



# East Goshen Township

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Newsletter

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East Goshen Township's Fall Electronic Newsletter

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## Letter From the Chairman

Dear friends, neighbors, and fellow residents:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I want to wish everyone a very happy fall season in East Goshen Township. Needless to say, this will be the most unusual fall in any of our lifetimes, with public schools operating remotely and the football season being played in empty stadiums. Nevertheless, through it all, East Goshen staff will continue to provide first-class services to our all residents despite the continued uncertainty.



As you've no doubt seen, the first major segment of the **Paoli Pike Trail**, from Reservoir Road to Line Road, is now materially complete, and we couldn't be happier with how it has turned out. The Board would like to extend its gratitude to PennDOT and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for funding the construction and inspection costs of the work between Reservoir Road and North Chester Road. We would also like to acknowledge Chester County and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for their generous funding for the portion of the trail through Applebrook Park.

We are frequently asked, **"how much does the Trail cost?"** Allow me to summarize.

Funding Source	Amount
Federal, State and County Grants <b>Awarded</b> for "hard" costs	\$3.6 million
Proceeds of Aaa-rated 2017 General Obligation Bonds for "soft" costs	\$2.5 million
Pending grant applications for "hard" cost for Segment B from Ellis Lane to Reservoir Road	\$3.0 million
<b>Total Cost</b>	\$9.1 million
<i>Total Grant Funding Target (Dollars)</i>	\$6.6 Million
<i>Total Grant Funding Target (Percentage)</i>	~72.5%

All total, the Township has received over \$3.6 million from our local, state and federal partners in grant funds for the trail. Most of these grants can only be used for construction costs or what we call "hard costs". At the same time, the Township should incur about \$2.5 million in "soft costs" for right-of-way acquisition, engineering and inspection, most of which has already either been spent or obligated in

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## *Letter From The Chairman...continued from cover*



awarded contracts. The Township's costs are being paid for from the proceeds of the Township's 2017 General Obligation Bonds. As has previously been reported, East Goshen is one of only seven municipalities in Pennsylvania to have received a Aaa credit rating from Moody's Investor Services, meaning that we are able to borrow at the lowest rates available.

The only remaining portion of the trail for which funding has not yet been identified is the construction costs for Segment B, which runs from Ellis Lane to Reservoir Road. This is the most complicated segment of the trail as it runs through a wetland and is projected to cost about \$3.0 million.

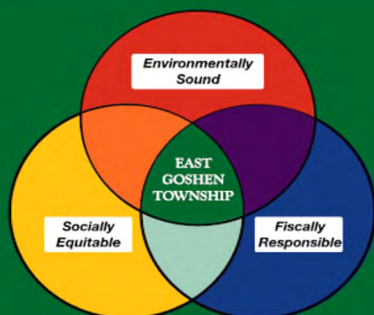
**Importantly, the Board of Supervisors has previously signaled that construction of this segment is entirely contingent upon receiving grant funding from our federal, state and County partners.** While engineering work on this section moves ahead at full speed, staff continues to diligently apply for all grant opportunities that become available, and we are hopeful that we will be successful in securing full funding for the construction of this segment the closer it gets to being "shovel ready"!

### **Sunoco**

I also wanted to give you an update on the Sunoco pipeline, the bane of our existence for the past four years. Sunoco/Energy Transfer representatives are targeting January as the completion date for the pipe work in East Goshen, with the restoration work planned for the spring. The last two sections of pipe to be completed are the pull back of the 20" line between Saints Simon and Jude Church and the Bow Tree development targeted for December and between Rite Aid/Quaker Village and the Goshen Executive Center targeted for January. Fortunately, we do not anticipate Sunoco/Energy Transfer needing to install any more steel casings. These steel casings, which were installed to reduce the chance of an inadvertent return, have been the source of many of the severe noise complaints for which the Township has routinely cited Sunoco/Energy Transfer for violations of our noise ordinance.



Needless to say, we are all looking forward to the end of this work and for life along the Boot Road and North Chester Road corridors to return to normal!



*Respecting the Past  
Serving the Present  
Preparing for the Future*

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### Hershey's Mill Dam Restoration

In August, the Township received final clearances from the state to go out to bid to breach the Hershey's Mill Dam and construct the parking area and pathway. The breach should occur prior to the end of 2020 with the other improvements occurring in 2021. As has been previously reported, the Township has been awarded \$630,000 in state funding for the land improvements. The cost of the breach will be paid from the proceeds of the Township's 2017 General Obligation Bonds. Needless to say, we are glad to finally put this matter in the rear-view mirror, and we look forward to the improved park space becoming a valuable Township asset for generations to come. Believe it or not, this project has been on-going in one way or another since 2006, when the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) notified the Township that the dam did not meet current dam safety regulations. We are very grateful to the all the Township residents who volunteered their time to develop the landscaping master plan, a copy of which can be found on our website at [https://eastgoshen.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/170622\\_HMD-Pub4.pdf](https://eastgoshen.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/170622_HMD-Pub4.pdf).



Information about the recent Public Works maintenance activities at Hershey's Mill Dam can be found on [page 5](#) of this newsletter.

Meanwhile, the breach and proposed improvements at the Milltown Dam site are still under review with the DEP, and we are hopeful that we will be able to go out to bid on that project in 2021. A copy of the landscaping master plan for that site can be found on our website at <https://eastgoshen.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Milltown-Dam-Presentation-June-20.pdf>.

### Communication

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](http://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](http://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 directly at [mshane@eastgoshen.org](mailto:mshane@eastgoshen.org).

*Marty*

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## Summer Flooding in East Goshen Township

On Tuesday, August 4, seven inches of rain fell on East Goshen Township in a matter of hours. The storm caused widespread flooding and power outages throughout both the Township and the Philadelphia region. This storm was substantially more intense than a so-called “100-year storm”—i.e. a storm that we might expect to see once every 100 years—and according to long-time Public Works Director Mark Miller, the storm was probably closer to a “500-year storm.”

Prior to and during any major rainstorm event—be it a hurricane, tropical storm, derecho, or just a large forecasted rain event—the Public Works Department takes various precautions to minimize the potential for property damage. These steps include sweeping streets and unclogging inlets, preparing signs and road barriers in the event that road closures are warranted and, in the case of the Hershey’s Mill Dam, unclogging the drain to minimize the chance that water breaches the dam.

*A view from Paoli Pike on Tuesday, August 4 at 1 pm*



*Pictured here are members of the Township’s Public Works crew wearing snorkels and masks to clean the drain at Hershey’s Mill Dam.*



## Storm Challenges for the Municipal Authority

We will all certainly recall the summer of 2020 for the COVID-19 restrictions instead of our “go anywhere” summer vacations. However, some East Goshen residents may also remember this summer for the major storms, bringing lots of rain, high winds and downed trees to the Township.

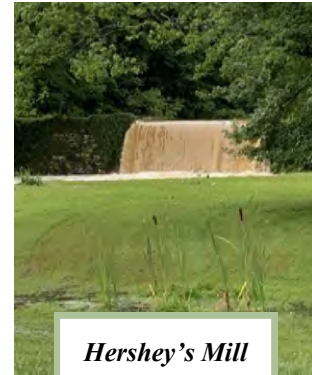
Indeed, it was an exceptionally difficult time for the operation of East Goshen’s Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant (RCSTP) and the four pump stations that deliver wastewater through our sewer mains. While the flow volume increases during these storms, a more important aspect of the East Goshen Municipal Authority’s (EGMA) responsibilities is the need to maintain electrical power and operations for all of its facilities. This becomes very critical when PECO’s electrical power is lost for hours or days.

With this summer’s storm damage, the RCSTP and pump stations ran on emergency power for 32 hours and 96 hours on two separate occasions. At these times, the operations go into storm mode to maintain the plant and collection systems. This involves significantly more monitoring, plus delivery of diesel fuel to run the generators at all our facilities.

The EGMA is currently replacing the generators at the RCSTP and the Hershey Mill pump station. As you can imagine, these are large, industrial grade generators, that are necessary to operate during emergency situations that may last for several days. The East Goshen Public Works Department, plant staff, and the EGMA efficiently coordinate these installations, including the site work, such as larger pads beneath the generators. These updates are necessary to maintain safe and effective sewer operations for our Township regardless of the weather environment. Thus, as a resident, you can depend on 24/7 sewer operations.

*Phil Mayer*

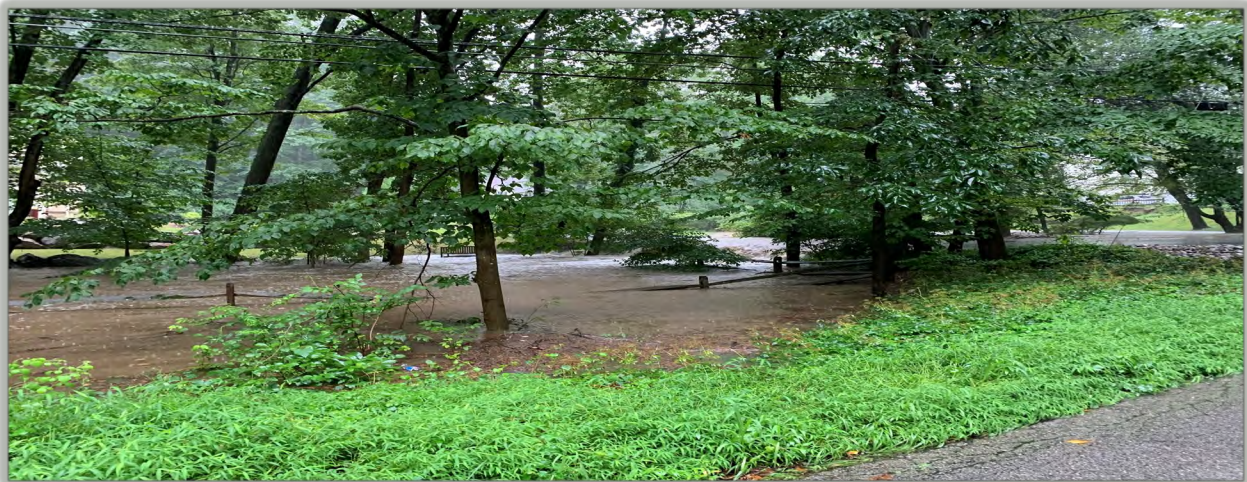
Chairman, East Goshen Municipal Authority



*Hershey's Mill  
Dam*



*August 4, 2020, Storm Damage on Manley Road*



# Rethinking Our Daily Lives

Our collective Covid hiatus has given us all an opportunity to rethink our daily habits especially as they impact our local, national and global environment. In particular, there is ample evidence that many households are choosing to reassess their reliance on plastic containers and packaging.

Many of us are growing our own vegetables for the first time. We are cooking more and eating out less. We are also shopping more carefully at the grocery store and online.

To be of meaningful assistance to our East Goshen neighbors, the East Goshen Sustainability Advisory Committee has been hosting a number of Zoom seminars. The [first three](#) are available on the EGT website for you to view at any time. These seminars cover topics such as solar and geothermal conversions and ideas for composting in both our homes and businesses.



*Low cost compost bin - scrap wood and chicken wire*

The Sustainability Advisory Committee is planning to host additional upcoming seminars. All programs are held from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm on weekday evenings.

**September 16** - Presentation by Rachel Joy Davis on single use plastics, with a focus on special challenges during this pandemic. For instance, not all stores let us bring our own reusable bags to shop. Rachel is a wealth of information about sustainable living. Her earlier July 29th seminar on composting can be found [here](#).

**September 23** – Presentation hosted by Morgan Folger to discuss electric vehicles. Morgan is the Clean Car Campaign Director for Environment America.

**October 21 19** – Presentation by Patti Lynn, Recycling Resources Manager of the Chester County Solid Waste Authority. She will share many ideas consistent with our committee’s “refuse, reuse, repurpose and recycle” theme. This presentation will take us from assessing what is already on our shelves to shopping in stores and online, including how to understand food labels and expiration dates. It will include specific guidance on which items are currently able to be recycled and which are not. This seminar will cover the gamut from cupboard to curbside!



*Rachel Joy Davis*

**Other upcoming seminars** include a presentation by Phillip Watson, a nationally renowned horticulturalist, who will share many lessons from his own garden here in East Goshen. This presentation should be of special interest to Phillip’s many QVC and Facebook fans! As we continue to adapt to the “new normal”, we ask that you consider the following principles:

- ◆ Refusing excessive packaging
- ◆ Reusing items rather than throwing them away or recycling immediately
- ◆ Repurposing items for other uses
- ◆ Recycling what we cannot personally reuse or re-purpose. Recycling can include sharing with others who may have an ongoing need for items your family can no longer use.

One Facebook site that may be of particular interest along these lines is called “Buy Nothing East Goshen”. NextDoor is another community platform to help us reuse furniture, books, toys, sports equipment, clothing, and much more. We welcome your suggestions for additional topics on sustainability you wish us to explore! Contact us at [sac@eastgoshen.org](mailto:sac@eastgoshen.org).

Live simply this fall!

Your Friends from the Sustainability Advisory Committee

*(right to left)*

*Phillip Watson; Township Supervisor, David Shuey*





## SPOT THE SCAMS

**From Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department**

The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department (WEGO) urges residents to be vigilant about fraud and scams. Every year, many of our residents fall victim to deceptive phone calls and emails, and in some cases lose thousands of dollars and become vulnerable to identity theft. Don't let it happen to you! Below find three common types of scams in which to be aware:

### IRS Scams:

Many residents have reported receiving fraudulent phone calls where the caller identifies themselves as a representative of the IRS. The caller then demands immediate payment of past due taxes or a warrant will be issued for their arrest. Residents should be advised that this is a SCAM and are reminded to never wire money, purchase gift cards, or send money to anyone who purports to be from the IRS. If such calls are received, residents are encouraged to report the matter to WEGO by calling 610-692-5100 and to also contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to report a phone scam. Use their "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page. You can also call 800-366-4484.



### Grandparent Scams:

Victims are contacted via email or telephone call by a subject claiming to be a friend, relative or often times a grandchild. Most frequently, it is a person claiming that they have an emergency and asking the victim to send money immediately. Frequently the caller will claim that they have been involved in a serious crash or have been arrested and need money to avoid being taken to jail.

### Computer Software Scams:

Scammers set up fake websites, offer free "security" scans, and send alarming messages to try to convince you that your computer is infected and must be fixed. Then they try to sell you software to fix the problem. Often times, this software is malware that allows criminals to access your personal information. Sometimes, websites ask for credit card numbers and personal information claiming to enroll you in fake services.



## Latest News from the Malvern Public Library

Find us on the web at [www.malvern-library.org](http://www.malvern-library.org)

### Malvern Library Fall Activities

— Now Open to the Public on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm —

Malvern Library is happy to announce that it is now open on Saturdays from 10am – 2pm for Grab N' Go browsing only. While you may not be able to use the computers or reading room, you will be able to come in and select items to borrow or pick up your holds without a reservation. All patrons must wear a mask for entry (children under the age of 2 are exempt). Capacity will be limited, please be considerate of others wishing to enter the library. Browsing in the children's library will be limited and toys will not be available for play.

The Library is also introducing themed Book Bundle Activity Kits for kids! Each bag includes five picture books, one DVD, and one activity packet, geared toward preschool through first grade children. Themes include Apples, Bedtime, Bugs, Colors, Dinosaurs, Pirates, Sports, Summer, Things That Go, and Zoo. Please call the library at 610-644-7259 to reserve your bag and schedule a curbside pick-up time.

While we may not be open to the public most days, we still have events happening online. Adults can enjoy our monthly Zoom Book Club on the third Tuesday of every month at 10am. Registration is required to receive the link. Copies of the book are available for pick up, just give us call. For children, we have Zoom Music Class with Miss Jill on Fridays, September 18, & 25 at 10am. Registration is required to receive the link. Facebook Storytimes with Miss Meghan are Tuesdays at 10:30am, no registration required.

Take a look at our calendar for more events. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE GOSHEN FIRE COMPANY

Have you ever driven down Paoli Pike and wondered why there was a Goshen Fire engine parked near a Township Public Works construction project?

The truck is there as a result of a unique partnership between East Goshen Township and the Goshen Fire Company, the goal of which is to reduce response times to fires and other emergencies in the Township. It is a challenge for fire companies to maintain staffing levels during daytime hours. Many of our volunteer firefighters are also Township Public Works employees, who are permitted to leave worksites and respond to emergencies in the Township. They stop by the station on their way to work, pick up the engine and take it with them to the job site. That way, a fire engine and personal protective equipment are immediately available. In the event of a fire or other emergency, it's a win-win for the community.

Goshen personnel are always training, but who says you can't stay cool while you're doing it? Each summer, Goshen Fire and EMS crews take advantage of a generous offer by Waterview Swim Club to allow us to use their pool for water rescue training. As pictured below, in late August, Fire Captain Drew Washco and EMS Assistant Chief Susan Smith led a training session in the use of water "throw bags" for water rescues. Proper throwing form, style, and victim recovery were reviewed. EMS crews focused on "back boarding" an incapacitated swimmer. They reinforced how many people were needed, both in and out of the water to safely extricate the victim.



*Fire Company Board Meeting*

We are pleased to report that due to strict measures put in place by Goshen leadership, we have not had any work-related positive COVID-19 tests among our members. This is especially significant, given that our EMS crews have transported a significant number of COVID-positive patients since the beginning of the pandemic. We adhere to all guidelines put in place by the state and county, and comply with strict emergency room entrance procedures utilized by the hospitals we transport to. Our supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) are adequate to cover current and projected needs. We have limited access to the fire houses, and practice social distancing and wear face coverings during all meetings and training sessions.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel all public events, including hall rentals, our Goshen Country Fair, breakfasts, flower sales and our annual fall Fire Prevention Open House. Since these events represent missed fundraising opportunities, we encourage you to visit [www.goshenfireco.org/donations](http://www.goshenfireco.org/donations) if you would like to contribute.

DONATE

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](http://www.goshenfireco.org) for information on how you can join us. Follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/goshenfireco) at Goshen Fire Company.



## News from Senator Tom Killion



### *Kids Drive in East Goshen a Big Success!*

On August 22, I hosted a Kids Drive at the East Goshen Township Building to help families who are struggling during the pandemic. Many residents stopped by to donate food, diapers, formula and school supplies for our neighbors in need.

This event benefited families served by the Maternal and Child Health Consortium of Chester County. Thank you for your generosity!



### *Helping Families and Communities During the Crisis*

This year has been an emotional rollercoaster for our families. As the COVID-19 pandemic stretches into fall, Pennsylvanians continue experiencing a sense of frustration and apprehension from this unprecedented event.

Tragically, this crisis had led to many deaths, much sickness and countless hardships for residents. I understand the pain and uncertainty this pandemic has caused and would like you to know that I have been working with my colleagues in the General Assembly to provide relief.

Earlier this year, I joined state lawmakers in approving important bipartisan measures to help our Chester County and Delaware County communities. We passed emergency legislation at the outset of the crisis that provided \$50 million for healthcare facilities and Personal Protection Equipment, and we expanded unemployment compensation for workers affected by the pandemic.

We also created a \$2.6 billion COVID-19 Impact Recovery Plan that provides critical funding for nursing homes, schools, childcare services, food banks, community programs, first responders, small businesses, county governments, rent and mortgage assistance and many other urgent needs.

Looking ahead, I will continue working this fall in the Senate on doing everything possible to help our families and communities get through this international health crisis.

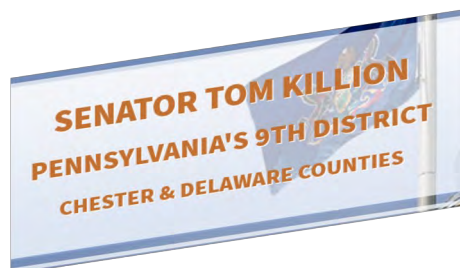
I would also like you to know that thousands of our neighbors have reached out to my offices during the pandemic. Whether it is for help with unemployment compensation, food assistance, healthcare coverage or many other issues related to the coronavirus crisis, I encourage anyone facing challenges to email me directly at [tkillion@pasen.gov](mailto:tkillion@pasen.gov) or call my West Chester office at 610-436-3320.

You are also able to visit [www.SenatorKillion.com](http://www.SenatorKillion.com) to view pandemic resources and information about the General Assembly's efforts to provide aid during the crisis.

Please stay safe and know that help is always available if you need it.

### *Mask Up This Fall*

As we enter the cold weather months, please continue to wear a mask, practice social distancing and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer when necessary. This will stop the spread of COVID-19 and help save the lives of our most vulnerable residents.



## Senator Tom Killion...continued from Page 9

Important public health guidance on the coronavirus pandemic can be found here:

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

### PA Department of Health

[www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov)

### Chester County Health Department

[www.chesco.org/4376/Coronavirus-COVID-19](http://www.chesco.org/4376/Coronavirus-COVID-19)

My West Chester office provides many services to families in our area. Here are some of the ways we can help:

- ◆ Unemployment compensation issues
- ◆ SEPTA Key Senior Photo IDs
- ◆ Free notary service
- ◆ Pennsylvania birth certificates
- ◆ PennDOT assistance with driver licensing questions
- ◆ 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 and regulations
- ◆ Requests for literature for students and senior citizens
- ◆ Tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups
- ◆ Assistance with state agency issues

**Senator Tom Killion  
Always Here to Help**

#### Local Office to Serve You:

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### Mark Your Calendars for Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day, Saturday, October 3 (Rescheduled from Spring of 2020)

Please join us for the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day on the morning of Saturday, October 3. Plan to arrive at the Township building between 8 am and 9 am to register and pick up supplies, including gloves, trash bags and safety vests. This is a great volunteer activity for residents of all ages to ensure that the Township's roadways and open spaces remain free of litter and debris and that we remain the most beautiful area in Chester County! If you would like to reserve a particular stretch of road for your group, family or organization or just have general questions about the event, please don't hesitate to contact the Township at 610-692-7171.



# COMITTA'S

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## Here to Help you!

My office is always available to assist you with any state-related issues you may have. My staff continues to be available to assist you both remotely and scheduling in-person appointments as requested.

My West Chester office is located in the Washington Square Apartment Building, 21 W. Washington St., Suite A, in the borough of West Chester. **Free parking is available in our lot!** You can call my office at (610) 696-4990 with any questions or concerns.



## 2020 GENERAL ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES

- OCT 19** Last day to register to vote for the general election.  
[register.votesPA.com](https://register.votesPA.com)
- OCT 27** Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot.  
[votesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot](https://votesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot)
- NOV 3** Voted mail-in and absentee ballots must be received by the county by 8pm.  
[votesPA.com/County](https://votesPA.com/County)
- NOV 3** General Election day  
Polls are open from 7am to 8pm.  
[votesPA.com/Polls](https://votesPA.com/Polls)

**VotesPA.com**

## 2020 General Election

A friendly reminder of the important deadlines for the 2020 General Election! You can visit [www.votesPA.com](https://www.votesPA.com) to update your voter registration, apply for an absentee/mail-in ballot, and much more. You can always contact my office at (610) 696-4990 for questions or to have an application mailed to you.

## 2020 Census: Make sure you're counted!

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Chester County has almost a 76% self-response rate! The self-response period was extended to **September 30, 2020**. You can respond online ([my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)) or over the phone (**844-330-2020**).

A complete count of all Chester County residents is more important now than ever, as these numbers help to ensure funding for our communities for the next decade. If you have not yet completed the census, please do so as soon as possible and encourage others to do so. Visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) for more information.

If you have not already done so, please complete the Census 2020 survey by September 30. Responses to the 2020 Census will shape how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are distributed annually and how our voting districts are determined.

## Stay Connected!

Sign up to receive my email alerts and learn more about news in Harrisburg and the 156<sup>th</sup> District! You can visit <http://www.pahouse.com/emailsignup> to sign up for our e-newsletter. You will receive a regular email update on state-related information, events my office will be hosting, and much more.

You may have already received my 2020 summer newsletter in the mail. You can also read online on my website: <https://pahouse.com/Comitta/NewsCenter>. For more updates, you can like/follow my social media accounts.

**Website:** [www.pahouse.com/Comitta](https://www.pahouse.com/Comitta)

**Facebook/Twitter:** @RepComitta



# Harvesting Memories with East Goshen Township Park Commission



Thank you to everyone who has made our parks the go-to destination for health and wellness during the Coronavirus pandemic. Parks across the state have seen a 68% increase in attendance and we have certainly seen an uptick in usage locally, which has been wonderful. Our trails have particularly been in heavy use, offering residents the ability to exercise while remaining socially distant from others. We've been encouraged by the grace of all park goers. Our playground and sports fields all opened in late June, and everyone has shared the space in an effort towards overall community health.

The Township hosted its summer camp program in the park, the only local municipality to do so, and it was a special summer. We had modifications in place, including masking, and the kids and parents didn't miss a beat. A personal favorite was our first "Masked Singer" where staff performed dressed as a Power Ranger, Ghostbuster and the Grinch, and the campers had to guess who was behind the mask! It was a smash success and instant camp classic! FYI – our Camp Director Tim Kershaw is amazing at what he does...but can't sing at all! Our kids, understandably, have missed so much this year, but our awesome staff gave those kids their best memories of the year, something they can smile and look back to when they are having a tough day this fall during virtual school, or missing friends they cannot see.



*Masked Singer Camp Staff*



This past summer we also were fortunate enough to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual South Eastern Pennsylvania Teen Filmmakers Showcase in partnership with the Movie Tavern Exton. While the event was virtual, the experience was still phenomenal. Twenty local teen filmmakers were selected from 1,100 entries across all movie genres, and their films were hosted on the Township's YouTube channel. It was amazing to see the quality of their work. The best part was seeing their smiling faces on the Zoom Awards Party call. You could feel a true sense of camaraderie, respect for each other, and belonging. In April, we added a Coronavirus category, and it took off. We received over 200 entries from 78 countries around the world! Everyone wanted to tell their story of how COVID-19 had affected their country and community. With this newfound interest, we added a second night dubbed the "Coronavirus Edition" and showed a mix of local Pennsylvania and international films! Both Showcase nights are available and free for public viewing on the [Township's YouTube channel](#).

*Pictured left to right: Township Supervisor Michele Truitt ;  
Andrew Camuso, General Manager, Movie Tavern Exton*

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The Township looks forward to hosting its annual fall Yard Sale on **September 26** in the park and within the neighborhoods. Those interested in participating should call the Township office to be added to the list!

With everyone at home this year, there should be no excuses for not entering our annual Halloween house decorating contest! Lastly, look for a virtual Marvel Jeopardy edition this fall; look for an announcement from none other than Captain American himself!

We are pleased that construction of the Paoli Pike Trail is on schedule. The segments in Applebrook Park to Route 352 are complete, and the segments from Route 352 to Reservoir Road will be completed later this fall. We have already seen an influx of new trail users, and we look forward to offering community connections that will not only provide more trail mileage for health and wellness purposes, but also support local businesses and corporate work populations. This will be something new for Township residents. The Township looks forward to a trail ribbon cutting ceremony later this fall and a series of activities next spring to fully showcase the Paoli Pike Trail's potential.



Your Friends from the Park and Recreation Commission

### A True Pandemic Story

By *Nancy Bialy Daversa*  
East Goshen Poet



The Spanish Flu Pandemic happened in 1918

A husband came home from work and took a nap before dinner

He never woke up

A few weeks later his wife died of the flu, leaving no family bread winner

They had five children who their uncle became the guardian over

Soon the youngest child died from the flu and had to be buried that day

It was Winter and the ground was frozen

The uncle dug the grave with a shovel, he used to say

The uncle looked around for a house that would fit his family and his sister's four children

As luck would have it a corner store was being built

He bought it and had the builder convert the first-floor store into an apartment

The second floor already had rooms, so the families did not have to be split

Everyone moved in and eventually were happy and grew into  
a loving and close family

Five generations of the same family have lived there without a bother

I know this because the store was my family home

Their uncle was my grandfather

Be kind, generous, and caring to your family, friends, and East Goshenites.

We will get through this Pandemic. Then imagine the stories we will have to tell!



## Rain Gardens

*Protecting, conserving, and restoring the natural resources of the Chester, Ridley, and Crum Creek Watersheds*  
([CRC Watersheds Association](#))

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

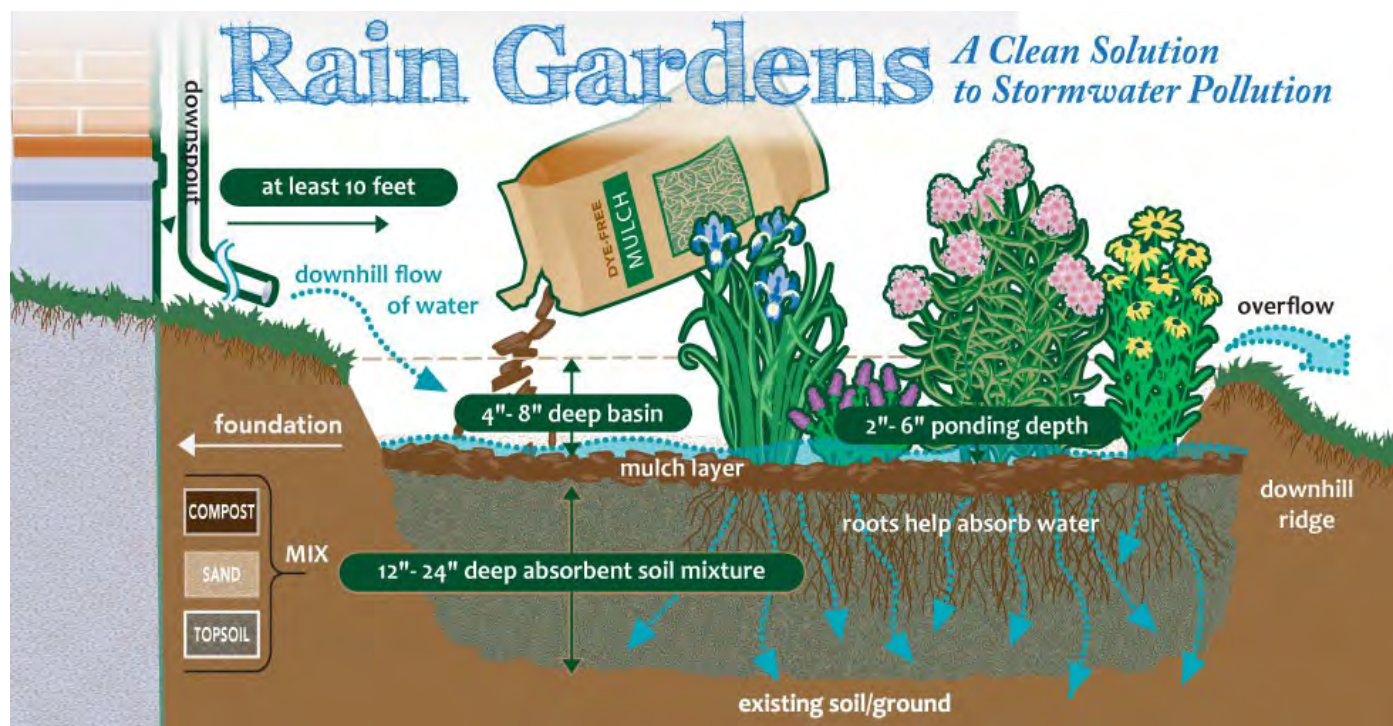
Once you have a location and size for your garden, sketch it out on paper. Determine the mix of species you would like to use, including flowers, grasses, and shrubs that are drought tolerant but can withstand wet conditions. Native plants are adapted to local conditions, easy to maintain and attract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



## Medication Collection Box Now Available in Township Building

A permanent medication collection box has been added to the East Goshen Township Building lobby. This convenient location is available to residents between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. This box is in addition to the one located at the Westtown - East Goshen Regional Police Station at 1041 Wilmington Pike.

Medication collection boxes offer residents the opportunity to safely and anonymously dispose of unwanted and expired drugs and medications.

#### Accepted:

- ◆ Prescription Medicines
- ◆ Over-the-counter medications

#### Not Accepted:

- ◆ Illegal Drugs
- ◆ Needles
- ◆ Lotions or liquids
- ◆ Inhalers
- ◆ Aerosol cans
- ◆ Thermometers
- ◆ Hydrogen peroxide



## Important Information

### 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, E. Strasburg Road and West Chester Pike

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

#### Web Site: [www.eastgoshen.org](http://www.eastgoshen.org)

The answers to most questions about the Township can be found by visiting [www.eastgoshen.org](http://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 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.

## East Goshen Township – Parks and Recreation Activities, Programs & Events

### Did you know?

The Pat King Pollinator Garden, established in 2016 in partnership with the West Chester Garden Club has been adopted! Depuy-Synthes, a Johnson & Johnson company based right here in East Goshen Township adopted the garden late in 2019 and has been helping us maintain it ever since! They have weeded, watered, planted and all together made it a beautiful place to view and important habitat for pollinators! Local company leaders – looking for an opportunity for your organization to help make our community better?

Email Jason!



Depuy Synthes, Pat King Pollinator Garden

### Youth and Family Activities

**Activity:** Young Rembrandts Art

**Description:** A mix of in person and virtual options are available. Check it out at on their website at:

[youngrembrandts.com/chestercounty](http://youngrembrandts.com/chestercounty)



**Activity:** EGT Playground Story Walks – Eric Carle editions

**Date:** Wednesdays in September (continues)

9/16: Mister Seahorse

9/23: Where is the Sun?

9/30: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

**Description:** Who doesn't love the simple stories and colorful artwork in Eric Carle books? A story walk is very simply an activity where you will take a stroll at the playground with your kids, and along the way, Eric Carle's stories will slowly unfold page by page, posted along the trail! Some pages will be obvious; others will have signs that point you in the right direction!

**Age recommendations:** Anyone!

**Activity:** Robotic Lego's After School



**Date:** Monday – Friday,  
3:45 pm-5:45 pm,  
September 21 - 25

**Location:** EGT Park, Veteran's Pavilion

**Description:** Does your child love building with Lego's? Take it to the next level with Robotic Lego's After School, where they will build projects that come to life! Possible builds include Tracker, an Army tank that shoot balls, a Rattlesnake that really tries to bite, or the

ultimate, Tri-Bot, a walking robot that can see!

**Important** – transportation is unavailable from area elementary schools.

**Ages:** 6 – 12

**Max Enrollment:** 5

**Fee:** \$100 Resident / \$110 NR

**Activity:** EGT Jeopardy

**Dates:** Thursdays, 7pm (November 5; Marvel and November 12; Star Wars)

**Description:** Captain America will host the "Marvel" edition and Hans Solo will host the "Star Wars" edition! Test your knowledge and see if you can beat the in-person family contestants!

**Age recommendations:** Anyone!



**Activity:** EGT Joke Day

**Date:** Tuesdays in October, 3pm

**Description:** Who wants to end the school day with a silly joke, we do! Tune in to the Township's Facebook/YouTube page every Wednesday at 3pm to hear some silly jokes! Everyone is also welcome

to submit your own jokes too! Simply email Jason a short video telling your joke!

**Age recommendations:** Anyone!

**Activity:** Soccer Shots

**Date:** September 8– October 20

**Format:** Soccer Shots Chester County is an engaging children's soccer program with a focus on character development. Our caring team positively impacts children's lives on and off the field through best-in- class coaching, communication and curriculum. Programs for ages 2-8.

**To register, visit:** <https://www.soccershots.org/chester/>



**Activity:** West Chester Junior Tennis League

**Dates/times:** Saturday afternoons September 12 through October 24.

**Location:** East Goshen Park

**Description:** The WCJTL is an affordable tennis option for beginner to intermediate kids ages 5-14. They learn the game and then they play it with supervised match play.

**Contact:** Justin DePietropaolo,  
[justin@phillyteamentennis.org](mailto:justin@phillyteamentennis.org)





## *East Goshen Township – Parks and Recreation Activities, Programs & Events....Continued from Page 16*

### Township Events

#### Township-wide Yard Sale

**Date:** Saturday, September 26, 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. Park space limited to township residents who live in a gated community or apartment/condo.

**Fee:** Free



**Activity:** Applebrook Golf Outings

**Date:** October 20

**Format:** Residents can bring up to three guests for the October golf outing. The outing has morning tee times, followed 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](http://eastgoshenrec.com) or contact Jason Lang at 610-692-7171.

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

#### Halloween House Decorating Contest

**Date:** Entries must be received by Monday October 26

**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@eastgoshen.org](mailto:jlang@eastgoshen.org) no later than Monday October 26. All entries will be posted to the Township Facebook page for public viewing and voting! Voting will conclude on Friday, October 30!



#### Neighbor to Neighbor Day

**Date:** Saturday, November 14

**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! Great for community and civic groups looking to volunteer in a socially distanced, outdoor environment.

**Fee:** Free

#### East Goshen Tree Lighting Celebration

**Date:** Friday, December 4

**Location:** Amphitheater

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

**Description:** Last year was such a success – we thought we would 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 7p with the official lighting led by the EGT family that donates the most canned goods during the "Stuff Jason's Office" contest! This event will most likely be virtual. Stay tuned for updates!

**Fee:** Free



## East Goshen Township – Parks and Recreation Activities, Programs & Events....Continued from Page 17

### FITNESS



**Program title:** Monday Zumba® Fitness - Virtual

**Dates/times:** Mondays 6:00- 7:00pm

**Session 1:** Sept. 14 - Nov. 16

**Fee:** \$50 (10 classes)

**Description:** Fun, easy to follow dance steps for all levels of students, combining rhythms from around the world; salsa, cumbia, merengue, bollywood, soca,

reggaeton and American pop music and more are the inspiration to make you want to get up and dance!! Build your immune system, strengthen your heart and achieve a full body workout! Come and join the party!

**Program title:** Tuesday Zumba Toning® - Virtual

**Dates/times:** Tuesdays 6:00- 7:00pm

**Session 1:** Sept. 15- Nov. 17 (10 classes)

**Fee:** \$50

**Description:** Zumba Toning® is perfect for those who love to dance, but put extra emphasis on toning and sculpting to define those muscles! The challenge of adding resistance by using Zumba® Toning Sticks (or lightweights), helps you focus on specific muscle groups, so you (and your muscles) stay engaged! Using lightweight, maraca-like Toning Sticks enhances sense of rhythm and coordination, while toning target zones, including arms, core and lower body.

**Program title:** Wednesday Strong by Zumba® - Virtual

**Dates/times:** Wednesdays 6:00- 7:00pm

**Session 1:** Sept. 16- Nov.18 (10 classes)

**Fee:** \$50

**Description:** STRONG by Zumba® combines body weight, muscle conditioning, cardio and plyometric training moves synced to original music that has been specifically designed to match every single move. Every squat, every lunge, every burpee is driven by the music. In each class you'll burn calories while toning arms, legs, abs and glutes. Plyometric or explosive moves like high knees, burpees, and jumping jacks are interchanged with isometric moves like lunges, squats, and kickboxing.

**\*\*Take all three classes and save \$50! Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday session only \$100, That is 30 classes!**

**Zumba Instructor:** Pamela Nelson [zumba2live@aol.com](mailto:zumba2live@aol.com)

**Program title:** Pilates - **ON HOLD** until Township Building Opens. Continue to check website for updates.

**Dates/times:** Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am

**9/18-10/16**

**10/23-11/20**

**11/27-12/18 (4 weeks \$45)**

**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 [Topazz63@aol.com](mailto:Topazz63@aol.com) 610-937-7603

**Program Fee:** \$55 per session or \$13 for a single class. Unless otherwise noted.



## ESSEINTRICS®

**Program title:** Discover ESSEINTRICS® Aging Backwards

**Dates/times:** Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am

**Location:** Virtual

**Description:** Discover ESSEINTRICS® Aging Backwards:

Learn about this 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. Created by Miranda Esmonde-White, the New York Times best-selling author of Aging Backwards and Forever Painless, host of the award-winning PBS special Aging Backwards. Bring a yoga mat, and chair

**Dates:**

**A.-** Saturday, October 10 / 10 am - 11:15 am

**B.-** Wednesday, October 21 / 6 pm - 7:15 pm

**Contact Info:** [charo.freespiritryoga@gmail.com](mailto:charo.freespiritryoga@gmail.com)

**Fee:** \$20 (Class A or B)

**Activity:** ESSEINTRICS® Aging Backwards

**Dates:**

**A.** Mondays, September 14 - November 2 / Time: 6:00 pm -7:00 pm

**B.** Thursdays, September 10 - October 29 / 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 chair

**Fee:** \$120 (8 wk series, A or B)

**Contact Info:** [charo.freespiritryoga@gmail.com](mailto:charo.freespiritryoga@gmail.com)

\$90 Seniors Yoga Class

**Contact:** [charo.freespiritryoga@gmail.com](mailto:charo.freespiritryoga@gmail.com)

**Activity:** YOGA - virtual until building opens

**Dates:**

**NEW!** Yoga Flows: Mondays, September 14 - December 14 / Time: 9:00 am - 10:15 am

Yoga - All Levels: Tuesday, September 8 - December 5 / Time: 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Seniors Yoga: Thursdays, September 10 - December 17 / Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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

**Fee:** \$120 for 14 Week Series (Monday or Tuesday) / \$90 Seniors Yoga Class

**Contact:** [charo.freespiritryoga@gmail.com](mailto:charo.freespiritryoga@gmail.com)



## 2020 Trash 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.

**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.

**September** - 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

**September** 17, 18  
**October** 15, 16  
**November** 12, 13  
**December** 17, 18



### **2020 CHESTER COUNTY RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS**

Please check the [Chester County Solid Waste Authority's Website](#) in mid to late September to register for an October event in West Chester. Proof of residency may be required and businesses and contractors will be turned away.



### **CHESTER COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY ELECTRONIC RECYCLING LIMITS ANNOUNCENMENT**

Due to vendor limitations the following restrictions apply:

- \* One TV per trip
- \* No Projection TVs
- \* Must show Chester County ID
- \* No limit for now on computers or monitors.





# Recycling Day

## Anything with a Plug™



**December 5, 2020**

~~November 7, 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, November 7, 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:**

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

**\$30 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!**



**COVID COMPLIANCE PROTOCOL**

eForce will:

- ensure that their staff will be wearing masks and gloves and will have no direct contact with residents.
- have staff unloading each vehicle, and staff palletizing material and loading our trucks
- be wearing Personnel Protective Equipment at all times.
- have five staff overseeing traffic and flow

**ALL RESIDENTS MUST REMAIN INSIDE THEIR VEHICLE WHILE THE EFORCE STAFF REMOVES THEIR EWASTE.**

Click [here](#) for PA-DEP guidance.





# FREE SHREDDING EVENT

EAST GOSHEN TWP. PARK

NOVEMBER 14, 2020

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Limit of 4 file size boxes per person



**Township Manager**  
Louis F. Smith, Jr.  
[rsmith@eastgoshen.org](mailto:rsmith@eastgoshen.org)

### MEETINGS

East Goshen Township meetings are advertised in the *Daily Local News*  
[www.eastgoshen.org](http://www.eastgoshen.org)

### TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

East Goshen Township Building  
1580 Paoli Pike  
West Chester, PA 19380  
Office Hours  
Monday through Friday  
8 am to 5 pm  
610-692-7171  
Fax: 610-692-8950



Sign up to receive  
email updates.



# Dates of Importance

OCT 01  
Park & Rec Commission, 7PM

OCT 06  
Board Of Supervisors, 7PM

OCT 07  
Planning Commission, 7PM

OCT 08  
Historical Committee, 7PM

OCT 12  
Municipal Authority, 7PM

OCT 13  
Pension Committee, 10AM

OCT 14  
Conservancy Board, 7PM

OCT 15  
Futurist Committee, 7PM

OCT 20  
Board Of Supervisors, 7PM

OCT 22  
Pipeline Task Force, 6:30PM

OCT 26  
Sustainability Advisory  
Committee, 7PM

NOV 03  
Election Day

NOV 04  
Planning Commission, 7PM

NOV 05  
Park & Rec Commission, 7PM

NOV 09  
Municipal Authority, 7PM

NOV 10  
Board of Supervisors, 7PM

NOV 11  
Veteran's Day – Office Closed

NOV 11  
Conservancy Board, 7PM

NOV 12  
Pipeline Task Force, 6:30PM

NOV 12  
Historical Commission, 7PM

Nov 16  
Sustainability Advisory  
Committee, 7PM

NOV 17  
Board Of Supervisors, 7PM

NOV 19  
Futurist Committee, 7PM

NOV 26 & 27  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
Office Closed

DEC 01  
Board Of Supervisors, 7PM

DEC 02  
Planning Commission, 7PM

DEC 03  
Park & Recreation  
Commission, 7PM

DEC 09  
Conservancy Board, 7PM

DEC 10  
Pipeline Task Force, 6:30PM

DEC 10  
Historical Commission, 7PM

DEC 14  
Municipal Authority, 7PM

DEC 15  
Board Of Supervisors, 7PM

DEC 17  
Futurist Committee, 7PM

DEC 21  
Sustainability Advisory  
Committee, 7PM

DEC 25  
Christmas Day  
Office Closed

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

The Township Office will be closed on Election Day, November 3.  
However, the Township Building will be open for voting services on  
this day.

