Mondays - 5:30 to 6:30pm**

**Zumba- ages 18 and up**

**Session 1, January 7<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Mondays - 7pm to 8:15pm,**

**Session 2, February 25<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Mondays - 7pm to 8:15pm**

**East Goshen Township Building**

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 set of 6 sessions OR \$120 for 2 sets of 6 sessions**

## Intermediate Pilates

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> to February 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30 to 11:30 am**

**Wednesdays**

**East Goshen Township Building**

This excellent value is a Beginner class in Pilates that helps to strengthen the core muscles and improve posture, flexibility and balance. Attention will focus on correct alignment and 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: \$65**

## Beginner Pilates

**January 4<sup>th</sup> to February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Fridays 10:30am to 11:30am**

**East Goshen Township Building**

Ready for the next step? Ruby is ready for you. Continue progress and enjoy! Bring comfortable clothes and a mat.

**Fee: \$65**

## Learn to Skate for Tots

**ages 3 to 6 years old**

**Tuesdays, February 5<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup> 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

**Tuesday and Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**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 on fees for completing this course. Limited space. **Fee: \$19**



**A Big Thank You** to East High School Student **Sammy Wadsworth** who is the East Goshen Recreation **Social Media Intern** who works on our **Facebook page**. East Goshen is blessed to Sammy working for us.

Also: Seniors: Stay tuned for "Helping You Figure Out Those High Devices You Received for the Holidays". This class will match you up with a very tech savvy and patient high school student.

# 2013 Winter Recreation Registration Form (Please submit with payment)

	Name of Participant <small>(please print)</small>	Name of Activity <small>(please be specific if there are 2 choices of times or days)</small>	Birthdate	Phone + Email <small>(Please print legibly)</small>	Address + Zip Code <small>(Please print legibly)</small>
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Line Dancing \$48 • Zumba \$65 for one six week session or \$120 for Two six week sessions • Pilates \$65  
 Aerobics: \$75 (\$65 for fall aerobics 2012 class members) • Cherry Blossom Trip: \$35 • Learn to Skate for Tots: \$89  
 Mature Driver Training \$19  
 Make check(s) for above to East Goshen Township and send or drop off at 1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380

Yoga \$120 Yoga for seniors \$90; Relax and Renew \$60. *(Please make Yoga and Yoga and Relax and Renew-Relaxation checks to Charo Cabello and send to 2505 Winterbridge Lane, West Chester, PA 19382)*

Payment must accompany this form to reserve a spot in any activity or trip. Note: You may register for the programs listed on this page by using the form above and mailing it to us, or, dropping it off at the Township Building. Questions? Please call 610.692.7171 or e-mail Frank Vattilano at [recdirector@eastgoshen.org](mailto:recdirector@eastgoshen.org).

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Check amount \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to 'East Goshen Township')

**I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may now or hereafter have against East Goshen Township, and its respective employees for any and all damages or injuries which may be sustained by me or my family arising out of my participation in the above activity.**

Signature of Participant(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or parent/guardian if participant is under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_



# Winter Weather and Snow Removal:

## Pre-storm Preparedness Checklist:

No on-street parking to allow efficient and safe plowing/salting  
Clear snow from any fire hydrants on or near your property  
Keep a safe distance from all plow trucks  
Avoid all unnecessary travel  
Have a 7-day supply of all medications  
Have 1 gallon of water per person per day on hand  
Have a 3 day supply of non-perishable food  
Have baby supplies, diapers, formula etc.  
Flashlights and batteries  
Radio – battery operated  
Blankets  
Full tank of propane for grill  
Have your gas tank filled  
Have your pets inside; make sure they have 7- day supply of food  
Have dry wood in a garage or covered for the fireplace or woodstove

## Snow Removal:

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. When clearing your driveway **do not** deposit the snow into the roadway; this can cause hazardous conditions to other motorists.
6. Cul-de-sacs and storm drains are the final areas to be cleaned up after a storm.

## Important Information on Snow Removal:

1. Do Not park on the street during a snow event.
2. 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 into your driveway.
3. The Township does not plow residential driveways.
4. If an ambulance has been called to an address in the Township we will help bring in the emergency vehicle.
5. Please bear in mind; we cannot be everywhere at once. We will plow all roads in order of traffic priority, the main roads then secondary roads.
6. 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 mail box 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 to put 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. *The East Goshen Township Board of Supervisors have passed a resolution that states the Township will reimburse a resident \$25.00 for replacement or repair for 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 any mailboxes.*

## Odds & Ends from Rick Smith, Township Manager

On December 4, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2013 Budget, which does not include an increase in the real estate tax. The complete budget is available on the Township web page at [www.eastgoshen.org](http://www.eastgoshen.org).

The East Goshen Farmers Market is alive and well. There is a winter market at the Township Public Works Annex every other Thursday afternoon from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

There are currently 2,014 people signed up for Constant Contact. If you would like to receive real time information about East Goshen, please go to our web page at [www.eastgoshen.org](http://www.eastgoshen.org) and click on the link to Constant Contact.



Yard Waste Collection - Please be sure to place your yard waste in a paper bag. Yard waste in a plastic bag will not be collected.

In December, the Chester County Vision Partnership Grant Program awarded East Goshen Township a grant to update the Township Comprehensive Plan. The last update of the Comprehensive Plan occurred in 2005.

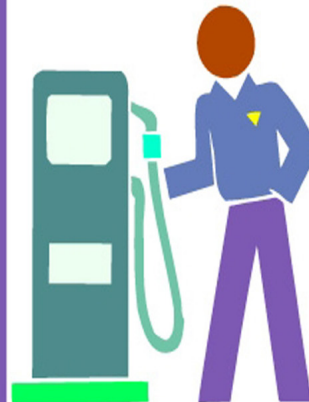
In November, the Township submitted plans to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the rehabilitation of the Hershey's Mill Dam.

Sixty years ago, at their meeting on March 10, 1953, the Board of Supervisors adopted the first Zoning Ordinance for East Goshen Township.

Please visit us at [www.eastgoshen.org](http://www.eastgoshen.org). We welcome your comments and/or suggestions.

### Don't Top Off at the Pump!

**Did you know that "topping off" gas tank after the nozzle clicks can cost money and cause pollution to our streams?**



- **Overfilling can cause fumes to escape and cause spills of gasoline onto the pavement which washes into storm drains and then streams.**
- **Forcing extra gasoline into the tank can lead to poor efficiency and affect the vehicle's emission system.**
- **Your car's vapor recovery system may actually feed this extra gas back into the pump.**

## BAT FACTS

They will not get in your hair.

They are gentle, intelligent and clean.

They protect our environment by eating insects like beetles, moths, and mosquitoes.

(Without bats, mosquitoes would make a meal of us.)

They pollinate crops and dispense seeds.

They are not likely to have rabies (less than half of one percent of bats do) and they will not attack you.

If you see a bat on your porch, let it alone. It will fly away as soon as it can. If you find one flying in your house, open a window or door and let it out. If you find one on the floor, don't try to pick it up without heavy gloves. I found what I thought was a young bird on the floor of my dark hallway and picked it up to put outside. Whereupon, it tried to bite me, the natural response of a little fellow threatened by a giant. Since this bird had teeth, I quickly dropped it, and looking more closely, found it was a small brown bat. I swept it up in a dust pan (not the right procedure) and took it outside. I should have placed a plastic container over the bat and slid a piece of cardboard under it, then taken it outside, putting it on an elevated surface so it could fly away. Bats have to drop down and gather air under their wings in order to fly.

Forest-dwelling bats migrate in the winter, while others hibernate in caves or attics. If you have bats living in your attic, they will not destroy your attic and they will bless you with less mosquitoes outside, but if they must be relocated, get help from a bat expert, not an exterminator.

There are no vampire bats in Pennsylvania. All bats here are insect eating bats.

Two of the nine species here are in serious trouble: the Small-Footed bat and the Indiana bat. It is the little brown bat which has been dying of white-nose fungus, contracted in caves while hibernating. As I understand it, somehow the fungus wakes the bat from hibernation by irritating its wings, which the bat shreds, making it unable to fly or catch insects if there are any around. Scientists have been working on a way to kill the fungus without also killing the bat.

If putting up a bat house interests you, mount it at least twelve feet high, facing South or East, and ensure that it has direct sunlight six or eight hours a day. Unfortunately, a bat house doesn't ensure resident bats if you have tall trees around. They prefer the trees.

Wherever they want to live, you definitely want them around, so they can protect you from those night-flying insects you don't want. Bats also need you to protect them, since they are the most endangered mammal in North America.

Ginnie Newlin, The Conservancy Board

The info above came from Bat Woman Brenda Malinic's brochure passed out at a CRC Watershed Society bat forum. You can get more information about bats on websites: [www.batcon.org](http://www.batcon.org) and [www.batworld.org](http://www.batworld.org)

# CODE

# ORDER

## East Goshen Township Code §194 SOLID WASTE

The Township has a program for the mandatory source separation and collection of municipal waste and recyclable materials within the Township. As a reminder, here are the municipal waste and recyclable material requirements for all single family residential properties in the Township.

### § 194-6. Single-family residential general requirements.

- A. No person shall place municipal waste in trash cans or trash bags used for the collection of recyclables. No person shall place recyclable materials in trash cans or trash bags used for the collection of municipal waste.
- B. Municipal waste materials that are too bulky to be placed in a trash can must be cut up and securely tied into bundles or packaged in a manner designed to prevent any scattering while the municipal waste contractor is handling the same or while such bundles await collection. Bundles or packages shall have the longest dimension not exceeding three feet so as to permit ease of handling by one person and shall not exceed 50 pounds in weight.
- C. Bulk trash items must be able to be lifted by two people. Any appliance that contains or once contained Freon will not be collected unless the Freon has been removed and a sticker certifying to such has been affixed to the appliance. Collection of bulk waste shall be made by the municipal waste contractor at such frequency as determined by the Township.
- D. Building materials, full or partially full paint cans, used motor oil, batteries, computers, hazardous materials, automotive parts and tires will not be collected by the municipal waste contractor.
- 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 day.

## Construction activities which require a Building Permit

The Township Code Department works with the 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

# HISTORICAL COMMISSION NOTES AND NEWS

**REFLECTIONS ON 2012** — This past year has been a busy one for the Historical Commission. Serving as judges for National History Day started the year off. Various workshop sessions were held in preparation for the second of a three-year emphasis on the Civil War. A successful Living History Day was held in June with almost 700 visitors coming to see “history come alive”. Participation in Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day was completed. The Plank House and Blacksmith Shop were staffed with volunteer guides every weekend from May through October. These volunteers also accommodated several special groups. Participation by volunteers in the commemoration of the “1777 Philadelphia Campaign” took place at Brandywine State Park in DE. The garden was re-configured, the Plank House got a new roof, and several windows were restored in both the Plank House and the Blacksmith Shop. The comprehensive inventory and archiving of all items is nearing completion. Progress was made on social media pages for the Commission. The Historical Commission Members and volunteers from the East Goshen Township carried out these key activities as well as the day-to-day and monthly activities. A hearty THANK YOU goes to all of them!!!

**CAN YOU HELP US ON OUR PROJECTS?** — Are you a history buff? Do you enjoy doing research, working with school-age children, gardening, or recording oral history? Are you interested in writing, publicity or promotion, grantsmanship or photography? Would you like to be a Plank House guide? Do you have other talents to share? Then the Historical Commission can put you to work if you have a little time to give to the Township.

In order to plan and conduct all the special events and projects, the Historical Commission needs to involve many more East Goshen residents in its activities. People are needed for all kinds of projects and as “day of the event” volunteers.

More volunteers are especially needed to serve as tour guides at the Plank House and the Blacksmith Shop on weekend afternoons from May through October. We also could host more groups during the week but need people available Monday through Friday for special group activities. This summer we will participate in the county-wide Town Tours and Village Walks program on July 25. Additional information will be posted on our web site in late April.

A *Volunteer Information Sheet* has been posted on the Township website and copies are available at the Township. If you are interested in volunteering, a member of the Historical Commission will contact you. For more information, call the Township at 610-692-7171.

**VOLUNTEER JUDGES NEEDED FOR REGIONAL HISTORY DAY COMPETITION** — For the eighth year in a row, the East Goshen Township Historical Commission members along with several East Goshen residents will serve as judges for the February 23 regional National History Day event at Immaculata College. Approximately 500 students are expected to participate. “Turning Points in History: People, Ideas and Events” is the 2012-2013 theme. Participating students come from traditional schools, charter schools or are home-schooled.

Students choose historical topics related to the theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews and historic sites. After analyzing and interpreting their sources and drawing conclusions about their topics’ significance in history, students present their work in original papers, websites, exhibits, performances and documentaries.

The Regional History Day for Chester / Delaware Counties is the first step on the way to the State and National levels of competition for students in grades 6-8 and 9-12 and is modeled after science fairs. A short training for judges will be held February 16. For more general information on National History Day, go to the Chester County Historical Society web site at [www.chestercohistorical.org](http://www.chestercohistorical.org).

**LIVING HISTORY DAY – JUNE 1** — The third event of a three-year plan to bring alive the Civil War will be held June 1 as our annual Living History Day takes place. This year we will concentrate on the happenings in Gettysburg, transportation issues and communications techniques and how these things affected Chester County residents. This is a FREE fun-filled family event. Plan to bring the whole family.

## **TOWN TOURS AND VILLAGE WALKS**

Mark your calendars for ***July 25*** and take advantage of a unique experience. More than 75 volunteers will be used for this great program. This is the third time since 2004 that East Goshen Township has participated in the Town Tours program. This is a wonderful event designed for all members of your family. We hope you plan to come.

Other Municipal Historical Commissions and local heritage organizations throughout the County also will offer evening walking tours this summer. These tours are a great way to see and learn more about the rich history of Chester County. All programs will take place Thursday evenings and are FREE and open to the public. Brochures will be available late April along with information on the web site.

# East Goshen Township Refuse & Recycling

## 2013 Yard Waste Schedule:

January 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> , Christmas trees will be collected on these days  
 February 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>  
 March 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>  
 April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>  
 May 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
 June 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
 July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
 August 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>  
 September 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
 October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
 November 6<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
 December 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>



## SPCA Needs Your Help!

The SPCA cannot thank you enough for your past support.

Leashes  
 Rawhide Chews  
 Dog Biscuits & Cat Treats  
 Washable Dog & Cat Toys  
 Towels & Blankets  
 Dog Beds  
 Liquid Laundry Detergent  
 Bleach  
 Sponges  
 Rubber gloves  
 Dust Pans and Brushes



## 2013 Bulk Trash Schedule

January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
 February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
 March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
 April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
 May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>  
 June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>  
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## State Roads:

**Boot Road, Greenhill Road, N. Chester Road, Strasburg Road and West Chester Pike**

Any residents living on a state road that needs road repair, a tree down, wires down, or pot holes may call Penn Dot: 484-340-3200

## 2013 Trash Holiday Schedule:

Memorial Day - Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>  
 4<sup>th</sup> of July - Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Thanksgiving – Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>

## 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 day.

## 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.



## Call Before You Dig:

If you have to excavate your property please remember to call before you dig.

**1-800-242-1776 or  
 811 PA One Call**



## Clogged or leaking sanitary sewer lines; sewage smell in the creek:

**East Goshen Township Sewer Authority  
 610-692-7171 after 5:00pm or before 7:00am call 911**

## Broken Water Main:

**Call Aqua Pennsylvania: 610-525-1402 24 hours**

## Web Site:

If you have any questions, please log onto our website, [www.eastgoshen.org](http://www.eastgoshen.org)

## KEEP EAST GOSHEN BEAUTIFUL DAY — 2013

The annual “**Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day**” is **Saturday, April 6**. This is our 28<sup>th</sup> year and we have found it’s a great way to jump-start spring-cleaning efforts in our neighborhoods and throughout the Township.

**You can help** our Township keep its cleaner-than-average look by joining with your neighbors and members of the Township ABCs (Authorities, Boards and Commissions) for a few hours that morning. If you belong to a civic association, scout troop, business, community organization or similar group, please contact us now and we’ll set up a stretch of road for your group.

Individuals, families and groups **meet at the Township building** (1580 Paoli Pike) on that Saturday from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. for coffee, juice, donuts, muffins and fruit and to pick up supplies; we supply safety vests, gloves and bags. Then we head out at 9:00 a.m. to pick up roadside litter. This takes about two hours. Youngsters 10 and older are encouraged to help as well. It is a great object lesson to see first hand what a messy habit littering is. You will gain a sense of pride and accomplishment to have helped in this annual event. We’ve found the day to be a great object lesson in “Don’t Litter”. Seeing the mess people make and how nice it looks with just a little effort seems to make an impression on everyone.

**Here’s a challenge** to the residents of East Goshen Township – Let’s see how many neighborhoods can participate this year by providing a **team of neighbors** to tackle a section of Township road. How? Select a team leader, get a few neighbors to help (4 or 5 would be ideal), come to the Township building that Saturday morning with your group to pick up your supplies and then go to work polishing up the Township.

The Planning Commission and the Historical Commission have officially adopted dedicated stretches of State roads crossing our Township through the State Adopt-A-Highway Program. Respectively, they cover East Strasburg Road and Route 352 south of Paoli Pike. Other local groups that participate in the State Program and are responsible for roads in our Township include the Phelps School and the West Goshen Lions Club (portions of Paoli Pike), Absolute Realty (West Chester Pike) and Goshen Friends School (portion of 352 north of Paoli Pike). We thank our educational, organizational and corporate friends for their efforts.

Since April 3 and 17 are days that yard waste will be collected at your curbside; the month of April would also be a good time to **spruce up your neighborhood**. Check the Township web site for materials that qualify as “yard waste”. Remember: material in *plastic* bags will not be collected. **Be sure to use paper bags or containers**.

Please **call the Township** at 610-692-7171 to let us know you will help, to ask questions, or to reserve a particular stretch of road for your group, organization or family. Jack Yahraes — a member of the Municipal Authority – Co-chairs this project with his wife Kathryn who is a member of the Historical Commission. Jack’s email address is [jyahraes@aol.com](mailto:jyahraes@aol.com) and his phone number is 610-692-2285.

See you on April 6 when we give our Township its annual “Spring Cleaning”.

~~ Kathryn Yahraes

# **SAVE THE DATE**


**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013**

**KEEP EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFUL DAY**

- Help clean up our Township.
- Meet at the Township Building at 8:30 a.m. to pick up your supplies.
- 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.



1580 Paoli Pike  
West Chester, PA 19380

DATES OF IMPORTANCE		
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Planning Commission Jan 2 - 7 pm	Board of Supervisors Feb 5 - 7 pm	Board of Supervisors Mar 5 - 7 pm
Farmers Market Jan 3 - 3:30 - 6 pm	Pension Committee Feb 6 - 1 pm	Planning Commission Mar 6 - 7 pm
Park Commission Jan 3 - 7 pm	Planning Commission Feb 6 - 7 pm	Park Commission Mar 7 - 7 pm
BOS Annual Reorganization Jan 7 - 7 pm	Park Commission Feb 7 - 7 pm	Municipal Authority Mar 11 - 7 pm
Conservancy Board Jan 9 - 7 pm	Commerce Dev Commission Feb 11 - 7 pm	Conservancy Board Mar 13 - 7 pm
Historical Commission Jan 10 - 7 pm	Municipal Authority Feb 11 - 7 pm	Historical Commission Mar 14 - 7 pm
Commerce Dev Commission Jan 14 - 7 pm	Conservancy Board Feb 13 - 7 pm	Farmers Market Mar 14 - 3:30 - 6 pm
Municipal Authority Jan 14 - 7 pm	Historical Commission Feb 14 - 7 pm	Commerce Dev Commission Mar 18 - 7 pm
Board of Supervisors Jan 15 - 7 pm	Farmers Market Feb 14 - 3:30 - 6 pm	Board of Supervisors Mar 19 - 7 pm
Farmers Market Jan 17 - 3:30 - 6 pm	Board of Supervisors Feb 19 - 7 pm	Go to <a href="http://www.eastgoshen.org">www.eastgoshen.org</a> Sign up for Constant Contact and get email updates!
Get latest Township news 	Deer Management Committee Feb 25 - 7 pm	

\* 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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