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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Fellow Residents,

I hope you all had a fun-filled summer! It was great to see so many of you at Community Day, even if that feels like a lifetime ago now, and I look forward to seeing many of you again at the Township's annual Pumpkin Fest on October 20th. Whatever your autumn pleasures be—football, foliage or Halloween—there's a lot going on in East Goshen that I'd like to take this opportunity to bring everyone up to speed on.

Pipelines

There continues to be a lot of activity around pipelines in the Township. In July, the Board authorized the creation of a new Pipeline Task Force to promote the public interest about pipelines in East Goshen. This seven member volunteer group, which will function like any other ABC group, will undertake reviews and assessments of regulatory and technical aspects of pipeline infrastructure, advise the Board on pending pipeline legislation and regulations, and cultivate relationships with other citizen interest and public advocacy groups in the region. The Board also authorized a \$5,000 payment to Del-Chesco United for Pipeline Safety in support of that group's contract with Quest Consultants to perform a risk assessment of the Mariner East pipeline. Together, we can make a difference!

Police

As you may know, the collective bargaining agreement with the Westtown-East Goshen Police Association expires at the end of 2018. Led by East Goshen Supervisors Janet Emanuel and Mike Lynch and Westtown Supervisor Scott Yaw, our negotiating team is putting in countless hours to ensure that critical public safety services can be provided to Township residents in a financially responsible manner. We are hopeful that an agreement can be reached with the Association sometime this fall.



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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

Rebranding

As part of the implementation of the Paoli Pike Corridor Master Plan, the Township hired Finch Brands, a Philadelphia-based design firm, to assist the Township in developing a new logo to be used on all Township media, from road signage to the website. This logo will help differentiate East Goshen from neighboring communities in order to attract the next generation of home buyers and modernize the Paoli Pike corridor. Working with Township staff and the indefatigable Futurist Committee, Finch has developed a number of final designs, which are provided on page 4 of this newsletter. The Board of Supervisors hopes to make a final decision about the winning design by mid-October. To that end, we are eager to get input from residents on this matter to assist us in making a decision by no later than October 9th. Needless to say, this is your logo and we want to hear from you!

Playground

The new destination playground is a big hit, drawing hundreds of kids and their parent, grandparents and guardians to the Park every day. We couldn't be happier with how it turned out, and we hope that it serves as the crown jewel of the Township for generations to come. If you haven't taken your kids or grandkids yet, well, what are you waiting for?



Wash Bay

Over the next few months, expect to see some construction at the Township building. The Township is building a vehicle wash bay in order to comply with state storm water requirements. This building addition, which will pop off the west side of the Public Works garage, will be connected directly to the Township's sewer system to ensure that dirty, soapy water does not flow untreated into storm water inlets and waterways.

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Ponds

We are making excellent progress with the permitting process for the Marydell Pond and are optimistic that the dredging work will be underway shortly after this newsletter is received in mailboxes. Given the complexity and length of the permitting process, the Board also recently authorized permitting work to begin on the Bow Tree I Pond (between Bow Tree Drive and Achom Way) to ensure that the Township can stick to the one-pond-per-year schedule that was agreed to last fall. If you are interested in serving on the Bow Tree Pond Committee, we are planning to solicit for applications in late 2018 or early 2019, once the technical aspects of the project have been worked out with the various state regulatory agencies.



Bow Tree I Pond



Paoli Pike Overlay District

I would be remiss not to mention the fantastic work that our Planning Commission has been doing in collaboration with Thomas Comitta Associates in developing a zoning overlay for the Paoli Pike Corridor. A zoning overlay, which was a key recommendation of the Paoli Pike Corridor Master Plan, would allow for more flexibility in redeveloping the corridor while protecting the Township's residential and historical character. We are heartened by the input received by Township residents who have been attending the Planning Commission's work sessions on this matter. As a Board, we look forward to working with the Planning Commission and interested residents to make this dream a reality and ensure that East Goshen remains the pre-eminent place to live, work and play in Chester County.

Paoli Pike Trail

McMahon Associates, our trail engineer, continues to plug away on the engineering work, while Township staff secures the necessary rights-of-way for the Paoli Pike Trail. Contingent on receiving the necessary permits from PennDOT, we are cautiously optimistic that Public Works can lay the macadam for the section of the trail from North Chester Road to Line Road through Applebrook Park in either late 2018 or early 2019. We're also hopeful that we can go out to bid for construction of the section from North Chester Road to Reservoir Road before the end of 2019.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Township has an e-mail communication called **Constant Contact**. Residents are able to receive timely information on specific areas of interest. Residents can sign up by going to the Township's website at www.eastgoshe.org. Residents are also encouraged to sign up for **ReadyChesco**, an emergency notification system, to be made aware of any emergency in your area. ReadyChesco uses mapping technology to tailor specific messages to residents based on where they work or live. Visit www.readychesco.org to sign up today.



If you have an interest in giving back to the community, let us know. We are always looking for motivated folks to volunteer to serve on any one of our Authorities, Boards or Commissions.

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 fall!

Marty

Chairman

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS NOW ON YOUTUBE!



Cancel your Netflix subscription and break out the popcorn! East Goshen Township Board of Supervisors meetings are now being livestreamed on YouTube. Livestreamed meetings are uploaded to our YouTube page for reviewing the following day. To find the East Goshen Township YouTube channel, simply Google "East Goshen Township YouTube" or click the "YouTube" button on our homepage, and you'll never miss a vote again!



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD: HELP EAST GOSHEN REBRAND EAST GOSHEN!

Earlier this year, the Township hired Finch Brands, a Philadelphia-based design firm, to assist the Township in developing a new logo to be used on all Township media, from signage to letterhead to the website. This need to rebrand the Township was identified in the recently-adopted Paoli Pike Corridor Master Plan as a way to attract the next generation of home buyers and modernize the Paoli Pike corridor. Working with Township staff and the Futurist Committee, Finch has whittled 20 or so rough ideas down to five final designs, plus retaining the existing logos, for further consideration.

Designs A&B represent stylized renderings of the Blacksmith Shop on North Chester Road across from East Goshen Elementary School. Designs C, D & E represent three actual trees from East Goshen Park, highlighting the Township's park and open space. The existing logos (Design F) also highlight the Blacksmith Shop.

While the Board of Supervisors will ultimately select the winning design at its meeting on October 16th, we want to hear from you about which of these six designs you prefer. To that end, we would be grateful if you could email info@eastgoshen.org ranking your three favorite logo designs by no later than October 9th. This is, after all, your logo—one that you may see more or less daily for years to come—and we need to hear from you!

Township staff, the Futurists Committee and Finch also brainstormed a number of taglines (i.e. "Just Do It", "I Love New York", "Virginia is for Lovers," etc) that could accompany the logo in certain media, such as street light signage or the newsletter. This group discussed scores of taglines, some bold, some corny, some sugar sweet and some comical. Ultimately, the group kept coming back to a well-worn but comforting tagline that signifies the feeling that we get when returning from either a day at the office or a month-long trip out-of-state. That feeling of relief to be back in familiar surroundings with the ones you love.

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F





DRAMATIC CRASH AND RESCUE AT SAINT SIMON AND JUDE RESULTS IN NUMEROUS COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS

On Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 1:21 PM the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department responded to a serious motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Rt. 3 and Rt. 352 in Westtown Township. Police arrived on scene, in the parking lot of Saints Simon and Jude Church and found one vehicle overturned and on fire. The male driver, who suffered moderate injuries, was trapped under the vehicle, and police and many other brave citizens were able to push the vehicle over and off of the driver. The individual was treated at the scene by EMS and transported to Paoli Hospital.

The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department would again like to thank all of the brave individuals who came to the assistance of the driver who was involved in the crash. Faculty members of the Saints Simon and Jude School were able to use numerous fire extinguishers to keep the fire from spreading until the driver could be extricated from beneath the vehicle. Additionally, a few citizens came to the aid of officers in rolling the vehicle off of the driver. Without their assistance, the incident could have ended in a tragic manner. Thank you again to those individuals who assisted at the scene for their compassionate and heroic actions.



Officer Ryan Herman, Detective Jason Diamond, Sister Regina Elinich, Mr. Angelo Golato, Officer Michael Meiswich, Mr. Alldon M. Kendig. Not pictured Officer Ryan Benningfield and Officer Mark McKinney.



Officers Meiswich and Benningfield accept the 2017 Officer of the Year Award

2017 WEGO Officers of the Year

Please join us in congratulating Officers Michael Meiswich and Ryan Benningfield, recipients of the 2017 Officer of the Year Award! Well done officers!



Moving Up!

Please also join us in congratulating Christopher Dittus and Scott Warner on their promotions to full-time patrol officers!

Officers Dittus and Warner with Judge William Kraut at their promotion ceremony

Congratulations!

EAST GOSHEN RECOGNIZED

We are pleased to report that the Pennsylvania Municipal League in partnership with Sustainable Pittsburgh recently recognized East Goshen as a Gold Level sustainable community for demonstrated commitment and sustainability performance. In earning the Gold certification, East Goshen Township is acknowledged for its progress in such areas as community design and land use, energy efficiency, health and wellness, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling and waste reduction, fiscal controls, and internal management and operations. Details about East Goshen Township's certification performance within these topics can be found on the certification program's website: http://www.sustainablepacommunitycertification.org/users/certified_municipalities. Special thanks to Jason Lang, Director of Parks & Recreation, for spearheading this initiative!



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Here to Help

Starting September 1, 2018, Senior Citizen Transit ID Cards will no longer be valid for travel on SEPTA. SEPTA Senior Fare Cards and PA Driver Licenses/Non-Driver IDs issued before July 2017 will be the only forms of ID valid for travel on SEPTA. With either of these forms of ID, seniors receive free bus, subway, trolley, and Norristown High Speed Line travel, and starting September 1st FREE



Regional Rail rides for travel within Pennsylvania, previously a \$1 fee. Discounted half-fares will remain in place for seniors traveling to-and-from New Jersey and Delaware.

If you are 65 years or older and would like to get a SEPTA Key Senior Fare Card, you can do so at our office. You will just need to bring a valid form of ID. The process only takes a few minutes and you should receive your ID in the mail in 3-4 weeks. We ask that you call ahead to confirm staff availability. Our office number is 610-696-4990 and our address is 21 W. Washington Street in the Borough of West Chester. The office is located in the Washington Square Apartment Building. Free parking is available.

Unclaimed Property

Hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians – including myself – have unclaimed property. Unclaimed property includes may include closed bank accounts, uncashed checks, lost stocks and bonds.

To find out if you have unclaimed property, search your name in the Unclaimed Property database at www.patreasury.gov/Unclaimed/Search.html, or contact my office at 610-696-4990. You may have also received a postcard from my office in the mail. We can help you file a claim for your unclaimed property. There is no charge to file a claim.

Outreach Events

This summer and fall, my staff and I will be attending and hosting events around the 156th legislative district to bring our services to you and the community. We will have tables set up at various local events with informative literature and a staff person to address your questions and concerns.

Chester County Restaurant Festival

Sunday, September 16th from noon to 5 p.m.

Westtown Day

Sunday, October 7th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

I will also be hosting the following events this fall:

Policy Committee Hearing

Tuesday, September 18th at 2 p.m. Location to be determined.



State Rep. Carolyn Comitta
D-Chester
www.pahouse.com/Comitta

SAVE THE DATE!

There will be a pipeline community awareness/emergency preparedness presentation by Chester County Emergency Services at Fugett Middle School on Wednesday, September 19th at 7 p.m. Details will be forthcoming.

Please check my website – www.pahouse.com/Comitta or Facebook page – facebook.com/RepComitta for more information and details on events. You can also sign up for email updates on my website by clicking on the “sign up for email updates” button in the upper right hand corner.

Carolyn Comitta

State Representative, 156th Legislative District

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- To our volunteers who made those famous donuts, cooked food, parked cars, built booths, ran games, coordinated, judged, organized and planned. We estimate that over 7500 person-hours were donated by our volunteers in support of the fair.
- To our sponsors and advertisers, for your financial support.
- To our partners at the WEGO Regional Police, who kept us safe.
- To those who showed off their livestock, baked goods, pets and vegetables.
- To our neighboring fire companies who participated in the tug of war and assisted our Fire Police with parking.
- To our neighbors, for your patience and continued support.
- To Mother Nature, who, despite a forecast of threatening storms all week, gave us only a sudden downpour on Friday night.
- But most of all, to all who came and enjoyed the fair. You supported your fire company's most important fundraiser, enabling us to fulfill our mission of providing exceptional fire, rescue, fire police, and emergency medical service to the community.



This summer's Goshen Country Fair was our 69th annual. It began a year before our official founding in 1950, as a way to fund a new fire company for a then rural area. The fair has been held in the same location for those 69 years, on land donated by early township developer Harry Taylor. Many of the same families that volunteered in those early days continue that tradition today, as our township has evolved from rural to suburban.



There are so many ways to support your fire company...by attending our events like the fair, our Sunday breakfasts, Spring flower sales and open houses, and by contributing during our subscription drives. We

welcome volunteers for our Fire/Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Police and Administrative Divisions. Volunteer applications are available at www.goshenfireco.org or stop by station 54 at 1320 Park Avenue. Follow us on social media for the latest information on events and volunteer opportunities.

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Please visit www.friendsofearthgoshen.org to learn more about how you can support events in East Goshen Park.

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Construction Activities Requiring Permits

The Township Code requires that all construction activities conducted within the Township have a permit prior to the start of any work. A list of construction activities that require a permit is available on the East Goshen Township website under Services > Permits > Construction Activities which Require a Permit. Some of the more common construction activities requiring permits include siding replacement, stucco replacement, roof replacement, finished basements, deck replacement and/or expansion, and new or expanded hardscaping, just to name a few. The Township Codes Department is happy to discuss your project with you and your contractor in order to answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to call us.

Change of Use and Occupancy Inspections

Are you selling your home in East Goshen Township or thinking about purchasing a new home in East Goshen Township? The Township Code requires that all changes of use and/or occupancy must be permitted through the Township. This results in an inspection by the Township to ensure that a standard level of safety is afforded to all residents, patrons, and workers in East Goshen Township. This application can be found on the East Goshen Township website under Services > Permits > Rentals > Rentals and Change of Use.



Fire Prevention Week is October 7 - 13

- Test your smoke detectors every month.
- Replace smoke detectors every 10 years.
- Change the batteries in your smoke detectors at least twice a year.
- Develop an escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.
- Ensure that you have house numbers on the front of your home and on your mailbox that can be easily read from the street.

False Alarms

Monitored burglar and fire alarms are commonplace in homes and businesses today. These systems and their monitoring services provide a level of safety that has never been afforded in the past. **Owning these systems comes with the responsibility of proper operation and maintenance.** Accidental alarm activations happen and false alarms do occur; however, our emergency services personnel must respond to every call. All alarm owners are afforded two false alarm activations per rolling 12-month period before false alarm fees are imposed. Please be diligent in the operation and maintenance of your monitored alarm systems in order to minimize the number of false activations to which your police and fire company personnel have to respond. **You can prevent false alarms!** Consider these steps to prevent the occurrence of false alarms:

- Have your alarm system inspected and maintained by your alarm company annually (at a minimum).
- Review and update your contact information with your alarm company annually.
- Ensure that all occupants and anyone authorized access to the premises understand how to operate the system.
- Ask your monitoring company if they offer an Enhanced Call Verification feature.
- Ask for, review, and implement best practices for monitored systems as outlined by your alarm company.

Responding to false alarms degrades response times to actual emergencies!

NOW EVERY DAY IS KEEP EAST GOSHEN BEAUTIFUL DAY!

"Ugliness is so grim. A little beauty, something that is lovely, I think, can help create harmony."

- Former First Lady and America's most pre-eminent anti-litter advocate, Lady Bird Johnson

This summer, the Township began contracting with A.J. Blosenski to pick up roadside litter along both Township and State-owned roads. This initiative builds on the success of the annual Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day to ensure that our Township looks pristine all year round. Road signs will be posted when the hauler is collecting roadside trash in your area to ensure the haulers' safety from vehicular traffic.



RECYCLING: THINK QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY

About a year ago, East Goshen began to receive invoices from our recycling center for the cost of processing our paper, plastics, glass and aluminum. While these invoices are relatively small (about \$1,500 per month) compared to the Township's entire trash and recycling operation (about \$1,000,000 per year), they were a surprise, as until then global demand for recyclables was high enough that the processor would refund us for a share of their sales.

One major global factor that has contributed to the slowdown in the recycling market is that China is no longer accepting U.S. recyclables due to contamination in our recycling streams. As a result, processing centers now landfill a much larger portion of their outputs than they did as recently as a year ago.

Therefore, as stewards of this earth and residents of the Township, we need to reaffirm our commitment to smart, strategic recycling. Anecdotally, we're hearing stories of recycling centers struggling to eliminate non-recyclable materials and contaminated waste—batteries, food waste, plastic bags, candy wrappers, diapers, you name it—from their supply chains. These materials can gunk up machinery and contaminate huge streams of plastics, glass and paper, rendering them unusable. The old adage “when in doubt, throw it out” has never been more true.



Below find a list of common household items that should be thrown out and not recycled:

- ✓ Plastic bags (they can only be recycled at dedicated recycling stations at grocery stores)
- ✓ Anything with food waste in it. This could include the old plastic ketchup bottle or the greasy pizza box or the plastic cup with the dregs of yesterday's take-out iced coffee or your kid's half-eaten yogurt or that dirty napkin from dinner. If you can't get all the grease or food waste out with a quick rinse, don't recycle it!
- ✓ Straws
- ✓ Plastic bottles with the cap still on (take the cap off)
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Drinking glasses and cups
- ✓ Children's toys, wood, clothing
- ✓ Empty chip bags
- ✓ Diapers—clean or dirty!
- ✓ Plastic containers with flammable or toxic residue (e.g. empty motor oil containers)



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2018 Bulk Trash and Yard Waste Dates

2018 Bulk Trash Days

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.



- September 13th and 14th
- October 11th and 12th
- November 15th and 16th
- December 13th and 14th

2018 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.

- September 19th
- October 3rd, 17th, 31st
- November 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
- December 12th



2018 Trash and Recycling Holiday Schedule



Please note that trash will not be picked up on the dates listed below
All debris will be taken on the next regularly scheduled service day

- November 22nd, Thursday – Thanksgiving

Also, please be advised that no trash/recycling will be picked up on:

- December 25th, Tuesday – Christmas
- January 1st, 2019, Tuesday – New Year's Day

However, trash and recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, December 26th and Wednesday, January 2nd for residents on the Tuesday/Friday pick-up schedule.

2018 CHESTER COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018, 9am-3pm

GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

- RESIDENTIAL ONLY
- BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY
- NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED
- Maximum Amount Accepted – 25 Gallons or 220 Lbs
- No Metal Drums or Freon Appliances

- PLEASE TAKE YOUR CARDBOARD BOXES HOME TO RECYCLE AT THE CURB OR LOCAL DROP OFF

For a list of items Accepted and Not Accepted go to:
www.chestercswa.org/DocumentCenter/View/1803



Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, December 1, 9am - 12pm

The next e-recycling event at the East Goshen Township Park will be held on Saturday, December 1st.



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Latest News from the Malvern Public Library

Find us on the web at www.malvern-library.org

It's been a great summer at Malvern Public Library, complete with summer reading, summer programming, and GoWilMa! for children and teens, and our new summer reading program for adults! Check our calendar to make sure you don't miss anything.

The library has many **adult programs** to offer this fall, including two book clubs, knitting, and other informational classes, including essential oils, mental health awareness, senior health, and financial education. See our online calendar for more information.

Adult book clubs meet on the second Tuesday of every month. Morning book club meets from 10AM – 11AM and evening book club meets from 6:30PM – 7:30PM. Check with the library for what monthly titles each group plans to discuss.

With Daemion Counseling Center, the Library will have a suicide prevention program, Just Talk About It, on Monday, September 24th from 6-8pm. Registration is required.

The fall storytime session runs from September 10 – November 15. Please register online for weekly baby, toddler, and preschool storytimes. Registration opens on August 13. Family Storytime on Thursdays at 11AM is a drop-in program, with no registration required.

We will be hosting two pumpkin painting parties for Malvern Borough's second annual pumpkin painting contest! Children in grades K through 5 may join us on October 10, from 4:30PM – 5:30PM, and tweens/teens in grades 6 through 9 on October 17, from 4:30PM – 5:30PM. We'll supply the pumpkins and the painting supplies if you supply your creativity! Can't make the parties? Drop off your decorated pumpkin or supply us a picture. We'll post pictures of each pumpkin on our Facebook and Instagram pages for voters to like.

Check our Facebook, Instagram, or website for more library programs and offerings. We hope to see you here soon!



INTRODUCING NANCY D'AVERSA: EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP'S NEW POET LAUREATE.

On June 5th, the Board of Supervisors appointed Nancy D'Aversa to replace the inimitable Ginnie Newlan as the Township's Poet Laureate. A resident of Hershey's Mill Village, Nancy is an editor, published author, college lecturer, former executive television producer, historical consultant for television and movies, and an 18th century open-hearth cook and herbalist. Nancy has lectured and taught at Widener University, Rosemont College, Big Arts on Sanibel Island, and Chester County Night School, as well as other organizations. She now teaches at the LifeLong Learning Institute at Immaculata University.



Secret

A secret lives in East Goshen Township Park
One kept for a hundred years, plus some more
There is a little stream hidden between trees in the dark
Notice something different about these trees, Sycamores

These trees were planted, across the stream from each other
In the past, travelers or farmers bringing livestock to market knew
Seeing these trees meant the water was clean and free with no bother
Yes, this stream is a township jewel

If you wade through the stream, you will come to the remains of a house
Was this house a stop on the Underground Railroad and a new life to come
Picture it is the 1800's and you are a runaway slave trying to be as quiet as a mouse
How hard would it be to believe these trees were planted as a map to freedom

Nancy D'Aversa
East Goshen Township
Poet Laureate



LATEST NEWS FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

On behalf of my fellow Park Commission members, I truly hope you had a memorable and restful summer season. It has certainly been an exciting time to be a Park Commission member, with the opening of our new destination playground! We officially cut the ribbon on Saturday, June 30th and what an occasion! Bob Kelly, Fox 29's Traffic Anchor hosted the ceremony marked by over 300 kids running across the new bridge for the first time! Since then, the



new playground has been enjoyed by thousands of families and has acquired a local nickname of "Disney North"! We've been very pleased that everyone sees the playground as a valuable Township asset, and helps to keep it clean and safe for all. We've very infrequently had to remind dog owners that the playground is now dog free. Kids have done a wonderful job sharing the big blue play blocks and the zip line as well! At the end of July, we hosted a production of Jack and the Beanstalk and over three hundred people attended! As we venture further into the fall, look for a formal toddler story time schedule at the boulder reading nook area and other fun activities!



This fall the Park Commission will be busy once again with some great community programming. We'll host the annual fall yard sale on Saturday, October 6th from 9am-1pm in the park. We'll of course once again host Pumpkin FEST in the park. This year the fun will be on Saturday, October 20th, from 10am-1pm. Hay rides, food, pumpkin bowling and more! Like giving back to your neighbors? Sign up to help out at Neighbor-to-Neighbor Day on Saturday, November 10th. Community members travel as teams and do general yard work for residents with mobility challenges.

The Township farmers market has a new home closer to the playground and it's been a hit! It's been wonderful to see so many people at the market, enjoying the fresh local produce and treating themselves to crab cakes and BBQ! We are also happy to welcome our newest vendor, Mitchell and Mitchell Winery to the market. Feel free to swing on by, sample some delicious local wines and take some home for your next dinner party! While we've amended the Park Ordinance to allow for alcohol sales and sampling at the farmers market specifically, drinking alcohol in the park is still prohibited otherwise.



As the cooler weather comes to West Chester, consider coming inside for one of our many programs. The Department of Parks and Recreation hosts yoga, zumba and pilates throughout the winter months to help you stay on track with your fitness goals! Like playing cards? Our senior card club meets every Friday morning and we have mahjonn every Thursday afternoon! Not only that, but we also play ping pong the first and third Friday of each month!

All of our events are driven by wonderful volunteers, supporting the community they live in. If you'd like to volunteer at an upcoming event, or have a program idea, reach out to Jason Lang, Parks and Recreation Director, at jlang@eastgoshen.org.



See you in the park!

Danny Leicht, Vice-Chair

East Goshen Township - Parks & Recreation ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS & EVENTS



East Goshen Farmer's Market

We are all set again for another fantastic fall in the park offering the finest and freshest food around! The East Goshen Farmers Market takes place on Thursdays, 3pm-7pm. Don't feel like cooking? Rigatoni's brings the best crab cakes this side of Maryland to the market, and MnM BBQ always has tasty BBQ, ribs and sides! This fall we also welcome our newest vendor, Mitchell & Mitchell Winery will be bringing their delicious wines to market!

Date: Thursdays, through October 12th, 3pm-7pm

Location: East Goshen Township Park, near the playground

TRAVEL

Collette Travel Tours – Canyon Country featuring Arizona & Utah

Date: Monday, February 13th, 12pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Description: East Goshen Township is headed on an amazing trip in 2019 – and we want you to join us! The trip is full of bucket list destinations...Grand Canyon, Zion, and Bryce National Parks just to name a few! We'll also spend a day in Vegas – so bring your good luck with you! Trip dates are October 11-18, 2019. Join us February 13th for an informational meeting that highlights each tour.



SPECIAL EVENTS

ACTIVITY: Applebrook Golf Outings

Date: September 18th

Format: Residents can bring up to three guests for the September golf outing. The outing has a 1pm shotgun start tee time, preceded by a lunch on the veranda. Golfers can carry, use a pull cart (personal) or use a caddy but cannot change option once at the golf outing. To register, visit eastgoshenrec.com or contact Jason Lang at 610-692-7171.

\$105 (\$30 caddy fee)

Activity: West Chester Junior Tennis League

Dates: September 8th – October 20th

Ages: 5-14

(8U, 10U, 11 and up)

Description: The first 3 weeks will be practices, focusing on fundamentals, games, and scoring. The last 4 weeks

will be devoted to match play against other teams. The last session will be a match/awards ceremony. The WCJTL is An Affordable Tennis Program Managed and Run by the Philadelphia Area Team Tennis Association.

Fee: \$85 for the season, and includes uniform, award, and end of season party.



Activity: Awesome FEST plus Star Wars: The Last Jedi

Date: September 14th; 5pm-Star Wars

Ages: 12-18

Description: We've created Chester County's first ever Teen Awesome FEST – an event for teens, by teens!

Activities include: *3 on 3 basketball tournament, *Teen film Review, *Open Mic, Body Art, Bhangra Dance, Yoga, Rhythm of Life Drumming, Kickball, Dodge Ball, Fitness Workshops, free food and more! The night ends with a viewing party of local teen filmmakers and then Star Wars: The Last Jedi!

*Must register in advance by emailing Jason at jlange@eastgoshen.org

We have a ton of "Awesome" event partners, including:

Awesome FEST Teen Advisory Council, Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services,

YMCA of Greater Brandywine West Chester, PRO-ACT, Youth Mentoring Partnership, Stages Arts Initiative and the Charles A. Melton Arts and Education Center

Fee: Free!!!

Activity: Movie after Dark in the Park, Star Wars: The Last Jedi

Date: September 14th; 8pm

Ages: Open to all; at conclusion of Awesome FEST

Description: Join us for another great movie in the park! Please bring a blanket/lawn chair, bug spray and flashlight!

Fee: Free!



SPECIAL EVENTS

Activity: Cookie Cutter's Shave Off for the Kids

Dates: Saturday, September 22nd, starting at 9am

Location: Cookie Cutters Haircuts for Kids (1516 Paoli Pike)

Description: Join Jason and come on over to the Cookie Cutters in the Goshen Village Shopping Center and get your head shaved for a great cause – Nemours Hospital! Proceeds from the event benefit the Nemours Pediatric Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

Learn more about the event at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shave-off-tickets-42314836816>



Activity: Bob Kelly's 3rd Annual BK5K

Date: September 29th

Description: Come join Fox 29's Traffic Anchor Bob Kelly for his 3rd annual BK5K – an awesome event that supports Nemours Pediatrics! This year's proceeds support the state-of-the-art TV and Radio Studio within the brand new Activity Center at Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children. The fun starts at 8am!

Learn more at: <http://bk5kfamilyrun.org/>

Activity: West Chester, PA NEDA Walk

Date: Saturday, November 3, 2018, 10am Check In

Description: Proceeds benefit the National Eating Disorders Association, supporting the over 30 million Americans that have struggled with an eating disorder at some point in their lives.

Learn more at: <https://www.nedawalk.org/westchesterpa2018>

Activity: I Run for Kaia 5K

Date: November 4th, 2018

Description: Our final 5K in the park for 2018. Proceeds go towards the UNITE Grief Support Group, a local organization who help bereaved parents after the devastating loss of their baby.

Learn more at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/WestChester/IRunforKaia>

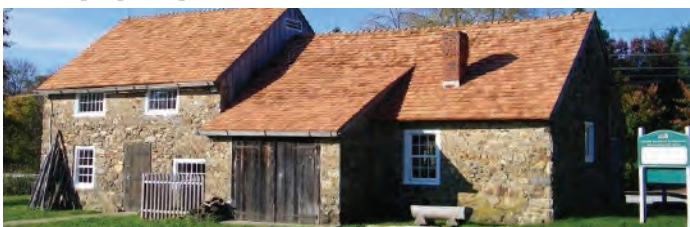
Activity: Escape from the Blacksmith Shop

Date: October 6th, 10am-1pm

Description: The East Goshen Township Blacksmith Shop was built in 1740, nearly 300 years ago by Arron Ashbridge. Rumor has it... his ghost does not like people visiting his place of work! You only have thirty minutes to decipher the clues that will unlock the door and secure your freedom!!! Hosted by the Township Poet Laureate, Nancy Daversa and Jason Lang, Parks and Recreation Director, this will surely be a memorable event! Teams of up to ten participants encouraged! Recommended age is 10 and up, but all ages, including adults, welcome.

Registration: Limited to ten people per 30 minute time slot – register online at eastgoshenrec.com!

Fee: \$5 per participant



Activity: Healthy Kids Running Series, East Goshen

Dates/Times: Sept 16, 23, 30 & Oct 7, 14 / 4:00pm

Location: East Goshen Township Park

Description: The Healthy Kids

Running Series is a five week running program in the spring and fall for kids from age 2 to 8th grade. Each Race Series takes place once a week and offers age appropriate running events including the 50 yard dash, the 75 yard dash, the 1/4 mile, the 1/2 mile and the one mile run. Kids compete each week of the Series for a chance to earn points and at the end of the Series the top boy and girl with the most points in their respective age division receive a trophy.

Fees/Ages: \$35 registration fee for 5 races and a race shirt

Web Address: http://www.healthykidsrunningseries.org/race_locations/east-goshen-pa/

Contact Person: Becca Boyd & Katie Kourakis
hkrseastgoshen@gmail.com 610-220-2961



Activity: Toddler Story Time on the Playground

Dates: Tuesdays at 10am-10:30am; October

Description: Nancy D'Aversa, Township Poet Laureate, will be leading us in story this fall! Head to the boulder reading nook at the playground at 10am to hear some fun, silly and engaging stories!

Fee: Free!

Activity: Township Map Poetry Contest

Dates: September 10th – September 29th

Description: Calling all elementary student poets! The Township will be hosting a poetry contest this fall! The twist – your poem has to fit inside the Township map boundaries! Winners to be selected by the Township Poet Laureate and featured in the newsletter, winter edition!

Registration: Open to all Township residents, grades K-5th. Two submission categories: Grades K-3 and 4th-5th

Send submissions to Jason at jlange@eastgoshen.org

Fee: Free!

Activity: 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!

Activity: Seniors Card Club - Mahjongg

Date: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday of the month, 1pm-3:30pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Description: Come join our beginning Mahjongg group. No instruction provided.

You can come with or without tiles!

Fee: Free!



FITNESS PROGRAMS

Activity: Strong by Zumba® at East Goshen Elementary Gym

Description: Tailored for interval training workout. All ages welcome!! With most workout programs, music is an afterthought. The music in STRONG by Zumba™ was crafted to drive the intensity in a challenging progression that provides a total body workout. The result? A group fitness experience like no other. Moving in sync with music makes you work harder. This class will push you past your plateaus to help you reach your fitness goals faster. Using your own body weight, you will gain muscular endurance, tone, and definition, and you will experience an increased after burn.



Dates: Tuesdays 6:30-7:45

Session 1- Sept. 4 - Oct. 9

Session 2- Oct. 16 - Dec. 11 (no class Nov. 6, 20, 27)

Fee: \$65 per session or both sessions \$120

Contact Info: Pamela Nelson
zumba2live@aol.com

Activity: Zumba® Gold Toning

Description: Zumba® Gold Toning is tailored for active older adults, who want to focus on muscle conditioning and light weight activity. Zumba® Gold-Toning blends the Zumba® party you love at a slower pace with a redefining total body workout using Zumba® Toning Sticks to shake up those muscles! The benefits of low to moderate intensity strength training exercises are essential to prevent a dramatic reduction in muscle mass, muscle strength, atrophy and sarcopenia (loss of skeletal muscle mass). Walk in ready to have a blast and tone up, leave exhilarated and empowered!

Session 1- Sept. 5- Oct. 10

FREE CLASS Oct. 17th!!

Session 2- Oct. 24- Dec. 5 (no class Nov. 21)

FREE CLASS and Pollyanna Holiday Party Dec. 12!!

Fees: \$65 for one session, \$120 for both sessions

Contact Info: Pamela Nelson- zumba2live@aol.com

Activity: Pilates

Dates: Session One: Wednesdays 10:30-11:30, Oct. 10th-November 7th

Session Two: Wednesdays 10:30-11:30, November 14th-December 19th

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 Telthorster has over 500 training hours and is adept at coaching novices all the way through "seasoned pros"! Please bring a mat to class. (must pay by check and fill out Registration form)!

Ages: 18+

Fee: Session 1: 5 weeks \$55 or \$13/class

Session 2: 6 weeks \$65 or \$13/class

Contact Person: Ruby Layfield Topazz63@aol.com

Activity: Yoga

Yoga - Fall Session Sept 4 - Dec 20, 2018

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. Bring a yoga or exercise mat, small pillow, and wear comfortable clothes.

Mon: Gentle Yoga 9 - 10:15 am / Sept 10 - Dec 17, 2018 (No class Sept 24)

Tues: All Levels 5:30 - 6:45 pm / Sept 4 - Dec 18, 2018 (No classes Sept 25 and Nov 6- Election's Day)

Thurs: Seniors Yoga 4 - 5 pm / Sept 6 - Dec 20, 2018 (No classes Sept 27 and Thanksgiving Day)

Tuition: \$ 120 14 week series (75 min / Mon or Tues) / \$ 90 Seniors Yoga Class (Thurs 4 pm)

Location: East Goshen Township Building



Activity: ESSENTRICS® Aging Backwards for Seniors - 8 week series with Charo

This class is aimed at regaining your mobility while slowly building strength and reawakening the power of your 650 muscles. The class has a slower pace than our general Essentrics classes. It is designed for those who have atrophy-related stiffness, frozen shoulder, chronic aches and pains, or who are beginning to exercise after a long sedentary period. For men and women of all ages who are looking for a gentle, slow tempo class. Bring a yoga mat, and water.

Mondays, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm / Sept 10 - Nov 5th, 2018 (No Class Sept 24)

Tuition: \$120 (8 wk series)

Location: SAMA CENTER, Goshen Professional Center: 1240 West Chester pike, Suite 207, West Chester PA 19382
www.samacenter.com

ESSENTRICS®

Activity: ESSENTRICS® Aging Backwards - 8 week series with Charo

This is an age reversing workout that will restore movement in your joints, flexibility in your muscles, relieve pain, and stimulate your cells to increase energy, vibrancy and your immune system. A slow-paced, full body workout created by the author of Forever Painless and the New York Times bestseller, Aging Backwards. Bring a yoga mat, and water.

A.- Monday, 5:30pm - 6:30pm / Sept 10 - Nov 5, 2018 (No Class Sept 24)

B.- Thursday, 9:00 am - 10:00 am / Sept 13 - Nov 8, 2018 (No class Sept 27)

Tuition: \$120 (8 wk series)

Location: SAMA CENTER, Goshen Professional Center: 1240 West Chester pike, Suite 207, West Chester PA 19382
www.samacenter.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

Activity: Township-wide Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, October 6th, 9am-1pm

Location: East Goshen Park

Description: Join fellow neighbors in the park and in the community during one of our favorite events! To reserve a space at the park, please call the Township Building at 610-692-7171.

Fee: Free

Activity: Pumpkin Fest

Date: Saturday, Oct 20th, 10am-1pm

Location: East Goshen Park

Description: Come on out to this great annual event as we kick off the fall season! Who can forget the pumpkin bowling or pumpkin pie eating contest from last year! All kids will receive a free pumpkin and can enter the pumpkin drawing contests! End the day with a leisurely romp in the hay and tractor ride!

Fee: Free



Activity: Halloween House Decorating Contest

Date: Entries must be received by Wednesday October 24th

Location: Your house!

Description: An East Goshen resident suggested we have a Halloween House Decorating Contest – and we think it is an awesome idea!



Similar to our Christmas House Decorating Contest, simply decorate your house to the best of your abilities and send us a picture! Send all entries to Jason at jlang@eastgoshe.org no later than Wednesday October 24th. All entries will be posted to the Township Facebook page for public viewing and voting! Voting will conclude on Monday, October 29th!

Activity: East Goshen Tree Lighting Celebration

Date: Friday, December 14th

Location: Amphitheater

Time: Event starts at 6:00pm, official lighting at 7:00pm

Description: Last year was such a success – we thought we'd do it again! The event will be complete with caroling, hot cocoa and a special guest appearance by St. Nick himself! We'll announce the winner of the EGT House Decorating Contest as well. The event will end at 7pm with the official lighting led by the EGT family that donates the most canned goods during the "Stuff Jason's Office" contest!

Fee: Free



Activity: NYC December Trip

Date: Saturday, December 8th

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Time: 7am-5:30pm (return by 8pm)

Description: Enjoy the Big Apple dressed up in holiday splendor and relax knowing all the trip details are taken care of! Simply show up at the Township Building, check in, and board the bus! Listed times are for departure from the township building and NYC. Drop off and pick up location is Bryant Park, adjacent to the NY Public Library.



Fee: \$45



Activity: Senior Card Club

Date: Every Friday, 10am-12pm

Description: Come enjoy a morning of card playing and social camaraderie! The Senior Card Club meets at the township building. Call the township building at 610-692-7171 for the specific schedule.

Fee: Free!

Play Ambassadors Needed!

Description: Help us make the new EGT Playground an AWESOME place to play! Play Ambassadors must be 14, contact Jason for more information!

Activity: Neighbor to Neighbor Day

Date: Saturday, November 10th

Location: East Goshen Township Building at 8am, then throughout EGT

Description: Join in a great day as we celebrate community and helping one another! Whether you are in need of some yard work help or are interested in submitting a team of neighborly volunteers – contact Jason at 610-692-7171 for more information about this annual event!

Fee: Free



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 jiang@eastgoshen.org

THINK TWICE BEFORE FLUSHING

“Don’t believe everything you read.” We’ve heard that caution all our lives. When applied to the word “flushable,” it is true! Many packages today claim the contents are “flushable.” Simply because the package reads “flushable” doesn’t also mean “dissolvable”! Although a product may disappear down your toilet, it may remain intact and cause clogs at pumping stations and treatment plants.

In the 1950’s & 1960’s, most East Goshen homes had their own on-site sanitary system consisting of a septic tank and cesspool. They needed to be pumped out every few years. We were very careful about what we flushed down the toilet. Once public sewers became available we breathed a sigh of relief and unfortunately assumed that almost anything could be flushed away – now it would be someone else’s problem. That “someone else” is the East Goshen and West Goshen Sewage Treatment Plants. The private plant serving Hershey’s Mill Village is also affected.

The adage “don’t use your toilet as a waste paper basket” has never been more true than it is today. Many products look and feel like toilet paper, but don’t dissolve or disintegrate.

Some products that should never be flushed down a toilet are paper towels, tampons, cloth, dental floss, chewing gum, hair, cat litter, disposable diapers, plastics, pop-off toilet bowl cleaners and especially “flushable wipes”. All of these products cause trouble at our pumping stations and treatment plants. They clog up screens and filters and require constant attention from Public Works employees. Even the powerful-sounding “Muffin Monsters,” which grind up solids, can get clogged by an innocuous wipe.

Please, think twice before flushing.

Jack Yahraes

Chairman, Municipal Authority



Brandywine Valley SPCA and Tri-State Bird Rescue needs your help!

The Animal Rescues cannot thank you enough for your past support.

- Kitty Litter • Washable Dog & Cat Toys
- Towels & Blankets • Pillow Cases, Sheets
- Dog Beds • Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Bleach & Cleaning Supplies



State Roads:

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

Any residents living on a state road that needs road repair or has trees down or pot holes may call PennDOT at 484-340-3200.

Web Site:

The answers to most questions about the Township can be found by visiting www.eastgoshe.org. In particular, the FAQ section, which can be found under the “About Us” tab, is a very useful resource for residents.

Broken Water Main:

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

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 at 610-692-7171 during regular business hours. During weekends or after hours on weekdays, call 911

U.S. Flag Disposal:

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



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

KEEP YARD WASTE AWAY FROM STREAMS

Dumping of yard clippings, leaves, and other debris into stream valleys and floodplains is a serious problem and is often illegal under state and local floodplain and water quality ordinances.

- Yard waste like leaves, grass, and brush piled along stream edges suffocates and kills the trees and shrubs that are critical for avoiding stream bank erosion.
- Yard waste piled along streams can easily be washed into streams during large rain events. Once in the stream, this burst of organic material contributes a harmful excess of nutrients, which in turn robs the stream of oxygen needed by fish and aquatic insects. Oxygen depletion can be observed for a long distance downstream of these localized deposits of yard waste and ultimately compound in the Delaware Bay.
- Leaves and other yard waste raked into streets often wash into storm drains, causing flooding, impeding stream flow, and creating areas of stagnant water that may create mosquito problems.



Photo source: CRC; Yard waste blocking a culvert

A few tips for handling yard waste:

- DO follow your county and municipal schedules for drop off or collection of yard waste. DO NOT use plastic or paper grocery bags, only paper yard waste bags.
- DO compost leaves or yard waste whenever possible. Find out more about composting and yard disposal from the Chester County Solid Waste Authority (<http://www.chestercountyswa.org/>) or Delaware County Solid Waste Authority (<http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/SWA/>).
- DO NOT burn leaves. Burning results in air pollution and is prohibited by East Goshen Township Code.
- DO NOT remove leaves and other woody debris from the ground in natural areas of your property, which may include hedgerows and forested areas. Leaves and down woody material provide a great source of food and nutrients for microorganisms that are critical to maintaining healthy soils and plants.

MOSQUITOES ARE EVERYWHERE!!

This year is proving to be a difficult year for mosquitos **all throughout the County.**

Many considered 2012 to be the worse year historically for mosquito-borne diseases. Unfortunately in Chester County and Pennsylvania 2018 is fast approaching, and in some cases already surpassed, the numbers we saw in 2012!

As you likely know, the Chester County Health Department has a Mosquito-Borne Diseases program which involves education, surveillance and control efforts. A critical element of our surveillance includes collecting mosquito samples using traps that aid in monitoring the mosquito population's rate of infection diseases such as West Nile Virus (WNV) and Zika which is spread to people by mosquito bites.

One of our goals this year is to improve our communications with you regarding surveillance and control efforts to keep you and your residents informed. As such we updated our website to include information for property owners to reduce their risks, and share surveillance data.

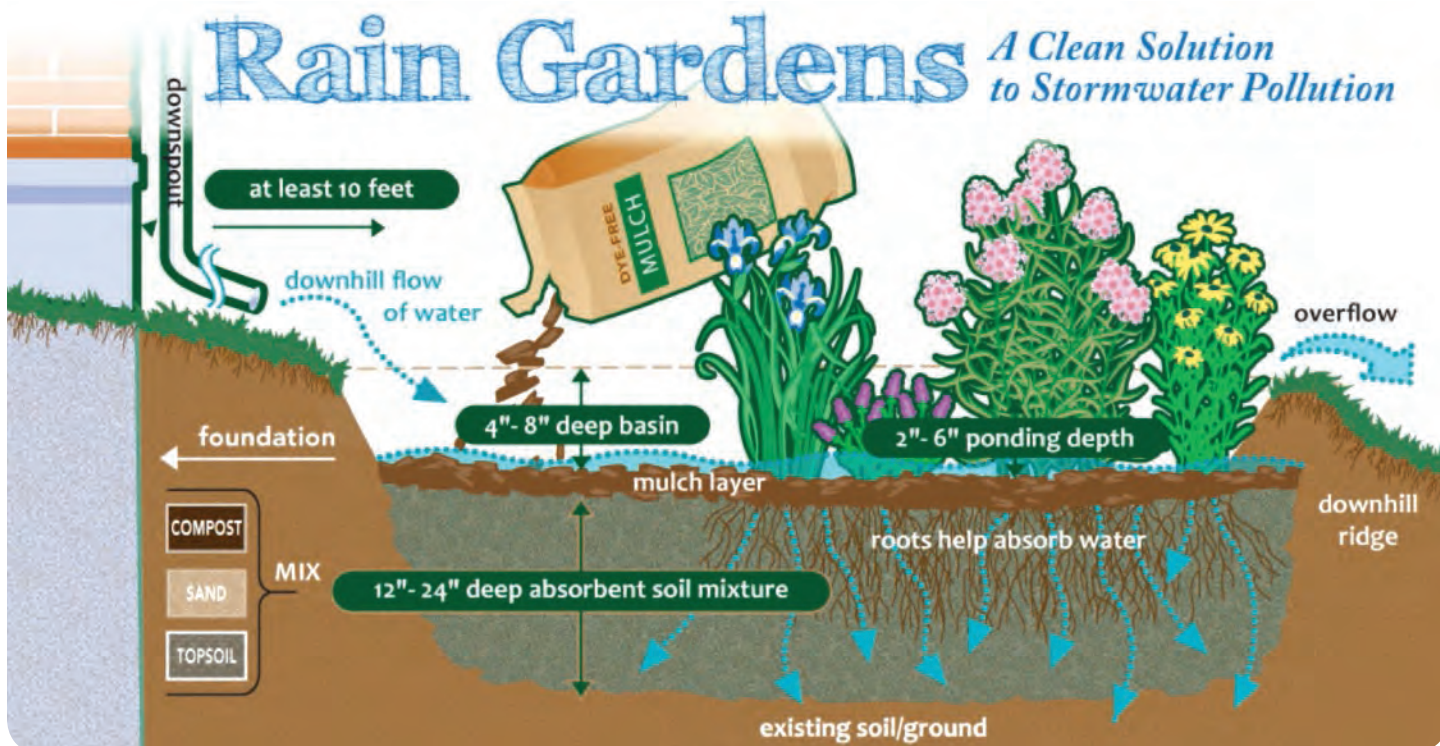
We ask that you include prevention information in your communications with your residents via your web page and/or other communications. Feel free to point them to our page, or use the information directly from our page. You can find prevention related information on our Make You and Your Home a Bite Free Zone <http://chesco.org/3624/Mosquito-Borne-Diseases> page.

Additionally, we encourage you to regularly check our West Nile Virus web page to monitor if positive mosquitos have been detected in your municipality. You can access the West Nile Virus (including data) <http://chesco.org/868/West-Nile-Virus>.

As we have historically done, we will continue to issue formal communications to you and your citizens in the event we have to conduct an adult mosquito spray. We ask that you communicate the information shared through your communication channels.

Chester County Health Department





Rain gardens are a natural and beautiful way to help your streams. These gardens in slight depressions in the ground trap rainfall from a roof or driveway and prevent it from adding to the polluted runoff that damages streams. Trapped rain water is allowed to slowly sink into the ground while supporting beautiful plants that attract birds and butterflies. You can create your own rain garden in 3 easy steps...

1. Pick the Right Location and Size

The best locations are in natural depressions or low lying areas where water flows naturally from a downspout, driveway, patio or sidewalk. Avoid steep slopes and areas near septic systems or drinking water wells. You must be able to move water from the hard surface (roof, etc.) to the garden location, either by directing a downspout with an extended tube towards it, or simply by following contours and capturing water that is naturally flowing downhill.

A properly sited and prepared rain garden will not allow mosquitoes to breed. Your rain garden will drain within 24-48 hours after a storm. Mosquitoes need seven days or more to complete a breeding cycle.



2. Create a Design and Select Plants

Once you have a location and size for your garden, sketch it out on paper. Determine the mix of species you would like to use, including flowers, grasses, and shrubs that are drought tolerant but can withstand wet conditions. Native plants are adapted to local conditions, easy to maintain and attract birds and butterflies. Fill in your sketch with your selected plants.

3. Construct and Plant your Garden

Spray paint or otherwise mark on the ground the exact shape of your rain garden. Excavate to a depth of 4-8 inches, creating a berm on the downslope side of your garden using the removed sod. Amend your soil as needed to improve drainage. Try to keep the bottom of the basin as flat as possible to increase the area that will come in contact with water regularly. Add plants following your design, placing species that need the most water in the lowest lying areas or in the most direct path from the downspout.

Rain Garden Plants



By using native plants in your rain garden you are giving your plants the best chance to survive the wide range of weather conditions they will experience, from long droughts to large storms. Native plants also support the largest number of wildlife species, including birds, butterflies, and bees.

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DATES OF IMPORTANCE

OCT 02
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

OCT 03
PLANNING COMMISSION, 7PM

OCT 04
PARK & RECREATION
COMMISSION, 7PM

OCT 06
YARD SALE DAY

OCT 08
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, 7PM

OCT 10
CONSERVANCY BOARD, 7PM

OCT 11
HISTORICAL COMMISSION, 7PM

OCT 15
FUTURIST COMMITTEE, 7PM

OCT 16
PENSION COMMITTEE, 10AM

OCT 16
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

OCT 20
PUMPKIN FEST 10AM

NOV 01
PARK & RECREATION
COMMISSION, 7PM

NOV 06
ELECTION DAY

NOV 07
PLANNING COMMISSION, 7PM

NOV 08
HISTORICAL COMMISSION, 7PM

NOV 10
NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR DAY

NOV 12
VETERANS DAY OBSERVED
OFFICE CLOSED

NOV 12
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, 7PM

NOV 13
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

NOV 14
CONSERVANCY BOARD, 7PM

NOV 19
FUTURIST COMMITTEE, 7PM

NOV 20
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

NOV 22 & 23
THANKSGIVING DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

DEC 01
E-RECYCLING EVENT 9AM

DEC 04
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

DEC 05
PLANNING COMMISSION, 7PM

DEC 06
PARK & RECREATION
COMMISSION, 7PM

DEC 10
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, 7PM

DEC 12
CONSERVANCY BOARD, 7PM

DEC 13
HISTORICAL COMMISSION, 7PM

DEC 14
TREE LIGHTING, 6PM

DEC 17
FUTURIST COMMITTEE, 7PM

DEC 18
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 7PM

DEC 25
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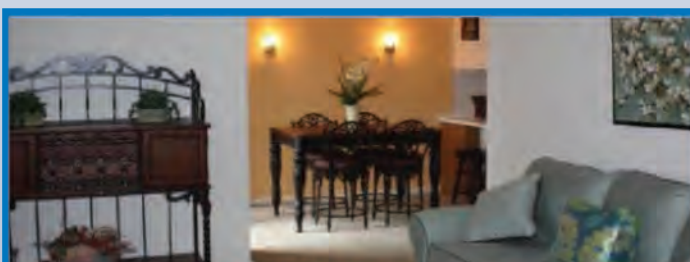
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