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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Fellow Residents,

On behalf of the entire Board of Supervisors, we wish everyone in the Township the warmest Season's Greetings! It's hard to believe that 2017 is almost over.

I would like to take this opportunity to update everyone on concrete steps the Township has recently taken with respect to the Sunoco Pipeline. On October 3, 2017, the East Goshen Township Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution regarding the need for policy changes with respect to oil and gas pipelines in Pennsylvania. This resolution has been shared with Governor

Tom Wolf, Senator Tom Killion, Representative Carolyn Comitta, and the elected officials of every other municipality in Chester County. We believe that this resolution is a powerful document that can serve as a template for other local governments to help restore local control over zoning and land use decisions in Pennsylvania.

By way of background, in the last newsletter I noted that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) had previously determined that Sunoco is a public utility and therefore that it has the right to transport petroleum products within its service area in Pennsylvania. Once the PUC determines that a pipeline company is a public utility, the company has the ability to install as many pipelines as it wants, wherever it wants within its service territory. In addition, neither the



PUC nor any other state agency or local government has the power to tell a pipeline company where a pipeline can and cannot be located.

In order to correct this imbalance of power, change is needed to the state laws that govern pipelines. To that end, the resolution adopted by the Board identifies six action items for our State Senators, State Representatives and the Governor:

1. Develop a policy for determining the location of oil and gas pipelines for the common good of all of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Currently the Commonwealth does not have any policy regarding the location of pipelines. We think it should have one!

2. Reevaluate the legal framework for the siting of oil and gas pipelines to allow for an active role by local governments, including the authority to directly participate and responsibly influence the siting process.

In other words, local governments that will have to host the pipelines should have an opportunity to participate in the siting process.

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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.



LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN.....continued from cover

3. Reevaluate the legal framework for oil and gas pipelines to establish "easement saturation standards" that recognize the practical limitations for the number of pipelines, size of pipelines, and character of the products transmitted within a given pipeline easement.

Currently, any decisions about the number of pipelines in an easement and what they transport are at the sole discretion of the pipeline company.

4. Reevaluate the legal framework for oil and gas pipelines to provide funding resources to local governments that host oil and gas pipelines, to enable local governments to effectively review, inspect, and monitor these 'industrial highways' to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of their residents.

Pipelines companies are not subject to real estate tax or an extraction tax. As a result, while municipalities have the responsibility to provide for the health, safety and welfare of their residents, they do not receive any financial assistance from the pipeline companies.

5. Establish a Pennsylvania agency tasked with the authority for the siting (with municipal input) and regulation of oil and gas pipelines, both during construction and when in service, in order to minimize adverse impact on the citizens, or, in the alternative, restructure the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to provide adequate and effective funding, resources, and legislative tools to perform this function.

There should be a state agency that approves pipelines routes and has the ability to develop and enforce standards related to vibration and noise during construction and safety standards during operation.

6. Utilize the influence of the Governor, Pennsylvania Senate, and Pennsylvania House of Representatives to affect similar changes for interstate pipelines at the Federal level.

There are similar problems with the siting and regulation of interstate natural gas pipelines that run between two or more states, and therefore fall under the purview of federal regulations.

As Thomas Jefferson famously said, "the government closest to the people serves the people best."

The Board of Supervisors encourages you to contact your state legislators about the action items listed above and help us realize Jefferson's vision.

The Board welcomes feedback and suggestions from our residents. You may call the Township at 610-692-7171, respond through our website or contact me at mshane@eastgoshe.org.

Happy Holidays!

E. Martin (Marty) Shane, Chairman
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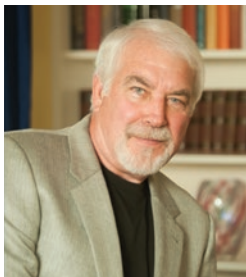


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PLEASE WELCOME DAVID SHUEY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS!



On November 7th, David Shuey was elected to the Board of Supervisors. David is a long-time resident of Millrace Lane, with a professional background in the financial services and risk management industries. An avid outdoorsman, cyclist and a proud grandfather of four, he is also the first supervisor ever to be a resident of Hershey's Mill Estates. He will be sworn in at the Board's annual reorganization meeting on January 2, 2018. Congratulations David!



The Township would also like to extend its gratitude to Charles Proctor for his six years of distinguished service on the Board, as well as his many years of service before that on both the Zoning Hearing Board and the Planning Commission. During his time on the Board, Chuck served as the Township's Police Commissioner. His sharp insights into land use and police-related matters, as well as his thoughtful, personable presence will leave an indelible legacy in East Goshen for generations to come. Thank you Chuck!

ODDS & ENDS FROM RICK SMITH, TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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 fire department and police department can find you in the event of an emergency.



Paoli Pike

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.

North Chester Road

PennDOT will be repaving North Chester Road (SR 352) from West Chester Pike (SR 3) to Lancaster Pike (SR 30) in 2018.

In Memoriam



The Township would like to extend its deepest sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of the late Joe Bové. A resident of Quaker Village in Hershey's Mill, Joe served as the President of Friends of East Goshen, the 501(c)(3) group responsible for raising charitable contributions in support of Township events, including Community Day, the Egg Hunt and the Pumpkin Festival. Joe was a tireless advocate for East Goshen Township in general and its array of community events in particular. Joe, you will be missed.



LATEST NEWS FROM THE GOSHEN FIRE COMPANY

Monday nights are “drill nights” at Goshen Fire Company, when our members train to handle a wide variety of situations they might face when you place a 911 call. In addition to training at our fire houses, we also use the facilities of the West Chester Fire Department Training Center, as well as the state of the art Chester County Public Safety Training Campus in South Coatesville.

Some of our recent training sessions have covered such topics as:

- **Forcible Entry;** we use a door prop to teach firefighters how to breach a locked door to gain access to a building to fight a fire or to search for residents. These techniques can also be used if EMS personnel were to encounter a patient unable to open a locked door.
- **RIT, or Rapid Intervention Team training;** a RIT team is dispatched on all structure fires, standing by with the specific task of rescuing potentially injured firefighters.
- **Vehicle Rescue;** we utilize junk cars for training with various specialized hand and power tools used to stabilize a wrecked vehicle, to prevent further injury while EMS personnel tend to patients, and to extricate injured passengers safely. These tools, sometimes known as the “jaws of life”, are used to remove vehicle doors and/or roofs, to move dashboards, and to move damaged parts of a vehicle away from the occupants.
- **CAFS,** or Compressed Air Foam Systems are used along with water when fighting some types of fires. The air/foam combination, when injected into the stream of water, increases the efficiency of fighting the fire by cooling and depriving the fire of oxygen.

Each member of Goshen Fire Company also receives annual training in CPR, First Aid, Bloodborne Pathogen Safety, and Hazardous Materials Awareness.

We welcome new volunteer members of all ages and backgrounds to our Fire, EMS, Fire Police and Administration divisions. Stop by our 1320 Park Avenue station any Monday night, or go to www.goshenfireco.org for more information.

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A scene from the Chester County Fire Training School, October 19, 2017





Latest News from the Malvern Public Library



Welcome, Maggie Stanton, the new Library Director at Malvern Public Library! Maggie comes to us from the Phoenixville Library after years of experience as the Circulation Manager. Be sure to say hello next time you drop into the library.

Signup for winter storytime sessions for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers! Please go to our events calendar at malvern-library.org or email Kelly Shea at kshea@ccls.org to register. The winter storytime session runs from January 3 – March 15.

Show us your crafty side! T(w)een Craft Nights are every third Monday of the month from 4:30PM – 5:30PM. Tweens and teens in grades 5 through 8 are welcome to attend. Please register in advance online.

The Adult Book Club meets every second Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM. Check our website or call the library at 610-644-7259 for the monthly title. We keep extra copies on hand for book club members to check out for the month. No need to register.

The library is now accepting book donations. We appreciate your generous donations of used books, audiobooks, and DVDs. Please bring all items inside the library. Please no encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, yellowed and/or moldy books, VHS or audio tapes, or music CDs. **Thank you!**



Congratulations!

Congrats to all the participants in Malvern's first annual pumpkin decorating contest! See our Facebook page for photos of the pumpkins and an announcement of the winners.



The Malvern Public Library will be **closed** to the public on December 25 and 26 for Christmas and on January 1 for New Year's Day. Happy holidays, everyone!

Stay tuned and check out our online event calendar for more fall adult, teen, and children's programs.

www.malvern-library.org

DOLLARS AND SENSE

2018 Township Budget

The Township's 2018 budget was presented at a public meeting of the Board of Supervisors on November 14th, and it is anticipated that it will be adopted by the time that the newsletter is received in mailboxes. Importantly, no real estate tax rate increase is proposed for the 15th consecutive year. More information about the Township's 2018 budget can be found at www.eastgoshen.org/services/finance/budget.

2018 Real Estate Tax Payments

Please note that the 2018 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 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. However, if you do not have an escrow account and you pay your bill directly to the Township, please be sure that you use your real estate tax account number on your payment (and not your sewer and trash account number) in order to avoid the payment being credited to the wrong account. Thanks!

Sewer/ Trash Automatic Debit Program

Interested in having your sewer/trash bill automatically debited from your bank account every three months? East Goshen Township offers an Electronic Debit Program for your quarterly payments. As long as your account is current, you can opt to have your payments automatically deducted from your bank account and never be late again! Forms can be found online at <https://eastgoshen.org/services/finance/sewer-and-refuse-bills> or contact Lynn LeBlanc at cleblanc@eastgoshen.org or 610-692-7171.

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TIPS FOR A SAFE AND FUN WINTER IN PA!

The leaves are down and the temperature is falling – it's time to begin preparing for another winter in Pennsylvania. Travel safely this year in winter conditions by making sure your vehicle is ready and that you know where to find information on road conditions. Once you're ready to travel safely, I encourage you to explore the many outdoor winter activities offered in our own backyard and throughout the state!

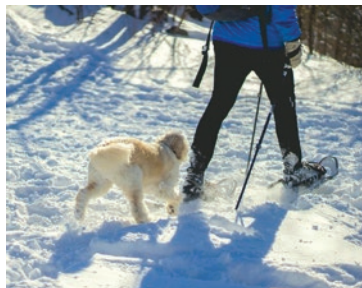


PREPARING FOR WINTER DRIVING

Winter weather can bring unexpected conditions, so make sure that both you and your vehicle are ready for ice and snow. Prior to the winter driving season, you should have a mechanic check your brakes, battery, hoses and belts. PennDOT offers several resources at penndot.gov, including tips for getting your vehicle ready, what to include in a winter emergency kit and a winter driving guide.

WINTER ROAD CONDITIONS

Once you're prepared to drive this winter in Pennsylvania – or anytime – you can check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles – including for color-coded winter conditions on 2,900 miles of roads – by visiting 511PA.com. PennDOT's Automated Vehicle Locator plow tracking tool is available for all of the more than 2,200 PennDOT-owned and rented plow trucks, with vehicle locations viewable on 511PA.com.



WINTER RECREATION

A whole new world of recreation opens up in Pennsylvania in the winter, offering new opportunities to explore and enjoy our woods, lakes, mountains and more. DCNR has information on cross country skiing, snowmobiling, ice boating, ice skating, downhill skiing and sledding in Pennsylvania's state parks and forests. Visit DCNR's website for maps, directions, pictures and activities and visiting hours for any state park at dcnr.pa.gov.

Check out their interactive winter activity map to locate an activity near you by visiting maps.dcnr.pa.gov/storymaps/winteractivities.



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WEGO FALL HIGHLIGHTS...COFFEE WITH A COP



On October 4, the Westtown-East Goshen Police Department hosted a Coffee with a Cop event at the Dunkin' Donuts on Paoli Pike. Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve. WEGO hopes to offer a second such event in Westtown Township soon. Check our website for updates.



Sergeant Wassell, Officer O'Brien and Officer Frascella stand with Dunkin' Donuts management and a local resident.



WEGO officers, Township residents and Dunkin' Donuts representatives stand with "Old Glory". The following day, Old Glory was sent to South Korea, where it was flown by the 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base and then with the 2nd Infantry Division. Old Glory returned to the United States in time to be marched to the Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day by Korean War Veterans.



Sgt. Wassell and Lt. Leahy stand with Korean War Veteran Dan Kelly and Old Glory.

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WEGO HAS A NEW HIRO!

Please join us in congratulating **Stephen Hiro** on his promotion to full-time patrol officer in the Westtown-East Goshen Police Department. Steve grew up on Linden Lane in East Goshen and graduated from West Chester East High School and West Chester University. For the past several years, Steve has also worked for the Township's Public Works Department on a part-time basis, while simultaneously serving as a part-time police officer. In addition, Steve serves as a volunteer firefighter at the Goshen Fire Company. On behalf of everyone in the Township, good luck on a long and successful career!

Congratulations Steve!

WEGO WELCOMES NEWEST MEMBERS!

The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department is proud to introduce its newest members: Officers Toth, Verikakis, and Wolf. The three new officers are currently undergoing an intensive Field Training Program and the Department expects that they will complete their training around the start of the New Year. Please welcome them – they look forward to serving the citizens of the three Townships.



Officer Frank Toth graduated from Chichester High School in 2003 and immediately began an apprenticeship with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. After realizing that his true calling was law enforcement, he entered the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy in 2013. Since that time Officer Toth has been employed part-time with the Folcroft Borough and Bethel Township Police Departments. Prior to joining the Westtown-East Goshen Police Department Officer Toth was employed full time with the University of Pennsylvania Police Department. Officer Toth has been married to his wife Stephanie for 10 years and has two sons. Officer Toth enjoys spending time with his family, weight training, and mountain biking.



Officer Jennifer Wolf graduated from Penn State University in 2013 where she attained her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. In 2015 Officer Wolf graduated from the Delaware County Municipal Police Academy and shortly thereafter was hired as a police officer with the West Chester University Police Department, where she is currently employed on a full-time basis. Officer Wolf enjoys spending time doing yard work, running 5k charitable races, and spending time with her family and friends. Officer Wolf plans on completing further college courses so she can attain a second bachelor's degree in Psychology.



Officer Bill Verikakis is a 2003 graduate of Upper Darby High School and shortly thereafter attended Delaware County Community College where he earned credits towards a degree in Criminal Justice. In 2015 Officer Verikakis graduated from the Delaware County Municipal Police Academy. After graduating from the police academy Officer Verikakis was hired as a part-time police officer with the Birmingham Township Police Department where he served until December of 2016. In addition to the Birmingham Police Department Officer Verikakis has served with the Malvern Borough and East Whiteland Township Police Departments on a part-time basis. Officer Verikakis enjoys working out, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Judo, and Krav Maga.

A THANK YOU TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

On the evening of Thursday, November 16th, a catastrophic five-alarm fire ripped through the Barclay Friends Senior Living Community in West Chester. 133 senior citizens were safely evacuated by emergency responders in what was among the most dangerous fires in our region's long history.

This tragedy highlighted the tremendous bravery of hundreds of firefighters in Southeastern Pennsylvania, some who came from as far away as Lower Merion and Lancaster to assist in the effort to protect lives and property, as well as scores of good Samaritans who provided aid on that cold, dark night in other important ways.

Among the very long list of heroic first responders—and even a few neighbors—who willingly risked their own lives to save others were five employees of the East Goshen Public Works Department who also serve as volunteer firefighters: Kevin Miller, Mike Holmes, Dusty Kilgore, Steve Hiro, and Mark Miller.

On behalf of everyone in the greater West Chester community, we thank all the first responders to the Barclay Friends fire for their service!



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- December 14th and 15th
- January 11th and 12th
- February 15th and 16th
- March 15th and 16th

Yard Waste Days*

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 13th
- January 10th and 24th
- February 7th and 21st
- March 7th and 21st



* Christmas trees are collected as yard waste.

No yard waste in plastic bags will be accepted. Note that originally, December 27th was scheduled as a yard waste day. However, to accommodate the extra needed recycling day on December 27th, this yard waste pick-up day has been cancelled. Therefore, the first pick-up for Christmas trees will be on **January 10th**.



ATTENTION RESIDENTS WITH MONDAY AND THURSDAY TRASH PICK UP:

SPECIAL RECYCLING DAYS ADDED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH AND JANUARY 3RD!



- Please note that trash and recycling will not be picked up on Christmas Day (Monday, December 25th) or New Year's Day (Monday, January 1).
- As a result, the Township's hauler will pick up recycling only on Wednesday, December 27th and Wednesday, January 3rd for residents living on the north side Paoli Pike, plus Clocktower Woods, the Preserve at Applebrook, Hunt County and East Boot Road.
- These two extra recycling days will ensure that garages and mud rooms do not overflow with cardboard, wrapping paper, and holiday bottles and cans over the recycling-heavy holiday season!

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, June 9th 2018

The next electronic waste event at the Township Park will be held on Saturday, June 9th. More information to follow!



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WINTER WEATHER AND SNOW REMOVAL:

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 back 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

Pre-storm Preparedness Checklist:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No on-street parking to allow efficient and safe plowing/salting | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep a safe distance from all plow trucks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clear snow from any fire hydrants on or near your property | <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid all unnecessary travel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep your pets inside and make sure they have a seven day supply of food |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Have dry wood in a garage or covered for the fireplace or woodstove |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Fill up your vehicles |

STOP THAT SHEEN- AND KEEP OUR STREAM CLEAN!

Did you know that Americans are responsible for **180 million of gallons of used motor oil escaping into our waterways each year?** Even relatively small leaks from improperly maintained vehicles are collectively polluting our creeks, streams and rivers. Oil-contaminated runoff makes its way from roads and driveways into storm drains and ultimately our streams.

Please do your part by checking your cars and equipment regularly for leaks and have them fixed promptly. If you change the oil yourself, use a drip pan, and bring the used motor oil to a used motor oil drop off location. Clean up any oil spills you find with absorbent material, then sweep; do not hose the area.

Remember, when your car is leaking oil on the street, it is not just leaking on the street!

It ends up in a stream.





LATEST NEWS FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

On behalf of the East Goshen Township Park Commission, I hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful 2017. Things have certainly gone well for the Parks and Recreation Department. From receiving the state-wide Health and Wellness Award from Governor Wolf this past spring, to the Bicentennial Celebration being named one of the nation's five best Park Champion events, to the construction of our new destination playground – 2017 has been quite a year!

As you read this in the middle of December, many aspects of construction of the new Destination Playground are complete. However, final installation is weather dependent and the playground will not be open until early spring. This project has taken two years to come to fruition, moving from a planning phase heavily influenced by East Goshen children, to a project funding phase and finally construction this fall and into early spring. We would once again like to thank the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (\$250,000) and Department of Community and Economic Development (\$225,000) for their financial and technical project support. Additionally, we'd like to thank the Radcliffe family for their generous private donation in memory of their daughter Charlotte "Charley" Radcliffe. They may live in West Goshen Township – but their home is in East Goshen Park.



One wonderful unique feature of the new playground is the poured in place surfacing. Poured in place surfacing is virtually maintenance free, which means it'll save the Township considerably in on-going maintenance costs. Parents can also rest assured the playground will always have consistent and uncompromised fall height attenuation – no more mulch getting kicked out from under the swings! Because the surfacing is such an important and beneficial aspect of the new playground, it does mean the new playground area, defined as everything across the bridge, will be a dog free zone. Dogs going the bathroom, even marking territory, could compromise the quality of the surface. The playground will also become known as the park with the "giant life-size Lego's to play with..." – also known as the Imagination Playground! The Imagination Playground is a 105 piece set of outdoor quality blue foam pieces in a myriad of shapes, meant to encourage open ended and social play! We've developed the Play Ambassador volunteer experience to

facilitate the action, and I strongly encourage anyone interested to call the Township to learn more! It is a perfect volunteer opportunity for high school and college students, those interested in teaching or early childhood education, or residents who just like to have fun!

While the Park Commission revels in a fantastic 2017, we do have a number of other projects slated for 2018 as well. A picnic grove area, complete with gazebo, walkway and ADA picnic tables will be constructed early in the New Year. It's also time to hit the courts again – we recently resurfaced the three tennis courts and, in the early spring, we are excited to start pickle ball activities. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season – see you in 2018!

Danny Leicht

Park Commission, Vice-Chair
East Goshen Township



East Goshen Township Park & Recreation WINTER PROGRAMMING

Youth Activities

Winter Robotic Lego Mini-Camps

Date: January 12th, 12pm – 3pm

March 7th & 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 mini-camps will keep your kids excited and engaged and are for the **Beginner or Intermediate** level camper!

Fee: \$40 (\$80 for two March dates)



Summer Camp – Sneak a Peek

Description: It's never too early to start planning for summer camp! Registration will begin March 1st, detailed summer camp information available January 15th, 2018.

• Summer REC Camp

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 25 – July 27 9am – 12pm (no Camp Wednesday July 4th)

• Summer REC Full Day Camp

Dates: Monday – Friday, July 16 – July 27 9am – m (no Camp Wednesday July 4th)

• Beginner Lego's

Dates: Section I, Monday-Friday, June 25 – June 29, 12:30pm-3:30pm
Section II, Monday-Friday, August 6 – August 10, 9:00am-12:00pm
Ages: 6–12

• Intermediate Lego's

When: Monday-Friday, July 9 – July 13, 12:30pm-3:30pm
Ages: 6–12

• Advanced Lego's

When: Monday-Friday, July 23 – July 27, 12:30pm-3:30pm

• Animation Design

When: Monday-Friday, August 13 – August 17, 1pm – 4pm
Ages: 9–13

• Rocketry Camp

When: Monday-Friday, August 15 – August 19, 9am-12pm
Ages: 9–13

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



Brick Program

Stocking Stuffers – East Goshen Playground Engraved Bricks

Description: Need holiday gift ideas for someone who is super picky? Give them a gift that will last a lifetime! The Friends of East Goshen (501c3) is holding a Buy a Brick program. Tax-deductible bricks can be purchased and personally engraved for permanent display at the new East Goshen destination playground! Engraving can include up to three lines – and are perfect gifts for kids, families, and in remembrance for those that loved East Goshen Park. The bricks will cost \$100, and net proceeds will go towards future park improvements.

Purchasing Window: Bricks will be available for purchase from January 1st through April 1st.

For more information: Visit the Friends of East Goshen website at: <http://friendsofeastgoshen.org/> or call 610-692-7171 and ask for Jason.



Special Events

Iceland's Magical Northern Lights Trip – Free Information Meeting

Date: March 13, 2018; 6pm at the Township Building

Trip Dates: November 29 – December 5, 2018

Description: Join East Goshen Township and Collette Travel as you venture across the pond to Europe's hottest travel destination – Iceland!!! See the sky lit by the Northern Lights and marvel at the thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords!

Trip Prices: \$3,749 (double), \$4,099 (single), \$3,719 (triple)



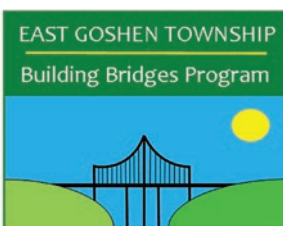
Adult/Seniors

Building Bridges – Learning to use tech devices

Date: Thursdays in March, 3pm-4pm

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

Fee: Free!

Seniors Card Club

Date: Every Friday of the month, 9:30am-12pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Description: Come join the fun as we play your favorite card games and more. We are Happy to teach you if you don't know how to play!

Fee: Free!



Seniors Card Club - MahJongg

Date: 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month, 1pm-3pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Description: Come join our beginning Mahjongg group. No instruction provided. You can come with or without tiles!

Fee: Free!



Senior's Ping Pong

Date: 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 10am-12pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Description: We have 2 tables so you can play singles or doubles. Dust off those paddles and come join us! We even have paddles And balls for you to use too!

Fee: Free!

Pickle Ball

Location: East Goshen Township Park

Description: Two pickle ball courts are officially open for play in the park! The best part – we have everything you need to play! We have a locked box at the courts that has two nets, rackets and pickle balls. Call the Township during business hours at 610-692-7171 for the access code. Interested in forming a league, tournament or more formal play? We are collecting names and emails from those interested, with some level of formal play beginning in the spring. Email Jason at jiang@eastgoshe.org to be put on the list! Want to help get pickle ball moving here in East Goshen? We are also interested in finding a pickle ball aficionado to lead the charge!

Fee: Free!

Special Events in the Park

Location: East Goshen Township Park (Hicks & Veteran's Pavilions)

Description: Did you know East Goshen Park plays host to over 80 special event rentals each year! Whether scheduling a birthday party, family BBQ, corporate outing or fundraising 5K, our park should be your first choice! Imagine a birthday party at the Hicks Pavilion with the brand new playground as a backdrop – sounds awesome! If you're interested in holding an event in the park, please contact Jason at 610-692-7171 or jiang@eastgoshe.org. In general, the peak dates of May – September book three months out. More detailed information including permit rates and rules/regulations can be found on the Township website.

Introduction to Clay Sculpture

Date: Wednesdays, January 17th - February 14th, 2018, 1pm-4pm

Description: Learn how to create your own sculptures and develop your sculpting practice with an introduction to oil based clay, sculpting tools, basic forms and textures. No previous experience is necessary. Come and immerse yourself in this hands-on and intensive class where you will:

- Develop a trained eye by sculpting through observation
- Learn how to accurately translate complex shapes
- Experiment with a variety of sculpting tools

Location: East Goshen Township Building

What to Bring: A picture, sketch or concept idea of what you would like to sculpt.

Program Fee: \$ 172.50

Materials Fee: (payable first class) \$20; Includes 2 Lbs. oil based Clay, small base, wires; Sculpting tools will be provided to be used in class only.

Contact info for questions: charo.lemusfinearts@gmail.com

Instructor Biography: Alejandro Lemus is a third generation sculptor.



He started his training at 11 years old as apprentice as his father's atelier, where he began sculpting and designing marionettes. Alejandro, originally from Mexico, came to the US as a figurative sculptor, and in a short time he was designing and creating sculptures for a number of leading companies like Lenox, Franklin Mint, Bradford Exchange to name a few. While he still continues sculpting for companies in the collectible market, he is also involved in creating his own work which is being showcase in local galleries and in Mexico City.

Fitness

East Goshen walks across PA Event

Date: Begins April 10th and ends November 19th

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 the Township as we walk across it in 2018! 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.eastgoshe.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

Dates: April 9th – May 18th (Monday/Wednesday/Friday 10am-11am)

Location: East Goshen Township Park, Hicks Pavilion

Description: East Goshen Township has been awarded an NRPA/ Arthritis Foundation training grant to bring the wonderful Walk with Ease Arthritis Program to the park! This program is perfect for those wanting to reduce symptoms of arthritis and improve overall health. Even if you don't have arthritis, you can join in the fun – the program has benefits that positively affect a number of health related conditions! This program is open to the general public and we welcome all to join! Participation in all eighteen classes is encouraged but not mandatory. Participants will receive the Participant Handbook that contains plenty of useful information that can be used in class and at home.

Fee: \$10

To register: visit www.eastgosheenec.com, in-person or by mail-in.

East Goshen Walking Club

Location: East Goshen Township Park, Hicks Pavilion

Description: The Walk with Ease program has been so successful, we're starting up an East Goshen Walking Club for those wanting to walk and socialize! All are welcome to join for these weekly walks that will begin in March.

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays (10am-11am; 9am start during summer months)

Fee: FREE



Zumba Gold Toning



Wednesdays 5:30-6:45pm at East Goshen Township

Session 1: January 17- February 21

Session 2: March 7- April 11

Session 3: April 25- May 30

One session- \$65, 2 sessions \$120, 3 sessions \$170

*dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances

FREE
complimentary classes
Feb 28 & April 18

Zumba Toning

Tuesdays 6:30-7:45pm at East Goshen Elementary School Gym

Session 1: January 16- February 20

Session 2: February 27-April 3

Session 3: April 10 - May 29, no class 5/8 and 5/15

One session- \$65, 2 sessions \$120, 3 sessions \$170

*dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances

For more information, please contact:

Pamela Nelson at zumba2live@aol.com

FREE
complimentary class
January 9

Pilates

Date: 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

Date: January 2nd – April 16th

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

Tuesday - All Levels: 5:30pm

Thursdays - Seniors: 4pm All Levels: 5:30pm

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

Yoga for an Aching Back: *Stretching the Pain Away!*

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.

Date: Monday, January 29th, 2018

Time: 4 pm - 6 pm

Fee: \$35

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



Meditation: *Relax & Renew*

Description: Relax the mind and body using 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.

Date: Session 1: Jan 23 - Feb 27, 2018

Session 2: March 13 - April 17, 2018

Time: 4 pm - 5 pm • **Fee:** \$ 60 (6 classes)

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



Power Up your Brain: *Improve Memory, Concentration and Focus*

Date: Monday, February 19, 2018, 4pm-5:30pm

Description: Learn the use of simple yoga exercises, breathing techniques, hand gestures and meditation to improve and support brain function, memory, concentration and focus.

Printed material included. This class is for everyone, from young students, adults, seniors and patients with Down Syndrome, Alzheimer's, or other development challenges and cognitive delays seeking cures.

Fee: \$35

Health at your Fingertips: *Healing with Mudras (Hand Gestures)*

Date: Monday, March 12, 2018, 11am – 12:30pm

Description: Mudras are hand-gestures or yoga for the hands. It is an ancient healing practice that helps you achieve lasting health, happiness and inner peace. Learn how mudras can be helpful in overcoming ailments, physical as well as mental, and regain true well-being. Printed material included.

Fee: \$35

Yoga for Arthritis: *The Natural Alternative*

Date: Monday, March 26, 2018, 4pm-6pm

Description: Learn how simple yoga exercises, breathing, and meditation techniques will help you to: Expand the range of motion / Increase circulation, reduce swelling / Increase delivery of oxygen and nutrients to the joint tissues to facilitate their healing / Build strength, flexibility and balance / Release physical and emotional tension.

Fee: \$35

Reduce Inflammation and Pain with Castor Oil Packs

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 7pm-8pm

Description: The main benefit of castor oil packs is their ability to promote the healing of various parts of the body. They can also reduce inflammation, improve blood and lymph circulation, and even reduce digestive problems like constipation without the need to actually ingest the castor oil. Learn how to prepare a castor oil compress, how and when to use it.

Fee: \$20

Play Ambassadors Needed!

Help us make the new EGT Playground and AWESOME place to play! Play Ambassadors must be 14.

Interested in joining the Summer Farmers Market as a vendor?

Now's the time to apply! 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.

If interested in any of the above, 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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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**. 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 jl原因@eastgoshen.org

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

JAN 01
NEW YEAR'S DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

JAN 02
REORGANIZATION & REGULAR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING, 6PM

JAN 03
PLANNING COMMISSION, 7PM

JAN 04
PARK & RECREATION
COMMISSION, 7PM

JAN 06
ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION, 8AM

JAN 08
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, 7PM

JAN 10
CONSERVANCY BOARD, 7PM

JAN 15
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

JAN 16
PENSION MEETING, 10AM

JAN 16
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

JAN 17
FUTURIST COMMITTEE, 7PM

FEB 01
PARK & RECREATION
COMMISSION, 7PM

FEB 06
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

FEB 07
PLANNING COMMISSION, 7PM

FEB 12
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, 7PM

FEB 14
CONSERVANCY BOARD, 7PM

FEB 19
PRESIDENTS' DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

FEB 20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
7PM

FEB 21 FUTURIST COMMITTEE,
7PM

*Public meetings days and times are subject to
change. Please check the Township's website for
the latest information.*

MAR 01
PARK & RECREATION
COMMISSION, 7PM

MAR 06
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

MAR 07
PLANNING COMMISSION, 7PM

MAR 12
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, 7PM

MAR 14
CONSERVANCY BOARD, 7PM

MAR 19
FUTURIST COMMITTEE, 7PM

MAR 20
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

MAR 30
GOOD FRIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED

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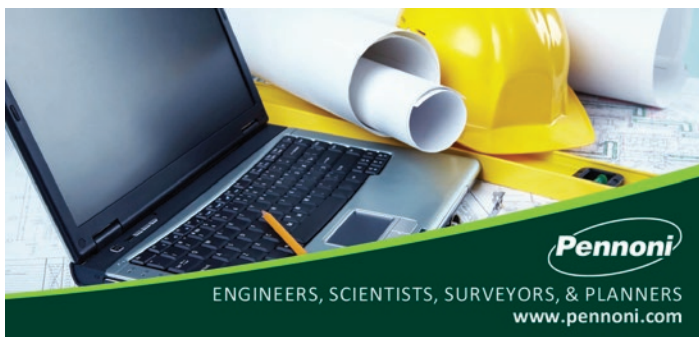
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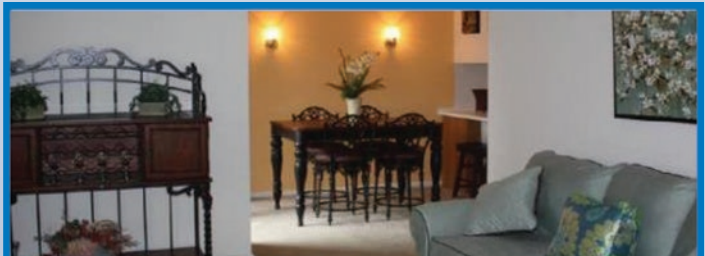


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