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East Goshen Township



Chester County, PA

Summer 2020
Newsletter

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Letter From the Chairman

Dear neighbors, friends and fellow residents:

On behalf of the entire Board of Supervisors, I'd like to wish everyone a very happy summer!

First off, due to the COVID-19 crisis and how quickly conditions have been changing, the Board decided to publish electronic newsletters only for the remainder of the year. Not only will this save some money, but it will also allow us to get the most up-to-date information about all that's happening in the Township out to residents. On the flip side, we recognize that not everyone has a computer. Please contact the Township at 610-692-7171 if you or someone you know would like a paper copy of this newsletter.

Needless to say, 2020 promises to be the most unusual summer in any of our lifetimes, but East Goshen remains committed to delivering critical municipal services at all times. Protecting the health, safety and welfare of our residents and businesses guides everything that we do, and Township staff are diligently coordinating with County and State officials to ensure that we can continue to provide our services and programs in the most responsible way possible.

The Board of Supervisors has been conducting its meetings on the Zoom videoconference platform since April, and residents are invited and encouraged to participate by calling in to ask questions and raise concerns. While this method of holding public meetings is certainly not ideal for either Board members or the public, it has allowed the Township to continue to function over the past several months.

Because of the unpredictable nature of the COVID crisis, residents are encouraged to check our website frequently to get the most up-to-date information. In the meantime, as of the time of publication of this electronic newsletter, the Township is still planning to offer the following programs this summer:

- ◆ **Summer REC camp from June 22-July 24.** This classic summer camp tradition, led by our fantastic Parks and Recreation Director Jason Lang, will follow all CDC and state protocols in place at the time of the camp.
- ◆ **Other camp programs, including Robotic Legos, Young Rembrandts Art Camp, Photography Camp, Youth Tennis Camp and Rocketry Camps,** scheduled from **June 22-August 7.** These camp programs will follow the same CDC and state-sanctioned safety protocols as the REC camp.



Letter From The Chairman...continued from cover

While many of our large group gatherings, like Community Day and the Food Truck Festival have been canceled, several other Park and Recreation programs, like Yoga, Zumba and Jason's popular "Park and Recs at Home" program, continue virtually including newly added cooking and theater programs. Again, please check our website for the most up-to-date information.



One recent feather in the Township's cap is that for the second year in a row, the East Goshen Department of Parks and Recreation has been named as a National Recreation and Parks Association Gold Medal Finalist. This is a fantastic reflection on both Jason, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and all Township residents who see the value in having a first-rate park system.

As you've probably seen, work on Segments C-E of the Paoli Pike Trail, from Reservoir Road to North Chester Road, has begun, and we're hopeful that that project will be completed by the end of the summer. Note that this construction work is entirely supported by state and federal grants, and not local taxpayer dollars. In addition, the long-awaited improvements at both the Milltown and Hershey's Mill dams have been slightly slowed down by the COVID crisis, but we are still expecting to go out to bid on both projects later this year. In addition, we are proud to report that Segments F-G, from North Chester Road to Line Road through Applebrook Park, are now completed and open for use!

We are also excited that the old Swiss Farms on Paoli Pike is expected to reopen in the next few months under a new name, once again providing shoppers with a convenient way to shop for groceries without leaving their cars.

After a brief shutdown, Sunoco has resumed its pipeline work. We expect that all of the pipe in East Goshen Township will be installed by the spring of 2021, with restoration to follow.

Obviously, we are living in highly unusual times. East Goshen has had amongst the highest levels of COVID cases in Chester County, and all of us have had to make sacrifices both large and small over the past few months. However, it is at times like these that our strength and resilience reminds us all of what a wonderful place East Goshen is to call home.

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.eastgoshen.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.

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@eastgoshen.org.

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E. Martin Shane,
Chair



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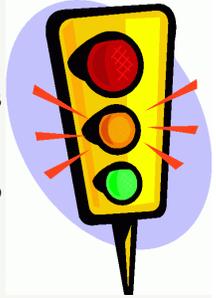
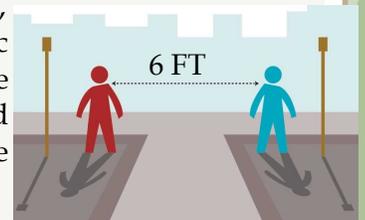
We're Reopening...a Little Bit!

On Friday, June 5, Chester County moved from the "Red" stage to the "Yellow" stage. As a practical matter, this change does not impact Township operations substantially. Throughout the pandemic, the Township has continued to operate more or less normally, with most administrative work being performed remotely.

The only change that residents will see in the "Yellow" stage is that the Township building is again open to the public, albeit on a limited basis. Residents, contractors and other members of the public are again allowed in the lobby, provided that they wear masks and practice social distancing. Importantly, no more than two people are allowed in the lobby area at any time. Residents dropping off payments or other routine communications are still encouraged to use the drop box, which is checked regularly throughout the day.



The meeting rooms will continue to be closed to the public, and the Township will continue to use the Zoom platform to conduct public meetings through the end of June. Information about calling into these meetings is available on our website. Additional updates will be provided when Chester County moves into the "green" stage. Again, check our website for details when that time comes.



Dollars and Sense

The Township is frequently asked, "how has the COVID-19 crisis impacted Township finances?" Needless to say, this is a difficult question to answer because so much uncertainty remains about how severe and long-lasting the economic fallout will be. However, we do know that a number of sources of revenue will be impacted, including:

- ◆ Earned Income Tax—the 1% tax on wages and salaries, which is shared 50%-50% between the school district and the Township
- ◆ Real Estate Transfer Tax—the 0.5% tax on the transfer or sale of real estate. In addition, the school district levies 0.5% and the state levies 1%, for a total transfer tax of 2% of the sales price.

Other miscellaneous revenue streams, including interest income, building permits, park and recreation registrations, are also likely to be affected.

In anticipation of revenue shortfalls this year, the Township took the unusual step of eliminating about \$474,000 of expenses across a range of activities this year. Hopefully, you will see very little impact on the local services that you've come to expect. A complete list of these reductions can be found on our website at: <https://eastgoshen.org/services/finance/budget/2020-proposed-budget/>.



East Goshen Township Online Sewer and Refuse Payment Portal

East Goshen Township has partnered with Paymentus to offer residents a convenient way to check their account balances and pay their sewer and refuse bills online. **This service is provided at no cost to residents – there is no expensive “convenience” fee levied on your payment!**

 **Make One-Time Payment**

Pay your bill in 3 easy steps without registering. All you need is your account number from your paper bill.

Payments made prior to 8PM EST will be posted to your account next day. Payments made after 8PM EST will be posted within 48 hours. For each payment, you will receive a confirmation number for your records.

Pay Now

 **Login**

Email

Password

Don't have an account [Register Now](#)

Login

[Forgot your password?](#)

To get started, visit the East Goshen Township home page (www.eastgoshen.org) and click the first blue button on the left side (ONLINE BILL PAY Sewer and Refuse). Then simply enter your account number and address number to access your account.

Please contact Chris Boylan at 610-692-7171 if you have any questions!

Leap into the Future.... The Futurist Committee Wants to Hear from you!

Our Mission

Nearly six years ago, the East Goshen Board of Supervisors established the Futurist Committee to assess future challenges and opportunities for our Township. After evaluating the unique needs of our community, as well as determining the attributes that have made other communities vibrant, the committee's long-range strategic recommendation for the Township is to *differentiate East Goshen Township in positive ways compared to other townships in eastern Chester County*. The first tactic to support this objective is underway with the construction of the Paoli Pike Trail.



Community Leaders Needed

If you are a leader of an HOA or a neighborhood civic association, or would be willing take on that role if your neighborhood doesn't have a formal association, we want to hear from you! We're looking to engage more directly with our community on the future of our Township, share the details about our work, answer questions regarding current Township projects and collect resident feedback. We are looking for community leaders to join an upcoming Futurist Committee meeting to provide feedback on the best way to engage with their respective communities. If you are interested in lending your opinions, please contact us at futurists@eastgoshen.org or 610-620-5078.

Brandon Groff, Futurist Committee Member

Senator Tom Killion Always Here to Help

How I Can Be of Assistance

My offices provide many services to families in our area. Here are some of the ways we can help:

- ◆ SEPTA Key Senior Photo IDs
- ◆ Free notary service
- ◆ Pennsylvania birth certificates
- ◆ PennDOT assistance with drivers' licenses and forms
- ◆ Information on financial assistance for higher education
- ◆ Assistance with preparation of Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications
- ◆ Citations from the Pennsylvania Senate for notable local accomplishments and milestones
- ◆ Assistance with PA insurance programs: Medical Assistance and CHIP
- ◆ Fishing and hunting information
- ◆ Pennsylvania personal income tax forms
- ◆ Pennsylvania road maps
- ◆ Requests for copies of legislation, bills and regulations
- ◆ Requests for literature for students and senior citizens
- ◆ Tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups
- ◆ Unemployment compensation issues
- ◆ Assistance with state agency issues



Sign Up for My Email Newsletter

Visit SenatorKillion.com to have my newsletter sent to you by email. You are able to do this in the "Contact" page of the website. Also, my website has lots of great information that you may find useful.

Like and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

Connecting with us on social media is a great way to stay updated about our government and community events.

Contact Me at Any Time

Feel free to contact me directly by email at tkillion@pasen.gov if I can be of assistance. You may also contact my local office for help:

780 E. Market Street, Suite 140
West Chester, PA 19382
Phone: 610-436-3320



The Latest from WEGO PD



Westtown-East Goshen Encourages Residents to Sign up for CRIMEWATCH!

WECO utilizes CRIMEWATCH to update residents on local crimes, as well as to disseminate important information about our department. Residents can sign up online on their computer or download the application on their mobile devices. Notifications can be set for local arrests, warrants, incidents, cases, and news posts.

CRIMEWATCH is a great way to learn about what WEGO PD offers, such as:

- ◆ The Citizens Police Academy
- ◆ Child Safety Seat Inspections/Installations
- ◆ ReportIt Powered by LeadsOnline- sign up to have your personal items accounted for in case of theft
- ◆ Camera Registry- register your business or personal security camera to aid active investigations
- ◆ Staying up to date with Police Commission Minutes and Police Blotters
- ◆ Submitting a tip or contacting WEGO PD directly with requests and questions through the site
- ◆ Learning about laws in place and the history of WEGO PD

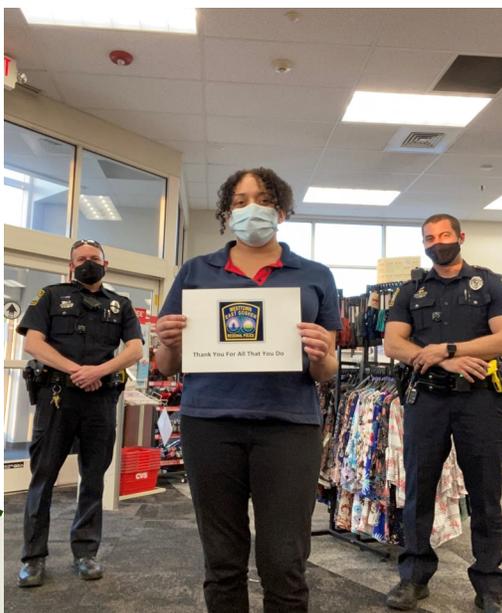


Visit our website: www.westtownpolice.org

During these unprecedented times, WEGO PD is grateful for all of the support we have received from the community. We would like to recognize ALL of those working on the frontlines of COVID-19, including our heroes in healthcare. Shown in the video posted on YouTube are just some of the many local heroes who we

appreciate.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ut0qU7W9_iY



A LETTER FROM DR. BRENDA M. BERNOT, CHIEF OF POLICE - WESTTOWN-EAST GOSHEN REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT



Shortly after the death of Mr. George Floyd in Minneapolis, the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department published a post on its Facebook page expressing our condemnation of the egregious police behavior that led to Mr. Floyd's death. In addition, the department's post attempted to provide reassurances that the agency engaged in practices contrary to the behaviors demonstrated in the video.



But we recognize that words without actions to support them are hollow. As a result, I would like to use this newsletter article to convey some of the actions that the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department have taken to ensure that our agency provides professional police services in a fair and unbiased manner that demonstrates accountability and transparency. Additionally, I would like to lay out the actions that the department have taken to ensure that the voices of all of our community members have been heard and will continue to be heard as we move forward to strengthen our relationships with those that we serve.

In 2016, the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department achieved accreditation through the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. This achievement was notable because only approximately 9% of all law enforcement agencies in Pennsylvania have met the requirements necessary to achieve accreditation. To achieve this honor, the agency must create policies for approximately 132 different standards that meet the "best practices" standards. But the mere creation of policies is insufficient to achieve accreditation - the agency must then demonstrate that its officers strictly comply with the policies on an on-going basis. Compliance is demonstrated through the submission of proof to the Accreditation Commission and via a formal assessment by the Commission every three years which is accompanied by a physical inspection of the agency's records and facility. Policies required to achieve accreditation include Bias-Based Policing, Use of Force, Arrest Procedures, Internal Affairs Investigations, Prisoner Transportation, Pursuit, Traffic Stops, etc. Additionally, any police department that utilizes body worn cameras are required to meet standards that demonstrate that the agency's policies are in compliance with Act 22, the legislation passed in 2017 regarding this technology. In summary, accreditation ensures that a police department is operating in compliance with the highest professional standards through the enactment of policy, continuous training, and the enactment of measures designed to monitor and enforce accountability. Our agency is proud to have achieved and maintained this honor.

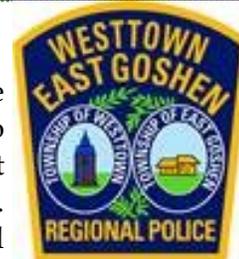
Since its inception as a regional police department in 1981, the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department has embraced community-based policing as its foundation. The Mission Statement of our agency clearly demonstrates our commitment to this principal: "The mission of the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department is to work in partnership with the communities that we serve to safeguard the lives and property of all citizens. We pledge to exemplify our commitment to our communities through the continuous demonstration of our core values of integrity, service, professionalism, compassion, trust, respect, honor, commitment, dedication, and pride." But again, promises without performance have little value.

The department has dedicated itself to keeping an open line of communication with our communities through avenues such as a Citizen Police Academy, programs such as Coffee with a Cop, and other various community outreach programs too numerous to mention in a newsletter article. These programs permit individuals to talk with agency representatives one-on-one about their concerns and to play a role in any action plan that is developed to address them. Additionally, our agency provides an avenue via the CrimeWatch platform for electronic communication with our agency that permits individuals to ask questions, submit officer complaints/compliments, obtain information about criminal activity in their neighborhood, request specific services (i.e., vacation property checks) when it best suits their schedule. Additional methods for communication with our department include a Facebook page, Township meetings, and a monthly Police Commission meeting.

*A LETTER FROM DR. BRENDA M. BERNOT, CHIEF OF POLICE -
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As our nation begins to implement various changes to its criminal justice system to ensure that all people are treated fairly, we look forward to creating additional opportunities to interact with our residents to ensure that we are meeting your expectations of professionalism, fairness, and service. Furthermore, we pledge to rededicate ourselves to the principals established in the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics



“AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I WILL keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I WILL never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I RECOGNIZE the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice. I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession...**LAW ENFORCEMENT.**”

Do You Know Your ABCs?

Hello Neighbors!

Summer is upon us—finally! This spring has been a difficult one for so many residents, both young and the young at heart. My wish for all of you is that you got through these tough times safely, with your health intact.

Through it all, East Goshen Township staff has been working diligently to continue providing uninterrupted services to everyone. There have been many changes that staff, the Board of Supervisors and ABC members have had to adapt to. One thing that has come out of this worldwide crisis has been that technology has brought us all closer together! Another thing that has bubbled up to the surface is that community is so important to each one of us.

You might be wondering what the ABCs are in the context of our township. Authorities (like the Municipal Authority which keeps the sewer treatment plant working smoothly), Boards (the Zoning Hearing Board and the Conservancy Board, to name a few), and Commissions (like the Planning Commission, which reviews land development proposals, among many other duties) provide an invaluable service to the community. All of these groups make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in regards to their areas of focus. And, ALL of them are run by gracious volunteers who are in a position to give back to their community.

This is where you step in! As a new supervisor, I have developed a deep appreciation for our Township volunteers. Throughout the shutdown, the dedicated members of the ABCs continue to meet virtually, making it easier than ever before to volunteer your time. If you have just two hours a month to volunteer, please consider one of these boards with current vacancies:

- ◆ Pipeline Task Force
- ◆ Historical Commission

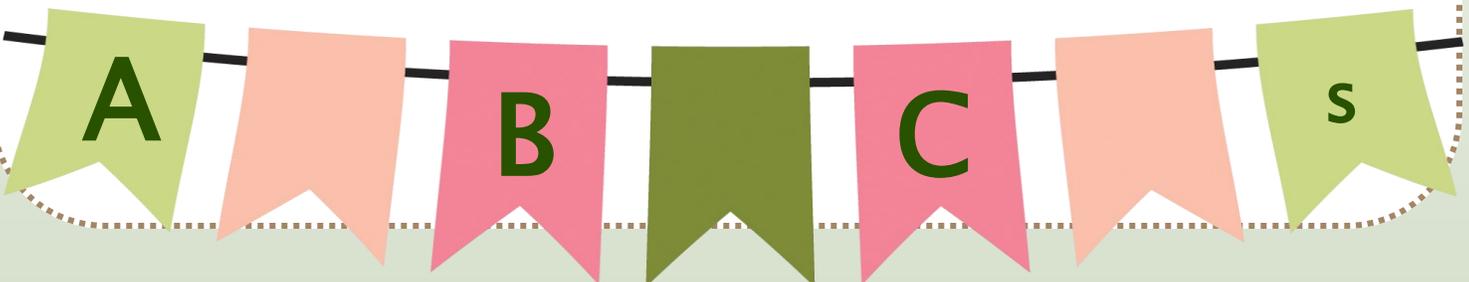
It's easy to apply! Simply click [here](#), fill in the application, and submit it with a resume to Rick Smith, Township Manager, at rsmith@eastgoshen.org.

It's that easy!

Now that you know your ABCs, which commission will it be?

Happy Summer!

Michele Truitt
Township Supervisor



DOWN THE DRAIN...

All about the East Goshen Municipal Authority

All of us depend on public utilities and services without a second thought. Whether it's electricity, gas or water, and now even internet service, we only think of these seemingly automatic functions when the service becomes interrupted. The same holds for East Goshen public sewer operations, which are coordinated by the East Goshen Municipal Authority (EGMA).

There are over 6,000 homes and apartment units on the public sewer in East Goshen. In addition, there are over 100 commercial sites also connected to our sewer system. That leaves approximately 1725 homes on the Hershey Mill Village sewer system and 520 township homes with on-lot systems. The safe and compliant operation of the Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant (RCSTP) and the infrastructure necessary to handle all East Goshen flows require a huge undertaking. Our Township has 64 miles of sewer mains, almost 1,800 manholes, and 4 pump stations to maintain efficient connections to the RCSTP and the West Goshen Sewer Authority (WGSA) plant, where approximately two-thirds of our sewer flow is directed.



The RCSTP, located near Towne Drive in the southeastern portion of the Township, was last upgraded in 2008 to a capacity of 750,000 gallons/day and is in excellent condition. Plant operations at the RCSTP are monitored by staff on a daily basis to be in compliance with effluent regulations for items such as pH and total suspended solids, and chemicals such as ammonia and phosphorus. Sewage collection and treatment are complex mechanical processes, with expertise needed for efficient and safe environmental practices. The RCSTP staff and the Township Public Works Department are extremely capable of dealing with many of the day-to-day and even emergency issues which arise during the 24/7 operation.

The total annual EGMA operating budget is approximately \$3,700,000. In addition, there are capital improvements, primarily ongoing at the WGSA plant, where East Goshen is responsible for 16.7% of the capital improvement costs. These construction upgrades are needed to meet U.S. and PA safety and environmental regulations. Quarterly sewer payments from Township residents on public sewer fund these activities.

The EGMA is a legally separate entity from the Township responsible for the oversight of the sewer operations and the infrastructure needed to meet all regulations and permit requirements. Any questions regarding the sewer operations can be directed to the five resident members of the EGMA, which meet monthly on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Have a Happy Summer!

Phil Mayer
Chair, EGMA



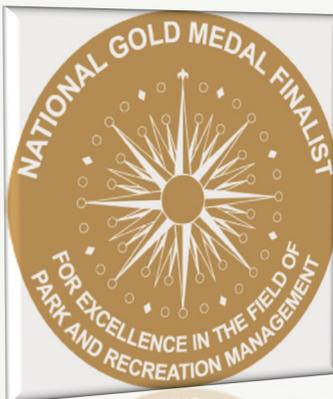
Latest News from the Parks and Recreation Commission



Let me start by hoping everyone has remained safe and healthy during the coronavirus pandemic. At the end of the day, my job is to provide opportunities for East Goshen residents to be mentally, physically and socially healthy and well, and I hope everyone has managed this crisis as best they can. As you are all aware, the pandemic has changed our parks, with most facilities closed for much of the last three months. I hope that the trails and open space have provided an outlet to enjoy some fresh air, socialize from a distance with friends, and maintain your physical and mental health. Thank you to everyone who has heeded social distancing and face masks recommendations. I can't tell you how many vulnerable population residents have called me to express appreciation of their fellow park goers' efforts.

Chester County is now in the yellow phase, and we are hopeful of entering the green phase shortly. While in the yellow phase, the trails, open space and pickle ball/tennis are open for singles play. When we enter the green phase, we will be able to open the remaining park amenities. We look forward to the green phase when we can reopen the playground and sports fields for organized play! That said, CDC and state recommendations will still be in place regarding the coronavirus. We will post signs with the most current recommendations, but they will likely still include social distancing and increased personal hygiene. The Township has developed a disinfection procedure so we can properly clean surfaces throughout the day to minimize potential coronavirus exposure.

It is with a heavy heart that I have tell you we've decided to cancel Community Day and the Food Truck Festival for this year. State guidelines prohibit events of over 250 people in the green phase, and so, with the entire East Goshen community's health and welfare in mind, we believe that this is the difficult but right decision to make.



In wonderful news, East Goshen Parks and Recreation has been named a NRPA National Gold Medal Finalist for the second straight year, essentially top four in the country! As a "one-man band", I take a little of the credit, but this amazing accomplishment comes squarely from the efforts of the entire East Goshen community: our elected officials, Park Commission and park volunteers, Township staff including the hardest working Public Works Department in the biz, and the most important component, YOU! Our parks are just parks. Green space with stuff in them. East Goshen residents and other park goers who jam pack the park with laughter, memories, and experiences give life to the space and truly are what make it award-winning!



See you in the park!

Jason Lang, CPRE

Parks and Recreation Director

East Goshen Township

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



NOTE: The Township is not accepting donations until further notice.

State Roads:

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



Latest News from the Malvern Public Library

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

June 5 was the first day that Library staff were allowed into the Malvern Library since mid-March! We are busy organizing and catching up to ultimately restore our services to you. We are not able to provide these services right away though. You can now return your items! This will give us plenty of time to begin processing materials and put HUGE amounts of items away on our shelves. All items that you currently have checked out will be due on June 30.

We are committed to your safety. Our staff will not be checking these items in immediately. All materials that are returned will be subject to a 72-hour quarantine. If you are checking your record online, these items will not show that they are checked in immediately.

We are currently working on our Curbside pickup routine! Curbside pickups will begin June 15. Please check our website, www.malvern-library.org, social media, and your email for more information in the future about using the Curbside pickup software.

GoWilMa! Summer Reading Patch Power registration is open. This year the program will be online to record your reading log and activities. Earn badges, including three new additions. Be sure to check out our website for more details. We will continue to have weekly virtual kids programs as well. See our events calendar for details.

Don't worry, we didn't forget about adults. We have the new Zoom Book Club on the third Tuesday of every month at 10 am. Be sure to visit our calendar and register to receive the meeting link, to be sent 24 hours prior.

Thank you for your patience during this time.



GOSHEN FIRE COMPANY...KEEPING US SAFE!

*There's a great deal of activity at Goshen Fire Company
Here's what we've been up to...*

Our first priority is always the health and safety of our community and first responders. The Covid-19 Pandemic has challenged us like never before, but we have risen to the challenge. Through smart work by our Administrative and EMS Divisions, we have procured a solid quantity of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This includes masks, gloves, face shields, gowns and cleaning supplies. Our first responders are temperature checked at the start of each shift, we have closed the firehouses to all but essential personnel, have performed deep cleaning of apparatus and buildings, and follow all CDC and County health guidelines. This is especially important as our response area contains 5 assisted living/rehabilitation facilities.

The support we have received from the community is overwhelming. We would like to thank the following persons and organizations for their donations of food and PPE:

- 👍 Cerner Corporation/Food from Limoncello
- 👍 Katherine Clauhs/Masks
- 👍 Philadelphia Area Hospitality Support (Jeff Rubin, Gary Shumate, Paul Day)/Food
- 👍 East Goshen Eats/Gift Cards
- 👍 Mike's Pizza
- 👍 Patelmo's Pizza
- 👍 Vanos Pizza
- 👍 Sabatino's Grill
- 👍 Four Dogs Tavern
- 👍 Oriental Pearl
- 👍 Pepper Mill
- 👍 Wawa
- 👍 We apologize if we missed anyone.



GFC Executive Director Grant Everhart gives a "thumbs up" for a food delivery



Deputy Chief of Health & Safety Robert Horton decontaminates an ambulance.



Limoncello was one of the many restaurants to donate food to our members

In other Goshen news, we are pleased to place a new ambulance in service. Ambulance 56-2 is a 2019 Braun Chief XL on a Ford E-450 chassis. We currently operate four ambulances, two from Station 54 and two from Station 56.

Ambulance 56-2



Goshen Fire Company....Continued from Page 9

We have been pleased to be able to provide some unique ways for our residents to celebrate birthdays and graduations in our community. Goshen volunteer crews have performed over 50 drive-by celebrations, like the one we did for this little guy.

Our Fire, EMS and Fire Police divisions always welcome new volunteers; training and equipment are provided at no cost to you! Got a special skill you can share with us? We also need volunteers to help with marketing, administration, finance, and special events. Go to www.goshenfireco.org for information on how you can join us. Follow us on Facebook at Goshen Fire Company.



We hope he becomes a Goshen member when he turns 16!

Marydell Pond – Before and After

As you probably know, last year the Township dredged the Marydell Pond in order to ensure that it remains a recreational asset of the community for generations to come. These before and after pictures show the fruits of the Township's labor! Great Job Public Works!

Before



After



2020 Trash Holiday Schedule

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

Labor Day
Monday, September 7

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25



2020 Wednesday Yard Waste Collection Schedule

Please check our website to see if additional days have been added to the schedule due to the shutdown in the County.

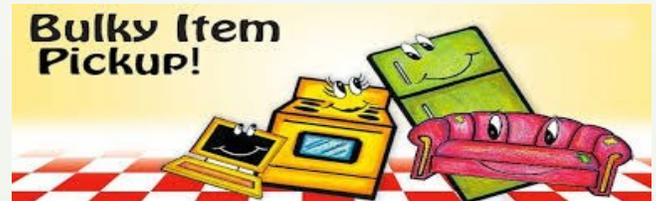
July - 1, 15, 29
August - 12, 26
September - 9, 23
October - 7, 21
November - 4, 11, 18, 25
December - 9, 23



2020 BULK TRASH Collection Schedule

**Thursday dates are for residents with
Monday/Thursday pickup & Friday dates are
for residents with Tuesday/Friday pickup**

June 11, 12
July 16, 17
August 13, 14
September 17, 18
October 15, 16
November 12, 13
December 17, 18



2020 CHESTER COUNTY RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

Saturday, August 29, 2020
Oxford School District
Administrative Bldg
125 Bell Tower Lane
Oxford, PA 19363

Saturday, October 10, 2020
Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road
West Chester, PA 19380



Visit www.chestercountyswa.org for more information. Proof of residency may be required and businesses and contractors will be turned away.

Recycling Day

Anything with a Plug™



July 11, 2020
East Goshen Township Park
1661 Paoli Pike
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

East Goshen Township Park is proud to offer local residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics on Saturday, July 11, 2020.

This service is available to all residents and small businesses with fewer than 50 employees.

Electronics will be recycled by eForce Compliance, Philadelphia's first Certified Responsible Recycler.

We will accept all electronic devices with a plug, NO SMOKE DETECTORS or LARGE APPLIANCES will be accepted.

Coupon of equal or greater value provided for all TVs or monitors charged.



ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

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|-------------|------------------|
| Laptops | Dehumidifiers |
| Peripherals | Computers |
| Typewriters | Mice |
| Telephones | Small Appliances |
| Microwaves | Fax Machines |
| Cameras | Keyboards |
| Cell Phones | Printers |
| Calculators | Air Conditioners |

\$70 fee per TV or computer monitor
\$100 per wooden console or projection TV
\$10 per microwave, dehumidifier, air conditioner
All Data Media will be Destroyed or Wiped!



SAVE THE DATES

- ⇒ FALL E-WASTE – NOVEMBER 7
- ⇒ TOWNSHIP SHREDDING EVENT – NOVEMBER 14

Parks & Recreation Activities and Programs

Virtual Programming

Activity: Kitchen Wizards Cooking Classes - Finding the Rainbow

Date: Monday, July 13, 10am-11am

Ages: Adult plus children 3-7

Fee: \$10/household

Description: "Finding the Rainbow" is a fun family cooking event for households with a parent plus any children ages 3-7. The delicious recipes will include making Unicorn Dip and Dinosaur Eggs.



Activity: Kitchen Wizards Cooking Classes - A Trio of Pasta Sauces

Date: Thursday, July 16, 7pm-8:30pm

Ages: 18+, this one is for the grownups!

Fee: \$15/adult

Description: Learn to prepare three delicious sauces to pair with your choice of pasta. You will have three meals ready for three nights, except for boiling the pasta!

Register at <https://kitchenwizards.info/>

Activity: Theatre Horizon

presents the Virtual Summer Camp Experience

Dates: Two Sessions

June 29

July 27

Ages: Grades: 1 - 12

Fee: Classes run on a pay-what-you-decide scale

Description: EGT Parks and Recreation is proud to partner with Theatre horizon to offer this series of Summer Drama Classes taught completely virtually! Classes meet once per week for four weeks.

Register with code: EGoshen2020 at <http://theatrehorizon.org/education/virtualsummer.php>



Youth Activities - Outdoor Camps

Activity: Summer REC Camp

Date: Monday - Friday,

June 22 - July 24

9am - 12pm (no Camp July 3)

Location: EGT Park,

Veteran's Pavilion

Description: Come out to the camp we all know and love this summer! Staff is excited to deliver another year of the area's best summer camp program, right in your backyard! Our Camp Director and Activity Coordinators are certified teachers and have been with us for many years! EGT REC Camp is truly a magical camp experience - most of our staff members began as REC Campers themselves, and want YOUR camper to have the best experience too! Camp has been modified to meet COVID-19 related standards, please visit eastgoshenrec.com to see the full Health and Safety Plan. **The camp is currently full and taking additional free waitlist registrations.**

Ages: 5 - 11

Fee: \$95; \$105 for non-residents

Activity: Just Tennis Youth Tennis Camp Dates:

Monday-Thursday, June 22 - June 25

(Friday held in case of rain outs)

Monday-Thursday, August 10 - August 13

(Friday held in case of rain outs)

Location: East Goshen Park

Ages: 5-11, 9 am-11 am

Ages: 12-17, 11 am-1 pm

Description: Our 10 and under players range from kids entering PK to the 4th grade. Kids are divided into ability. Our 5-8 year olds will be playing and learning on 36 foot courts. Our 10 and under players (usually more experienced 8 year olds and 9-10 year olds) will be playing and learning on 60 foot courts.

Fee: \$90

Contact Justin DePietropaolo at at justin@phillyteamtennis.org with any questions!



Parks & Recreation Activities and Programs

Youth Activities - Outdoor Camps...Cont'd

Activity: Photography Camp

Ages: 9-16

Dates/Times: July 13 - July 17; 9am - Noon

Description: Our camps are designed to teach real world skills that allow every child to express their individual creativity and to develop their own artistic style and vision. Additionally, each child will grow as a person, learn how to work with others as a team and make many new friends with similar interests along the way.

Activity Fee: \$299.00



Activity Teen Travel Photography Camp

Ages: 11-16)

Dates/Times: August 3 - August 7; 9am to 5pm

Description: Our Teen Travel Photography Camp takes our basic photography camp to a whole new level. Campers will enjoy learning photography while traveling to Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia Water Works, Wildwood/Cape May seashores, Philadelphia Zoo. Drop off and pick up every day at EGT Park. Transportation and admission fees included.

Fee: \$719.00

To register: <http://www.photography-workshop.net/>

Activity: Drawing and Cartooning Summer Camps

hosted by Young Rembrandts;

FANTASY FOREST WORKSHOP

Ages: 5-13

Location: EGT Park, Veteran's Pavilion

Dates/Times: June 15-19 9am-12pm

VETERANS' PAVILION AT East

Goshen Park

Min 6, Max 10 students

Fee: \$250/student

Description: Magical, mythical, marvelous art is coming your way in this new Young Rembrandts Drawing Workshop! Join us for five days filled with fun and creative thought as we explore deep in the Fantasy Forest. Students will tap into their imagination while learning to draw otherworldly creatures like fairies, trolls and a forest queen. Your child's talent will truly enchant you as they create beautiful scenery and new masterpieces every day. Register now to save your child's spot in this fanciful workshop focused on creativity and whimsy! All materials included. Camp has been modified to meet COVID-19 related standards, please visit eastgoshenrec.com to see the full Health and Safety Plan.

<http://theatrehorizon.org/education/virtualsummer.php>



Youth Activities - Indoor Camps

Note: Indoor camp programs will begin when Chester County is in the "green" zone. Registration is currently open without a fee. Fees will be assessed once the county is "green". Registration fees will be returned in full for any cancelled camp sections. Camps and will comply with state COVID-19 related safety measures. Please visit eastgoshenrec.com for the full Health and Safety Plan.

Activity: Intermediate Robotic Lego's Camp

Date: Section I, Monday-Friday,

July 6 - July 10, 12:30pm-3:30pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Description: Do you love Lego's! Design, build, and control the functioning of exciting Lego's projects like Everstorm using the all new Mindstorms EV3!

Watch your creations move, race, and battle other projects!

Prerequisite: Beginner's Lego's or prior experience with Lego's Mindstorms or video gaming.

Ages: 6 - 12

Fee: \$145 (\$155 for non-East Goshen Township residents)



Parks & Recreation Activities and Programs

Youth Activities – Indoor Camps...Cont'd

Activity: Beginner Robotic Lego's Camp

Date/Time: Section II, Monday-Friday,

August 3 – August 7, 9:00am-12:00pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Description: Does your camper love regular Lego's, but wonders what would happen if they could move? Beginner's Lego is for you then! This camp focuses on building Lego's projects like Tracker on the new Lego Mindstorms EV3 platform- then watching them perform amazing robotic functions. This is an introductory Robotic Lego's camp intended for kids new to Lego Mindstorms. For additional information please call Jason at 610-692-7171.

Ages: 6 – 12

Fee: \$145 (\$155 for non-East Goshen Township residents)

Activity: Rocketry Camp

Date/Time: Monday-Friday,

August 10 – August 14, 9am-12pm

Location: East Goshen Park, Veteran's Pavilion

Description: Each day camper will build a model rocket and launch! The rockets are successively more complex as the week progresses. The week ends with a unique "build from scratch" project as campers vie to win the coveted "Ryan's Crazy Rocket" Award! Classes taught by Jason Lang, who has a decade of experience launching recreational rockets. Camp is currently full and taking waitlist registrations.

Ages: 9 – 13

Fee: \$145 (\$155 for non-East Goshen Township residents)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Activity: SE Pennsylvania Teen Filmmakers Showcase

Date: Monday, August 17,

Time: 6pm

Location: Movie Tavern Exton

Ages: 12-19

Description: Calling all teenagers! Come see your movie, short film or video on the big screen! We are partnering with the beautiful, new, Movie Tavern Exton to host the 2020 SE Pennsylvania Teen Filmmakers Showcase! Event attendees will arrive via stretch limousine, walk a red carpet and join fellow teens in a 150-seat arena to watch their original film on the silver screen! Submissions from Chester County high school film clubs will also be accepted. The submission period is open through June 15.

Email Jason Lang at jlang@eastgoshen.org for full submission details.



Activity: Fall Township Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, September 26

Time: 9 am-1 pm

Location: EGT Park

Description: Join fellow residents in search of the steal of the century! The Township Yard Sale includes twenty yard sales in the park, and another thirty in our neighborhoods. Limited space is reserved in the park for residents who live in apartments/condos that do not have street access and driveways. To reserve a spot in the park or to be added to the neighborhood list, give us a call at 619-692-7171!



Parks & Recreation Activities and Programs

ADULT / SENIORS

Note: Applebrook Golf is planned as scheduled for June and September. The shotgun format may be modified to a standard tee time schedule, due to COVID-19 constraints.

Activity: Applebrook Golf Outings

Dates: Tuesday, June 30 and September 15

Format: Residents can bring up to three guests for the June and September golf outings. The June and September outings have 1pm shotgun start tee times, 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.

Fee: \$110 (\$50 caddy fee)



TRIPS

Activity: Baltimore's Inner Harbor Fall Day Trip

Dates: Saturday, September 19 (7am-8pm;
leaves Baltimore at 5:30pm)

Description: Enjoy the beauty of the Baltimore's Inner Harbor this spring! Crack some crabs, marvel at the National Aquarium or simply take a stroll along the waterfront. To register, visit eastgoshenrec.com or contact Jason Lang at 610-692-7171.

Fee: \$45

Activity: NYC Fall Day Trip

Dates: Saturday, October 24
(7am-8pm; leaves NYC at 5:30pm)

Format: There is no place better than NYC in the fall! Whether you visit a museum, Central Park, the Statue of Liberty or just "people watch", there is always something new to do! This day trip drops off and picks up at Bryant Park, co-located with the NYC Public Library, right in the middle of all the action!

To register, visit eastgoshenrec.com or contact Jason Lang at 610-692-7171.

Fee: \$45



FRIENDS OF EAST GOSHEN NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Looking for a way to give back and support the board range of future community events at the Township Park? Consider a donation to Friends of East Goshen, an independent 501(c)(3) organization that provides financial support for community-wide activities such as Pumpkin Fest to be hosted at no or minimal cost to taxpayers. Your contributions are critical to ensuring that these events remain free to the public for generations to come! Visit www.friendsofeastgoshen.org today to learn more about how you can support our Park!

Parks & Recreation Activities and Programs

FITNESS

Note: Indoor fitness programs will begin when Chester County is in the “green” zone and will comply with state COVID-19 related safety measures. Yoga/Eccentrics will begin as virtual classes and transition to in person when appropriate.

Activity: Pilates

Dates: Wednesdays, June 10 -August 12

Times: 9:30-10:30 am;

Description: Pilates is a fantastic fitness class geared for those wanting to strengthen core muscles groups, improve posture, flexibility and balance.

Please bring a mat to class.

Contact: Ruby Layfield at
Rubydlayfield@gmail.com
 610-937-7603

Program Fee: \$100 per session or \$13 for a single class.



Activity: ESSENTRICS® Aging Backwards for Seniors

Dates: Mondays, June 22 - August 10, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Description: This class is aimed at regaining your mobility while slowly building strength and reawakening the power of your 650 muscles. 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 who are looking for a gentle, slow tempo class. Bring a yoga mat.

Tuition: \$120 (8 week series)

Activity: ESSENTRICS® Aging Backwards

Dates: Mondays, June 22 - August 10, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Or

Dates: Thursdays, June 25 - August 13, 2020

Time: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Description: This is an age reversing, slow-paced full body 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. Bring a yoga mat, and water.

Tuition: \$120 (8 week series)

Activity: ESSENTRICS®

Dates: Wednesdays, June 24 - August 12, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Description: This is a dynamic full body workout that rapidly changes the shape of your body through a combination of strengthening and stretching. Perfect for men and women of all fitness levels, this program rebalances the body, prevents and treats injuries and unlocks tight joints. This workout leaves you feeling energized, youthful and healthy. Bring a yoga mat, and water.

Tuition: \$120 (8 week series)

Location of ALL Essentrics® Classes:

Sama Center, 892 Fern Hill Rd,

West Chester PA 19380

www.samacenter.com

Contact: charo.freespiritryoga@gmail.com

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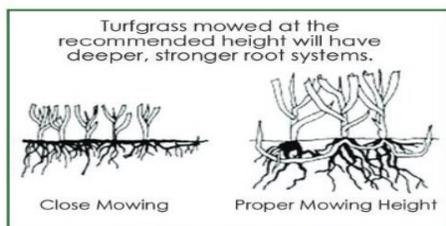
You can have a green and healthy lawn and garden without depending on large amounts of pesticides. It is better for your yard, the people and animals that use your yard, and our streams. Follow the guidelines below to decrease pesticide use:

- * Grow native plants that are able to handle the climate and pests of our region. See <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/plants/nativeplants/> for more information on native plants, including where to buy them.
- * Spread mulch at the base of trees to keep mowers and weed whackers from opening up wounds in the bark. Spread mulch flat on the ground to a height of no more than two inches; do not smother the tree's roots and bark by building a cone or "volcano" around the tree.
- * Provide the proper amount of water to keep your lawn and gardens stress-free. Water your lawn deeply, but only every several days and not at all if it rains. Mow your lawn to a height of 2 ½ to 3 inches.
- * Get a soil test to determine if you need to use any fertilizers. Apply fertilizers only at the rate needed and never before a storm. A soil test kit can be cheaply obtained from your local Penn State Extension office (610-696-3500).
- * When weeds sprout, hand dig or spot treat them with herbicides.
- * Rotate your garden crops, just as farmers do. Do not plant tomatoes or peppers in the same place each year. Consider scattering species throughout your garden. If a tomato hornworm finds one of your tomato plants, for instance, it may easily move to all of your tomato plants if they are next to each other.
- * If you find a pest damaging one of your plants, consider the following questions before deciding what approach to take.
 1. What is it? If you don't know, Penn State Extension's website, <http://extension.psu.edu/pests/ipm>, is a good place to start.
 2. Where does the pest live, breed, and what does it eat?
 3. How many pests are there?
 4. How many pests are too many?
 5. If I have "too many," what is the best way to get rid of the of the pest?
 6. What are the potential "side effects" of control methods?
- * When pesticides are needed, use insecticidal soaps and Bacillus thuringiensis or "Bt." Being selective in your pesticide use and growing plants native to our region will increase the number of beneficial insects, such as butterflies and other pollinators, in your gardens.



Raise Mower Height for Healthier Lawns, Cleaner Water

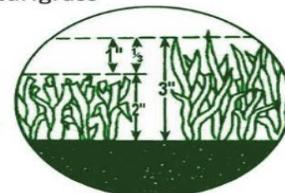
Turfgrass, like other plants, must manufacture sugars through photosynthesis in their leaves if they are to develop into a high quality lawn. Closely mowed lawns have limited leaf area to take in the sunlight to produce the food they need to be healthy.



Source: Ohio State University Extension

In addition to leaf area, a direct relationship exists between the height of turfgrass plants and the depth and total mass of their root system. **Kentucky blue grass and tall fescue lawns mowed at the recommended summer height of 3 inches have roots more than twice as deep as those of closely cropped lawns.** The shallow, weak roots of closely mowed lawns exhibit stress first and loss of grass plants to competing weeds is more likely, particularly during the summer. Raising mower heights during the summer will keep soil temperatures cooler, preserve soil moisture and help maintain turfgrass quality.

Thicker lawns are more weed resistant, absorb more stormwater, lose less sediment during storms, and need less fertilizer. So this June, **remember to raise your mower height to three inches, or remind your lawn service company, for a healthier lawn and cleaner streams this summer.**



THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO PROTECT CLEAN WATER!

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This message is brought to you by your municipality and Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association, www.crcwatersheds.org.

Dates of Importance

JULY 01 Planning Commission, 7PM	AUG 04 Board Of Supervisors, 7PM	SEPT 01 Board Of Supervisors, 7PM
JULY 03 Independence Day Observed Office Closed	AUG 05 Planning Commission, 7PM	SEPT 02 Planning Commission, 7PM
JULY 07 Board Of Supervisors, 7PM	AUG 06 Park & Recreation Commission, 7PM	SEPT 03 Park & Recreation Commission, 7PM
JULY 08 Conservancy Board, 7PM	AUG 10 Municipal Authority, 7PM	SEPT 07 Labor Day - Office Closed
JULY 09 Historical Committee, 7PM	AUG 12 Conservancy Board, 7PM	SEPT 09 Conservancy Board, 7PM
JULY 13 Municipal Authority, 7PM	AUG 13 Historical Commission, 7PM	SEPT 10 Historical Commission, 7PM
JULY 16 Futurist Committee, 7PM	AUG 18 Board Of Supervisors, 7PM	SEPT 14 Municipal Authority, 7PM
JULY 21 Board Of Supervisors, 7PM	AUG 20 Futurist Committee, 7PM	SEPT 15 Board Of Supervisors, 7PM
JULY 23 Pipeline Task Force, 5PM	AUG 24 Sustainability Advisory Committee, 7PM	SEPT 17 Futurist Committee, 7PM
JULY 27 Sustainability Advisory Committee, 7PM	AUG 27 Pipeline Task Force, 5PM	SEPT 24 Pipeline Task Force, 5PM
		SEPT 28 Sustainability Advisory Committee, 7PM

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



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Louis F. Smith, Jr.
rsmith@eastgoshe.org

MEETINGS

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