



# EAST GOSHEN

CHESTER COUNTY, PA

## Township



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*"Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse."*  
— Henry van Dyke

*"Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth."*  
- Abraham Lincoln

**D**ear Friends, Neighbors and Fellow Residents,

2016 has been another excellent year for East Goshen Township, and whereas every day of the year is a special day, the month of November, when this letter was written, has a few extra-special days that provide us with the opportunity to pause and reflect on our good fortune to live in this great country: Election Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day.

Our right and privilege to vote, ability to take part in elections, and witness the peaceful transition of government have been made possible by the sacrifices of Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces, whom we always remember and honor with a Moment of Silence at every public meeting in East Goshen Township. We owe a debt of gratitude to our Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces for all they have done and are thankful for what they continue to do in protecting and ensuring our right and privilege to vote for the government we wish to have.

It is with this reflection that my fellow members of the Board of Supervisors and I extend our respect, admiration, and thanks to our fellow residents who have served and are currently serving our great country in our Armed Forces. Their selfless service is even more meaningful as we approach Thanksgiving Day, a traditional day for family gatherings.

As we close out this year, my fellow Supervisors and I also extend our thanks and appreciation to the members of the Township Staff whose commitment to provide the best government services to the public honors the personal sacrifices made by our Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces.

Last, but not least, my fellow Supervisors and I would like to thank our fellow residents for having chosen East Goshen Township as a home for your families and businesses and for honoring our Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces with your participation in elections.

Election Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day; three extra-special days that make us most fortunate to live in this great country.

*Senya D. Isayeff*  
Chairman



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### MEETINGS

East Goshen Township meetings are advertised in the *Daily Local News*.

All Township meetings and workshops, with the 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.

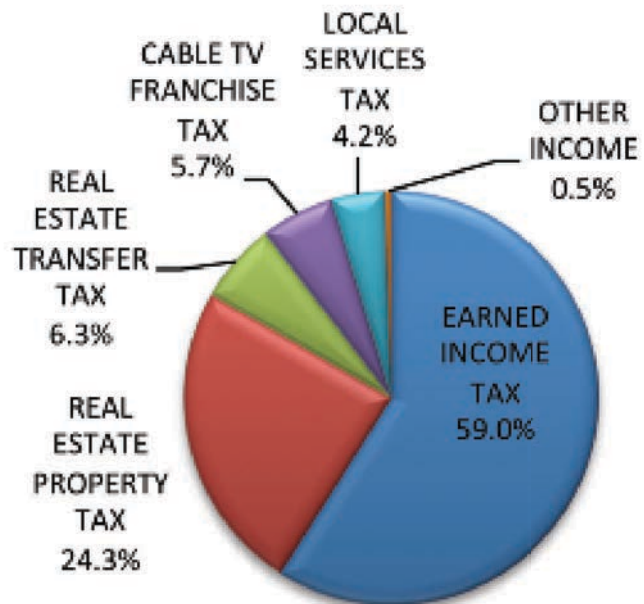


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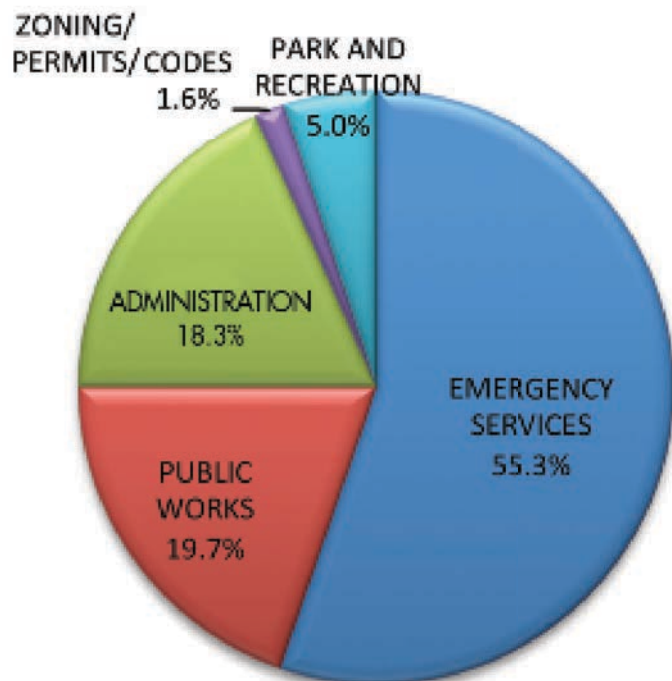
## 2017 BUDGET UPDATE

On December 6th, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2017 Township budget. We are proud to report that for the 14th consecutive year, the Township will have no increase to the real estate tax rate. More information about the 2017 budget can be found on our website under Services>Finance>2017 Budget. The pie charts below provide a breakout of the net expenses and sources of tax revenue in the General Fund necessary to operate the Township.

### Where the money comes from



### Where the money goes





## NEW DUE DATES FOR SEWER AND TRASH BILLS

Effective for the 1st Quarter of 2017, sewer and trash/recycling bills will be due 45 days after the billing date, rather than after 90 days, as they have been for the past two and a half years. This means that the **bills that are sent out in mid-January will be due in early March**. We understand that this change may result in some initial confusion, and we will endeavor to make the new date as broadly known as possible over the next three months. However, it is our hope that the shorter billing period will result in fewer lost or misplaced bills and a more seamless billing process overall.

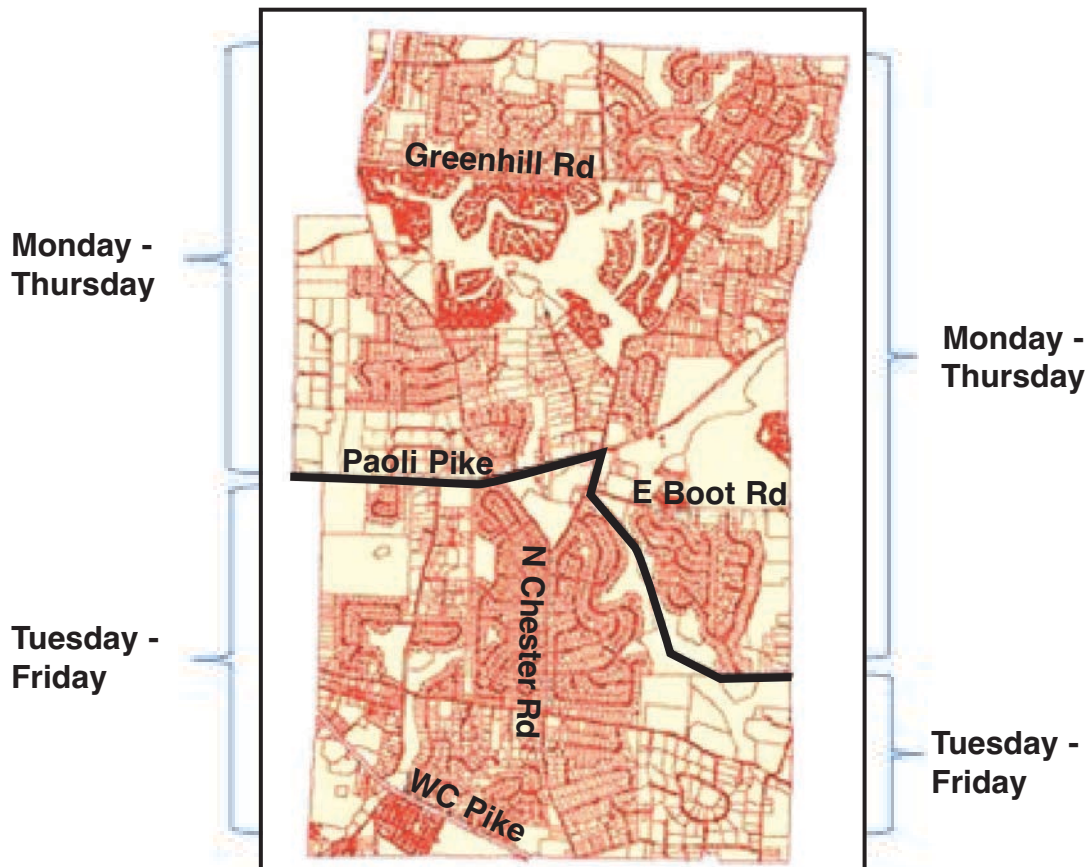
## 2017 REAL ESTATE TAX PAYMENTS

Please note that the 2017 Township Real Estate Tax Invoices will be mailed on February 1st. If you have an escrow account, please forward your invoice to your mortgage company and do not mail payment directly to the Township as your mortgage company will also make the payment. Every year, we receive hundreds of duplicate tax payments that need to be researched and returned to residents, at considerable time and energy for Township staff. Thanks!



## NEW PICK-UP DATES FOR TRASH AND RECYCLING IN 2017

Beginning January 2017, we will be changing the weekly trash and recycling pick-up dates for residents in single family homes. As shown in the map below, residents living north of Paoli Pike as well as along East Boot Road and in the Hunt Country and Clocktower Woods developments will move to Monday (trash and recycling) and Thursday (trash only), while all other residents living south of Paoli Pike will move to Tuesday (trash and recycling) and Friday (trash only). The Township changes the pick-up dates every three years. The reason for this is that the Monday-Thursday pick-up falls on three holidays every year (Memorial Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving) when there is no trash service. Therefore, changing the dates ensures that all residents receive the same level of trash and recycling services over the long-term. At the same time, we recognize that this change may be disruptive to many residents' normal weekly routines and, as with the change in the billing date, we will continue to get the word out about the new schedule in the coming weeks.



## 2017 TRASH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that trash and recycling will not be picked up on the dates listed below. They will be taken on the next regularly scheduled service day.

January 2nd, Monday – New Year’s Day

May 29th, Monday – Memorial Day

July 4th, Tuesday – Independence Day

September 4th, Monday – Labor Day

November 23rd, Thursday – Thanksgiving

December 25th, Monday – Christmas

**DON'T FORGET!**

Trash & Recycling Days Will Switch on January 1.

Houses with pick-up on Monday-Thursday now will change to Tuesday-Friday and vice-versa.

### WINTER BULK TRASH AND YARD WASTE DATES

#### BULK TRASH

A bulk item must be able to be picked up and handled by two people. A maximum of two bulk items may be placed out for pickup at one time.

- December 15th and 16th
- January 12th and 13th
- February 16th and 17th
- March 16th and 17th



#### YARD WASTE\*

Only paper bags will be collected, no plastic bags will be taken. You may also use a trash can; provided it weighs no more than 50 lbs.

- December 7th and 21st
- January 11th and 25th
- February 8th and 22nd
- March 8th and 22nd

\*Please note that Christmas Trees are considered yard waste. Yard waste and Christmas trees in plastic bags will not be collected.

## FRIENDS OF EAST GOSHEN RAISES \$37,500 IN SUPPORT OF PARKS & RECREATION

Friends of East Goshen, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that raises funds for the preservation, improvement, and restoration of Township parks, recreational facilities, open space, historical resources and activities, is pleased to report that we raised \$37,500 this year in support of the Township’s parks and recreation programming. Most of these funds were used for Community Day, which allowed the Township to hold the event at no cost to Township taxpayers for the second year in a row.

We are indebted to the generosity of our donors—both corporate and individual donors alike—who see the value in continuing to support East Goshen and ensuring that we remain a premier community now and for years to come. A complete list of all of this year’s donors can be found on our website at [www.friendsofeastgoshen.org](http://www.friendsofeastgoshen.org).

If you would like to learn more about Friends, including how you can support Township activities as we gear up for next year’s historic Bi-Centennial Celebration, please contact me at [presfoeg@verizon.net](mailto:presfoeg@verizon.net) or visit us on the web, at [www.friendsofeastgoshen.org](http://www.friendsofeastgoshen.org).

Happy Holidays!

Joe Boué, President



## WHERE THEY GO, WEGO!

We are pleased to announce the following recent promotions in the Westtown-East Goshen Police Department:

- Jonathan Stafford was promoted from Detective to Sergeant in the Patrol Division. An East Goshen resident, Sergeant Stafford is a 17-year veteran of the department.
- Officer Kenneth Frascella was promoted to full-time patrol officer.
- Officer Ryan Herman, and East Goshen Township native, was promoted to full-time patrol officer.

**Congratulations Jon, Ken and Ryan and good luck!**



Sergeant Jonathan Stafford

## SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVES TO SALT FOR TREATING ICY SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS

Spreading salt on roads and driveways reduces ice formation, allowing for safer travel for pedestrians and motorists. Too much salt, however, can corrode metal on cars, damage gardens and trees, and pollute our local streams. However, you can be part of the solution by using alternative products or by using salt at recommended times and rates.

There are several products that can be used instead of salt. Here are a few options to consider:

- **Sand, kitty litter, and coffee grinds** – These products provide great traction. Sand can easily be swept up and disposed of afterwards, but kitty litter often creates mushy clumps. These products will absorb sunlight, contributing to melting.
- **Ashes** – For those with a wood burning fireplace, ashes are a great option. They provide a lot of traction and absorb sunlight, so ice will melt quickly on a sunny day. And they're free!
- **Beet juice** – Increasingly being used on its own or mixed with salt, this safe and natural product allows ice to melt even when air temperatures are extremely cold.
- **Potassium acetate, calcium magnesium acetate** – Acetates are super-effective even at extremely low temperatures and are biodegradable. The drawback? Price. They cost several times as much as rock salt and can be difficult to find. This is a good solution for small areas in environmentally sensitive locations, such as next to a stream.
- **Other "chlorides":** calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, potassium chloride – Salt (sodium chloride) is not the only

chloride product that can melt ice. These products are generally more expensive than rock salt, but work better at low temperatures. Calcium chloride is the preferred choice over magnesium chloride, as it works at lower temperatures and is applied at a lower rate, leading to less chloride in our streams. Potassium chloride is considered safest for pets and plants, but is often more expensive and does not work well at lower temperatures. All chloride products contribute to pollutant loads in our streams and their use should be minimized.

If salt is the only reasonable alternative for your property, remember:

- Remove as much ice and snow off the top as you can before applying salt to speed up melting
- A little salt can go a long way:
  - Rock salt should be applied at about a handful per square yard
  - Calcium chloride should be spread even thinner, about a handful for 3 square yards
- The air temperature matters. Rock salt is five times more effective at melting ice at 30°F than 20°F, and ineffective below 20°F. Calcium chloride is better for temperatures down to 0°F.
- Applying early can prevent ice crystals from forming and minimize the amount of salt used overall.

*A Message from East Goshen Township and the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association*



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# East Goshen Park & Recreation WINTER 2017

## The **NEW** online recreation registration platform is here!

In October, East Goshen Township partnered with MyRec to become the first municipality in Chester County to offer an on-line payment and registration program for recreation programs. Register safely, securely and conveniently for upcoming classes, trips and programs today by visiting <https://eastgoshen.org/park-and-rec/camps-and-programs>, a link to which can be found under the Park & Rec tab on our website.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SHADES OF IRELAND TRIP

Dates: September 13-22, 2017



**Description:** Join East Goshen Township and Collette Travel as you venture across the pond to the “Emerald Isle”! This ten day trip includes multi-day stays in Dublin, Limerick and Killarney. Kiss the Blarney Stone and stand in amazement at the Cliffs of Moher! Airfare, many meals and Collette’s amazing tour guides including in the trip price! Print itineraries available at the Township Building or by emailing Jason.

**Trip Prices:** \$3,499 (per person, double), \$3,899 (per person, single), \$3,469 (per person, triple) through March 14, 2017

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST & CALIFORNIA TRIP

Dates: June 18-25, 2017



**Description:** Hop in the East Goshen Township/Collette Travel convertible and cruise on down the Pacific Northwest coast! This eight day trip includes stays in San Francisco, Seattle, Portland and more! Trip highlights include visiting Mt. St. Helen’s, dinner on Pier 39 overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge, and walking amongst the redwoods on the “Avenue of Giants”! Airfare, many meals and Collette’s amazing tour guides including in the trip price! Print itineraries available at the Township Building or by emailing Jason.

**Trip Prices:** \$2,999 (per person, double), \$3,899 (per person, single), \$2,969 (per person, triple) through December 19, 2016

### ANNAPOLIS, MD SPRING TRIP

Date: Saturday, April 29th

**Location:** Time: 7am – 8pm (leaves Annapolis at 5:30pm)

**Description:** Travel to the gorgeous waterfront of Annapolis, Maryland this spring! Walk the brick-lined sidewalks, board a sailboat and of course, feast on early-season Maryland blue crabs!

**Location:** East Goshen Township Building

**Fee:** \$45 (bus transportation only)



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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### LEAGUE OF LEGENDS: INFORMATION MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, February 2nd, 2017

**Location:** East Goshen Township Building

**Time:** 6pm-7pm

**Description:** Interested in playing League of Legends here in East Goshen – the biggest video game in the world!! Maybe we have an end of spring gamer's tournament??? Come to the Information Meeting and discuss the possibilities with Jason Lang, EGT Parks and Recreation Director!



**Ages:** 13-17

**Fee:** Free – but please email Jason at [jlange@eastgoshen.org](mailto:jlange@eastgoshen.org) to register

### BUILDING BRIDGES – MULTI-GENERATIONAL ROBOTIC LEGO'S

**Date:** Monday & Tuesday, March 13 & 14

**Location:** East Goshen Township Building

**Time:** 6pm-8pm



**Description:** It's time for a new way to learn something from one another! As a part of its Building Bridges Program, the EGT Department of Parks and Recreation will be hosting a two-day robotic Lego class, where a two person team will build a project and get to battle against other teams! The catch – the team must be multigenerational in

composition – parent/grandparent/granddaughter...great aunt/nephew etc. Registration is extremely limited, allowing only for five teams.

**Fee:** \$25

### WINTER ROBOTIC LEGO MINI-CAMPS

**Date:** January 17th, 12pm – 3pm

February 17th, 12pm – 3pm • March 8th, 12pm – 3pm

**Location:** East Goshen Township Building

**Ages:** 8-12

**Description:** The Robotic Lego's Camps were wildly successful and a whole lot of fun this summer and fall! Let's keep the excitement going! When schools are out – Robotic Lego's Mini-Camps will be open! These one day mini-camps will keep your kids excited and engaged and are for the Beginner or Intermediate level camper!

**Fee:** \$40

### LEARN TO ICE SKATE CLASS

**Date:** February 1st – March 8th, Wednesdays from 1pm-2pm

**Location:** Ice Line, 700 Lawrence Drive, West Chester, PA 19380

**Ages:** 3 - 6

**Description:** It is amazing how these children progress in just 6 weeks! Hands down – this is our most popular toddler program and fills up quickly! 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.

**Maximum Enrollment:** 24; – has been at max capacity two weeks prior last two sessions

**Fee:** \$110



## ADULT/SENIORS

### BUILDING BRIDGES – LEARNING TO USE TECH DEVICES

**Dates:** Thursdays in March, 3pm-4pm

February 17th, 12pm – 3pm • March 8th, 12pm – 3pm

**Location:** East Goshen Township Building

**Description:** It's time for a new way to learn something from one another! As a part of its Building Bridges Program, the EGT Department of Parks and Recreation will once again be hosting classes devoted to teaching participants how to better use their technology devices. This class is but participants must register ahead of time by calling

610-692-7171 or email Jason Lang at [jlange@eastgoshen.org](mailto:jlange@eastgoshen.org)

**Fee:** Free!





## ADULT/SENIORS

### GOSHEN FIRE COMPANY JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

**Description:** Start as a Cadet Firefighter at 14 and become a Junior Firefighter at 16.

Learn more by calling 610-430-1558 or emailing Capt. Gerry DiNunzio at: gerry.dinunzio@goshenfireco.org

### SENIORS CLUB – PING PONG

**Date:** 3rd Friday of the month, 10am-12pm  
*\*begins January 20th\**

**Location:** East Goshen Township Building

**Description:** Who doesn't love Ping Pong? Come to the Township Building and enjoy our newest Senior's activity!

**Fee:** Free!



### SENIORS CARD CLUB

**Date:** 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 10am-12pm

**Location:** East Goshen Township Building

**Description:** Play some great card games with friends and share in the laughs and memories!

**Fee:** Free!

### SENIORS CARD CLUB - BRIDGE

**Date:** 1st Friday of the month, 10am-12pm  
*\*begins January 6th\**

**Location:** East Goshen Township Building

**Description:** For those that love cards, but just want to play Bridge!

**Fee:** Free!

## FITNESS

### EAST GOSHEN WALKS ACROSS PA EVENT

**Date:** Begins April 7th and ends November 19th

**Group Walks:** Begin April 7th, Fridays from 10am-11am

**Location:** East Goshen Park, Hicks Pavilion

**Ages:** All ages welcome

**Description:** Did you know the great state (I mean Commonwealth) of Pennsylvania is 340.27 miles across by foot! Join me as we walk across it in 2015! The event is self-paced – simply log your miles to stay motivated as you pass by many of these great PA destinations:



**Starting Point:** Philadelphia – looking across the Delaware at Camden, NJ

- Passing through West Chester Borough (Mile 25)
- Stopping in Lancaster for shoo-fly pie (Mile 65.12)
- Visiting the state's capitol, Harrisburg (Mile 102.49)
- Crossing the Appalachian Trail (Mile 172)
- Eating a Primanti Bros. sandwich in Pittsburgh (Mile 296.8)
- Jumping in the air for joy at Mile Marker 340.27 outside West Alexander, PA!

**Maximum Enrollment:** Unlimited! Visit [www.eastgoshen.org](http://www.eastgoshen.org) for the walking map and see the full route!

**Fee:** Free – but keep the Department of Parks and Recreation in the loop during your walk!

### WALK WITH EASE – ARTHRITIS PROGRAM

**Date:** March 6th –April 14th  
*(Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9am-10am)*



**Location:** East Goshen Township Park, Hicks Pavilion

**Description:** East Goshen Township has been awarded an Instructor grant by the Arthritis Foundation/NRPA to bring the six week Walk with Ease program to local residents and guests! The Walk With Ease Program is a fun, weekly walking program that has been proven to reduce the pain of arthritis and improve overall health. Additional program benefits are increased balance, strength and walking pace. All participants are given a handbook and supported through online tools, apps to chart progress and onsite support from the Program Instructor, Jason Lang!

**Fee:** \$10; includes the 4th edition of the Walking with Ease Guidebook

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**The Recreation Department**  
is currently seeking Volunteer Instructors in  
**Art, Horticulture and Astronomy.**

If you are a local resident interesting in sharing your knowledge and expertise – contact Jason at 610-692-7171!



## FITNESS

### PILATES

**Dates:** Wednesdays, Session I, January 4-Feb 22nd

**Time:** 10:30am-11:30am

**Location:** East Goshen Township Building

**Description:** Pilates is a fantastic fitness class geared for those wanting to strengthen core muscles groups, improve posture, flexibility and balance. Instructor Ruby Telehorster has over 500 training hours and is adept at coaching novices all the way through “seasoned pros”!

**Please bring a mat to class.** Want to try the class before locking in for the full session – drop in for \$13 (must pay by check and fill out Registration form)!

**Fee:** \$85

### YOGA

**Dates:** January 3rd – April 17th

**Location:** East Goshen Township Building

**Description:** Our body has incredible regenerative powers and yoga is valuable for stress management and general well-being. Your body will become more flexible, stronger, balanced and healthy. You will be able to sleep better, have more energy and develop a more positive approach to life.

**Mondays**

**Gentle Yoga:** 9:00am – 10:15am

**Tuesday**

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

**Gentle Yoga:** 7pm – 8:15pm

**Thursdays**

**Seniors:** 4pm-5pm

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

**Fee:** \$120 for 14 Week Series; \$90 for the Seniors Class



### YOGA FOR AN ACHY BACK: STRETCHING THE PAIN AWAY!

**Date:** Monday, January 23rd, 2017

**Time:** 4 pm - 6 pm

**Fee:** \$25

**Description:** A healthy back can mean the difference between a sedentary existence and a healthy, active lifestyle. Yoga postures and strengthens individual muscles and aligns the spine for better posture in a safe and gentle way.

**This workshop will help you to:**

- \* Relieve chronic pain
- \* Strengthen your back
- \* Minimize the effects of stress, poor posture and weak muscles
- \* Use your body correctly, and enjoy the freedom a greater range of movement brings.

*Bring an exercise mat or a beach towel, a pillow and wear comfortable clothes*

### MEDITATION: RELAX & RENEW

**Date:** Tuesdays, January 10th - February 14th

**Time:** 4 pm - 5 pm

**Fee:** \$ 60 (6 classes)

*Bring an exercise mat or a beach towel, a pillow and wear comfortable clothes*



### ZUMBA TONING

**Dates:** Session 1- Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, Febr. 7, 14;

Session 2-Febr. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4

Session 3- April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Complimentary Classes:** Feb 21st and April 18th

**Location:** East Goshen Elementary School

**Time:** Tuesdays; 6:30p-7:45p

**Fee:** \$65 per session, \$120 for 2 sessions, \$170 for all 3 (save \$ by signing up for more sessions than one!!!)



### SUMMER FARMERS MARKET VENDOR APPLICATION

**Interested in joining the Summer Farmers Market as a vendor?** Now's the time to apply. If interested, please contact Jason Lang, Director of Recreation, at 610-692-7171 for details.



## Required Recreation Registration Form (Please Submit With Payment)

This form must be filled out completely and your check must accompany to complete registration.  
 (This form is not for Youth Recreation Camp and Applebrook Golf –  
 please visit the East Goshen Recreation webpage or office for those forms)

Please fill in each Activity Name below along with activity fee, dates and times.

	NAME & EMAIL ADDRESS	RESIDENT?	ACTIVITY & DETAILS	COST	CELL PHONE	ADDRESS including ZIP
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	<small>* Date of Birth is required if registrant is under the age of 18</small>					
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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 their 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. PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE. By signing below, I give consent that videotapes, photographs, recordings, motion picture film and/or electronic images of me and other participants may be used by the Township, and its successors and assigns in any and all publications and other media in order to increase community awareness of East Goshen Township programs. I give my consent that such photographs, recordings, motion picture film and/or electronic images and the plates, tapes, and/or software from which they are made shall be the property of the township and the Township has the right to sell, duplicate, reproduce and make such other uses of such photographs, recordings, motion picture film and/or electronic images of me as it desires free and clear of any claim on my part.

Signature of Participant (or Parent/Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

I choose to opt out of the PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE (please initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks must be made out to **East Goshen Township** for the above programs *except* for Yoga & Meditation. The township building address is: 1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380. **If paying online**, please complete the above form, select "Submit Form" (Located On Upper Right Of Your Screen) and then complete payment by clicking [here](#).

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

**Questions? Please call 610.692.7171 and or email Jason Lang at [jlang@eastgoshen.org](mailto:jlang@eastgoshen.org)**

## CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

East Goshen Township is proud to report that significant progress has been made on two capital projects: the Paoli Pike Trail and the playground renovation.

The **Paoli Pike Trail** is envisioned as a 2.7-mile pedestrian-bike path safely bisecting the Township along Paoli Pike from East High School to Line Road. This trail could become a centerpiece of the Township, adding value to both our homes and our quality of life. Not only would such a path promote healthier, active lifestyles, but it would also provide the type of amenity—walkability—that homebuyers increasingly look for in their housing search.

*Segments of Paoli Pike Trail from Airport Road to Line Road*



The Trail has been broken into seven segments (labelled A-G), at an overall anticipated expense of \$7.2 million. The Township has worked tirelessly to secure grant funding to offset project expenses. As of November 1, 2016, we are happy to report we have secured \$2,886,000 from three different grant programs, with three more pending grant applications still under consideration.

We have many Paoli Pike Trail project partners to thank, including McMahon Associates, which has spearheaded the design and engineering work; our state elected officials, who have advocated on the Trail's behalf in Harrisburg; and the many volunteer members of the Township's Authorities, Boards and Commissions who have devoted substantial amounts of time and energy to making the trail a reality. The Township is also indebted to the support that it has received from the local business community. Employees at corporations like CTDI and QVC can now envision a future in which they can walk to the Town Center for lunch, leaving their cars behind.

The **playground** in the Township Park has been in need of a renovation for quite some time. This need was formally identified in the 2014 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and was more recently the focus of the 2016 Park Master Plan. When developing this renovation project, the Park Commission and I wanted to ensure that the new space was user friendly, comfortable, creative and accessible. With this in mind, I spent a great deal of time talking to the real playground users – the children who live in East Goshen! I surveyed over 600 children in East Goshen Elementary, the Goshen Friends School and Ss. Simon and Jude and asked them questions about playground themes, equipment and simply “what they like”. A special thank you goes out to our wonderful school administrators who opened their doors and let us pick



the children's brains. In the end, East Goshen children very enthusiastically wanted a playground that is “natural” in theme, and that will include both traditional and non-traditional play pieces. Parents and care takers will be happy as well; the new playground design will be shaped like a flower, with a 360 degree view of all play pieces, along with a central, shaded seating area, which will help make the playground comfortable even on the hottest summer day. The playground's “flower” petals will have play pieces grouped according to recommended age and ability – no more intermingling of 12 year olds and 2 year olds. This unique design is the product of countless meetings between the Park Commission and TCA, the author of the Park Master Plan, and I thank them both for their creative efforts.

The new destination playground has an anticipated cost of \$715,000. As of November 1, 2016, we are pleased to announce that we've received \$225,000 through a PA Department of Community and Economic Development grant. We also have one pending grant application and should know shortly if we're successful with that.

As you can see, it is an exciting time to be living and working in East Goshen Township. Our parks are wonderful, new residents and businesses are moving in, and the Paoli Pike Trail and playground projects will underscore our successes and bolster the quality of life for all!

**Jason Lang, MS, CPRP**

## 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
- ✓ Keep your pets inside and make sure they have a seven day supply of food
- ✓ Have sufficient supplies of essential items in the event of power outages, including medications, water, non-perishable food, baby supplies, flashlights, batteries and propane for your grill.
- ✓ Have dry wood in a garage or covered for the fireplace or woodstove
- ✓ Fill up your vehicles



### Snow Removal:

- 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.
- Then we put a layer of salt down on the roads when the snow event starts.
- Once the snow starts to accumulate, the plows make at least one pass through every Township street until the snow stops.
- When the snow stops, we begin to clear the streets by pushing the snow to the curb.
- Cul-de-sacs and storm drains are the final areas to be cleaned up after a storm.

### Important Information on Snow Removal:

- Do not park on the street during a snow event.
- 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 end up in your driveway.
- When clearing your driveway, do not deposit the snow into the roadway. This can cause hazardous conditions to other motorists.
- The Township does not plow residential driveways.
- If an ambulance has been called to an address in the Township, we will help bring in the emergency vehicle.
- Please remember that we cannot be everywhere at once. We will plow all roads in order of traffic priority—main roads then secondary roads.
- 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:

- Expensive or ornate mailboxes should be replaced with a basic mailbox for the winter months
- 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 you put them as far as 15 inches back from the road edge.
- 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 may "fold" on impact from the snow.
- The East Goshen Board of Supervisors has passed a resolution that states the Township will reimburse a resident \$25 for replacement or repair of a damaged mailbox, provided the resident has notified the Township within one week of the storm. The Township does not repair mailboxes.



Your Source For Emergency Information

## What Day is Our Birthday?

*“The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.”*

*--John Adams in a letter to his wife Abigail, dated July 3, 1776*

For most of us, July 2nd is just a regular summer day spent at work or the pool, its historical significance reduced to a footnote in history textbooks (or a passing reference in Township newsletters). In fact, July 2, 1776 was the date that the Second Continental Congress declared its independence from Great Britain. Two days later, that same body adopted a hand-written statement titled the “Declaration of Independence”. No one even thought to celebrate our new-found independence until July 8th when Philadelphia held a parade, and, more importantly, no one even thought to tell the Continental Army—the soldiers tasked with actually defending this new country called the United States of America—until July 9th. In fact, the Declaration of Independence wasn’t even signed by most delegates until August 2nd, and one of the delegates (Thomas McKean of Delaware) waited until the following year to affix his John Hancock, presumably to hedge his bets in the event that the Revolutionary War got off to a rocky start.



Why do we celebrate our nation’s birthday on the day that a piece of paper was approved rather than on the day that we actually declared independence? It’s like celebrating your own birthday on the day that your mother signed the hospital discharge papers rather than on the day you were born. An astute student of history might therefore be forgiven for breaking out his flip flops, dusting off her sunglasses, icing up the cooler and firing up the grill on July 2nd, even if he or she will likely be celebrating alone.

Like the United States, East Goshen Township has its own birthday controversy. By way of a quick background, Goshen Township, encompassing what is now East Goshen, West Goshen and West Chester Borough, was incorporated in 1704. Eighty-four years later in 1788, West Chester was incorporated as a borough leaving the rump Goshen Township on its own.



However, managing a 22 square mile township with “two hundred freeholders and [i]nmates and freemen” had created challenges that couldn’t be foreseen in 1704. The public record from 1817 about life in Goshen is long on hyperbole. The inhabitants of the Township were “burdened and grievously oppressed” by such inconveniences as “the difficulty of attending [T]ownship [m]eetings, serving its offices and other goods.” As a result, on February 3, 1817, the Court appointed Richard Thomas, George

Massey and John Jacobs to determine whether and how Goshen Township should be divided. Four months later on June 12, 1817, Thomas, Massey and Jacobs issued their report (with “public notice given”, naturally), which reflected “a general voice in favour of a division of [the] [T]ownship” and a recommendation to divide Goshen into East Goshen and West Goshen. Two months later on August 7, 1817, their report was read into the Court record and confirmed.

So, what day is East Goshen’s birthday? February 3rd, when our grievances were first heard? June 12th, when the recommendation to divide was formally made? Or August 7th, when everything was entered into the public record? Fortunately, when you live in East Goshen Township, every day is a holiday, so it doesn’t really matter!

In any event, 2017—our 200th birthday—is shaping up to be a watershed year. More information about our Bi-Centennial Celebrations will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

*Jon Altshul, CFO*



## The Latest News from the Malvern Public Library



**The Malvern Public Library has lots of exciting new programs for kids, teens, and adults!** Have you seen our new website at <http://malvern-library.org/>? Check out our calendar so you don't miss any events!

**Our therapy dog, Holly**, will be in at 4:30 on Thursday afternoons. Sign up for a slot ahead of time so you're sure to get a chance to read to her!

**Don't miss our brand new Teen Board Game Club!** Come play nontraditional board games like King of Tokyo, Mysterium, Munchkin, and Zombie Dice once a month starting at 5PM.



The first meeting of the **Adult Game Night** was on Tuesday, November 15. If you missed it, look out for the next game night and join us for Monopoly, cards, and more!

The Library will have a booth every second Saturday of the month at the Burke Parke Farmer's Market. Stop by and check out our book sale! If you make a donation of \$10 or more, we'll give you a canvas tote bag!



Holly

We now have an **Adult Coloring Club**, hosted at the Buttery on the third Friday of each month at 2:00. Come use our art supplies, or bring your own!

**Book Craft Afternoon** is on the third Friday of each month at 3:30! Come join us as we turn old books into beautiful one-of-a-kind crafts!



*Don't forget that the library has eBooks and audiobooks available through Overdrive!*

If you have a library card, you have access to Overdrive, which can be viewed on any of your mobile devices, or on your computer. Need help with Overdrive? Check our calendar for our monthly Overdrive help session!



**And don't forget there is now a CCLS mobile app.** Download this app on your phone or tablet and have access to your account online and the catalog. You are truly able to carry the library with you on your travels.

**STATE ROADS: Boot Road, Greenhill Road, N. Chester Road, Strasburg Road and West Chester Pike** Any resident living on a state road that needs road repair or has trees down or pot holes may call PennDOT at 484-340-3200.

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG:** If you have to dig or excavate on 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:**

Contact East Goshen Municipal Authority at 610-692-7171 during regular business hours. During weekends or after hours on weekdays, call 911

**BROKEN WATER MAIN:**

Call Aqua Pennsylvania: 610-525-1402, 24 hours a day

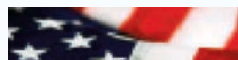
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- Towels & Blankets
- Pillow Cases!
- Dog Beds
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.EASTGOSHEN.ORG](http://WWW.EASTGOSHEN.ORG)

## The Chester County Bookstore Has Closed

It always made me smile, the bookstore. To walk in was meeting Peter Pan again, or Mary Poppins, or could be Robin Hood, or some strange cranky fellow crooking a finger that you can't escape.

Needless to say, the bookstore was full of books, each one a wagging tale wanting to go home with you, and how could you say no.

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feel their sometimes silk.

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Virginia Strong Newlin  
*East Goshen Township Poet Laureate*



## ODDS & ENDS FROM RICK SMITH, TOWNSHIP MANAGER

### East Goshen Has Many People But None To Spare

There are two pedestrian crossings at the East Goshen Park. The applicable section of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code reads as follows.

#### § 3542. Right-of-way of pedestrians in crosswalks.

(a) **General rule.**--When traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation, **the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk** or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

(b) **Exercise of care by pedestrian.**--No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle, which is so close as to constitute a hazard.

(c) **Limitation on vehicles passing.**--Whenever any vehicle is stopped at any crosswalk at an intersection or at any marked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

(d) **Application of section.**--Subsection (a) does not apply under the conditions stated in section 3543(b) (relating to pedestrians crossing at other than crosswalks).

(e) **Penalties.**--The driver of a vehicle who violates subsection (a) commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$50.

### Township Web Site

Please check our web site [www.eastgoshen.org](http://www.eastgoshen.org) on a regular basis for updates on Township information.

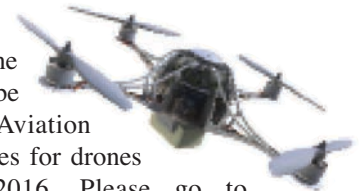


### Street Address Numbers

You are required to place your street number on your mailbox and on the front wall of your house. This helps ensure that the fire department and police department can find you in the event of an emergency.

### Drones

Before you go outside to fly the drone that Santa brought you, be advised that the Federal Aviation Administration has issued new rules for drones that took effect in August 2016. Please go to <https://www.faa.gov/uas/>. The Brandywine Airport is closer than you think.



### E-notifications

If you would like to receive real time information about East Goshen Township, go to our web page at [www.eastgoshen.org](http://www.eastgoshen.org) and click on the link to Constant Contact.



## GOSHEN FIRE COMPANY UPDATE

As always, the members of the Goshen Fire Company are eager to serve our community and to share with you some of the many ways we do so throughout the year. This seems appropriate as we approach the end of another year in which we continue to partner with those that we serve and with our elected and appointed officials and other stakeholders to effectively, efficiently, and safely deliver essential public safety services tailored to the specific needs of the community that we serve.



While the primary emergency services delivered by our three operating divisions are highly visible and include the services provided by our Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and Fire Police Divisions, we wanted to take time in this update to acquaint you with some other ways in which we serve the residents of East Goshen Township throughout the year.

In addition to responding to fire, rescue, and hazardous materials incidents, our Fire Division engages in essential preparation activities, including classroom and hands-on training throughout the year. In addition to participating in a comprehensive station training program, members of the division attend training courses and certification programs at regional fire training academies and national conferences. The division also develops pre-incident plans of target hazards within our fire district. Throughout the year personnel deliver many public education programs, including those presented at local schools and our annual fire prevention open house held at the Park Avenue station.

When they are not responding to emergency incidents involving medical emergencies or traumatic injuries, our Emergency Medical Services Division members engage in a rigorous continuing education program designed to maintain their required certifications and to advance their knowledge and skills to enable them to serve the emergency medical services needs of our community more fully. This division routinely serves our community through standing by at community events, such as those sponsored by East Goshen Township and at numerous school sporting and other activities. It also conducts community education programs.

Our Fire Police Division supports our other two operating divisions and local law enforcement agencies by ensuring emergency incident scene safety through their traffic control and other activities designed to properly secure a scene and protect our community's emergency responders. The members of this division are engaged in an aggressive training initiative that will lead to being recognized through new levels of state certification that will become available in the near future. Our fire police cadre is unique in that it is the largest fire police unit within Chester County and the region. Representative activities of the active community service schedule of our fire police include involvement in the East Goshen Township Pumpkin Fest, Community Day and Fireworks, and Artisans Day at the Blacksmith Shop.

Our three operating divisions are supported by the work of those who serve in administrative capacities, including on our Board of Directors, Relief Association, Fair Corporation, and Auxiliary. Their labors are instrumental to the success of the annual Goshen Country Fair and our Easter and Mother's Day Flower Sales.

While this update highlights our respective organizational units, the real key to our success is based on the synergies between our operating units both in their preparation to respond to emergency incidents and as they coordinate their operations on incident scenes. We trust that you will recognize the dedication and commitment that our volunteers, supplemented by paid staff, bring to fulfilling our mission of community service in a manner that fully meets and, ideally, exceeds the expectations of those that we serve. We consider serving our community a responsibility that we are passionate about fulfilling.

We likewise trust that you will consider how you could use your time and talents to join us in community service. Information on becoming a member of our organization can be found on our website. We also encourage you to stop by our Park Avenue station any Monday evening to learn more about your fire company and how you might join us in serving our great community.

In closing, we would remind you of these important things that you can do to protect your family and home from fire during the coming winter months:

- Change your smoke detector batteries.
- Check your fire extinguishers.
- Have your home heating system checked and serviced.
- Have your fireplace checked, and use it safely.
- Exercise caution when using portable heaters.



The Brandywine Valley SPCA needs old towels, sheets, and blankets to use as bedding in the animal cages. A drop off bin is located at the Township Building.



## DATES OF IMPORTANCE

### JANUARY

JAN 03  
REORGANIZATION & REGULAR BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS MEETING, 7PM

JAN 04  
PLANNING COMMISSION, 7PM

JAN 05  
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION,  
7PM

JAN 07  
ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION, 8AM

JAN 09  
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, 7PM

JAN 11  
CONSERVANCY BOARD, 7PM

JAN 17  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

JAN 18  
FUTURIST COMMITTEE, 7PM

### FEBRUARY

FEB 01  
PLANNING COMMISSION, 7PM

FEB 02  
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION,  
7PM

FEB 07  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

FEB 08  
CONSERVANCY BOARD, 7PM

FEB 13  
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, 7PM

FEB 21  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

FEB 22  
FUTURIST COMMITTEE, 7PM

### MARCH

MAR 01  
PLANNING COMMISSION, 7PM

MAR 02  
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION,  
7PM

MAR 07  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

MAR 08  
CONSERVANCY BOARD, 7PM


MAR 13  
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, 7PM

MAR 21  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

MAR 22  
FUTURIST COMMITTEE, 7PM

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

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