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Chester County, PA

Township

Paoli Pike Trail NOW OPEN!

From The Chairman...

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Fellow Residents:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors and Township staff, I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season! I hope that you are all able to spend time with your family and friends over the next few weeks while social distancing and taking steps to stay safe.

We had a virtual ribbon cutting to celebrate the formal opening of the segment of the **Paoli Pike Trail** that runs from Reservoir Road to Line Road. Our Township Staff reports that in addition to those that utilize the portion of the trail in Applebrook Park, they have also seen people utilizing the section between Reservoir Road and the Park. I would expect that usage will increase once spring rolls around. In addition, it is worth repeating again that the Board would like to extend its gratitude to



(L-R): M. Moskowitz (County Commissioner), D. Leicht (Parks & Rec Chair), J. Emanuel (Former Supvsr), Michele Kichline (County Commissioner), J. Maxwell (County Commissioner), D. Shuey (Twp Supvsr), C. Battavio (Former Supvsr), M. Lynch, (Twp Supvsr), R. Griffith (Chesco Plg), D. Wagner (McMahon Assc) and J. Natale (DVRPC)

PennDOT, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Chester County and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for their funding of this project. Lastly, the Township would like to thank Communications Test Design, Inc. (CTDI) for their gifting of right of way easements along the trail. CTDI was founded in 1975 by Jerry Parsons, his father Don, and brother Dick, in the family's garage right here in East Goshen Township. The company now has nearly 14,000 employees in over 90 facilities worldwide, but still headquarters in East Goshen Township.

In November, the contractor began working at the Hershey Mill Dam. The contractor will breach the dam by year's end, and once that occurs, the potential for a failure of the dam is eliminated. While we did not have a groundbreaking for this project, we will be having some type of opening event once the park improvements have been completed in 2021.

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MEETINGS

East Goshen Township meetings are advertised in the Daily Local News

Agendas and Minutes are available on our website: www.eastgoshen.org

All Township meetings and workshops with the exception of Board of Supervisors executive sessions are open to the public.



Respecting the Past Serving the Present Preparing for the Future

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In mid-December, the Board approved the 2021 Budget, which lays out the normal revenues and expenses for the Township and the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan, which lays out all the planned capital projects and funding sources over the next five years. The 2021 Budget was especially challenging this year given the impact COVID-19 had on our revenues for 2020 and the potential impact it could have on our revenues for 2021.

And, as you may have noticed, the Sunoco Mariner 2 and 2x project is winding down. The last remaining section of the pipeline to be installed is the section between Bow Tree Drive and Saints Simon and Jude Church in Westtown. Sunoco advises that they plan to pull back this section of pipe in mid-February and, once that is accomplished, the Bow Tree Drive work area will be restored. I believe most of our residents will be glad once the construction is over.

Speaking of Sunoco, in October the Board was made aware of a whistleblower complaint about a subsidence on the west side of North Chester Road, just south of Anne Drive. The whistleblower alleges that the subsidence was related to or caused by the Sunoco's drilling activities. As of this date, the PA Public Utility Commission and PennDOT are looking into the subsidence, and information about this matter is being posted on the website as it becomes available.

On the land use side, it should come as no surprise that COVID-19, has resulted in a significant increase in the number of people working from home. While this is good from some perspectives such as less traffic, it raises questions about the future of office buildings. Take for example a company that has 100 employees traditionally needing a building of sufficient size to provide office space for each employee. However, if many employees can work from home, that company can get by with a much smaller building. This is significant since the 1980's saw the development of many corporate parks for offices. Take a drive through these corporate parks today, and you see a lot fewer cars and a lot more for sale or rent signs. Since our corporate parks make up 10% of our land area and a significant percentage of our tax revenues, the Board has created a Business Park Task Force to look into the impact this phenomenon will have on our corporate parks and make a recommendation to the Board on how to address this issue. The Board has

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appointed Supervisors David Shuey and John Hertzog; Planning Commission members John Stipe, Ed Decker and Mike Koza; and Futurist Committee members Brian Sweet and Jeff O'Donnell to serve on this Task Force. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

I would add that on November 6, 2020, Mr. Jon Altshul, our Assistant Township Manager and Director of Finance, resigned from East Goshen to assume the position of Township Manager at Westtown Township. During his eight-and-a-half-year tenure at East Goshen, Jon professionally and successfully managed the Township's finances. Due to his leadership, East Goshen continues to be one of the few municipalities in Chester County with a AAA bond rating. We wish him the best of luck at Westtown Township!

Finally, we would like to recognize Senator Tom Killion and Representative Comitta for their efforts on behalf of our constituents. They each championed many of our current undertakings, and we wish them well and much future success. We also welcome Senator-Elect John Kane and Representative-Elect Diane Herrin and look forward to working with them in the coming years.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Township has an e-mail communication called **Constant Contact**. Residents can receive timely information on specific areas of interest. Residents can sign up by going to the Township's website at 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 to sign up today.

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

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

Happy Holidays!

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E. Martin Shane, Chairman





Township Supervisors Mike Lynch & David Shuey enjoy first ride on the new Paoli Pike Trail.

Congratulations to East Goshen Township's Public Works Director

The Township is proud to congratulate our Public Works Director, Mark Miller, for being awarded the J. Larry Boling award. This award honors a professional in the local government public sector of Chester County who has established excellence in their jurisdiction in the administration of government through economy, efficiency, and introduction of sound business practices, projects, or initiatives that demonstrate innovation.

The award is founded on the legacy of public service professional Larry Boling who dedicated his entire career with Chester County to the goal and mission to make local government succeed.

Mark, this is a well-deserved recognition. You make East Goshen Township exceptional, accessible, transparent and citizen-service responsive. You are a key reason why East Goshen Township is, and continues to be, a successful local government.





Mark Miller, Public Works Director
J. Larry Boling Award Recipient

Sewer/Refuse Discount Program

In addition to state and federal programs that offer financial assistance to senior citizens and those with lower incomes, East Goshen Township offers a 5% discount on utility bills to residents who meet certain criteria. To be eligible for this discount, a resident must meet the requirements for any of the following programs and complete an East Goshen Township sewer and refuse discount program application by December 31, 2020:

- Senior Citizen Property Tax or Rent Rebate Act (file a PA1000 with the State)
- Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract or the Elderly Act (PACE)
- Federal Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended through 2030
- Women's, Infants and Children's Nutrition Improvement Act
- Aid to Families with Dependent Children
- Public Assistance Law

The Township may request proof of eligibility and the resident must agree to comply upon request.

Residents already enrolled in this program must re-apply each year. Applications to enroll are available by contacting Chris Boylan at the Township 610-692-7171.



Latest News from the Malvern Public Library

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

We want to thank everyone who generously donated to the library during our annual Give-a-Thon. We appreciate the support from our community as we face these challenging times and hope that 2021 gives us a better New Year. If you would like to make a monetary donation, go to our website at www.malvern-library.org for more information.

On our website you will also find our new events calendar with upcoming online events and programs. For adults we have a financial security series on January 19, February 16, and March 16 at 7 PM. These programs will focus on how to avoid scams, protecting yourself from identity theft, cyber security for your finances, and how to stop fraud. Attend one or all. Registration can be found on our events calendar. A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants 24 hours prior to the event. Don't forget to check out our children's programs as well.

Prepare for upcoming winter storms by checking out a book bundle to keep your kids busy. Each bundle has a themed topic and includes 5 picture books, 1 DVD (no rental fee) and 1 activity packet. We may not have milk, bread, or eggs, but we have Hotspot rentals to keep you connected in case of power outages and audiobooks to listen to on those cold wintery nights. And if you still miss the chance to stop by, you can find e-books to download from our *Libby* app, or check out our new Chester County Library app to place a hold on a book. Don't forget you can still schedule a curbside pick-up Mondays through Fridays.

Malvern Library is looking for an East Goshen resident to join our Board. Board members meet once a month (excluding August). Responsibilities include developing Library policies and fundraising. If you are interested, please contact the Malvern Library Director, Maggie Stanton, at mstanton@ccls.org or by phone: 610-644-7259.

Pay Your Bill With Paymentus

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!

To get started, visit the East Goshen Township home page (www.eastgoshen.org) and click the first blue button on the left

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



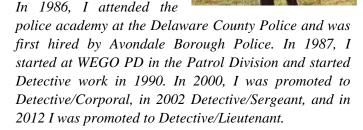
WEGO Says "Goodbye" to One of Their Finest

After 33 years of working at the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department, Detective / Lieutenant William Cahill will be retiring in January 2021. WEGO Police Department sat down with him to reflect on his extensive career and insight as an essential member of the department.

When did you know you wanted to go into law enforcement?

As a senior at East High School, I met a couple officers at the West Goshen Township Police Department and became friends with them.

Can you give a brief timeline of your career progression?



Who would you say was your biggest influence in your career?

In high school I met (then) Detective Michael O'Brien at West Goshen Police and he influenced me to consider attending the police academy. I was fortunate to do well in the academy and to be hired by WEGO PD. Mike was hired by the FBI as a Special Agent, and I continued at the local law enforcement level. After Mike retired from the FBI, I was assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Task Force Officer in 2017.

What has this field taught you the most?

To not rush to judgment and to keep an open mind.

How do you feel about retiring?

It's a strange feeling thinking that what you have done for 33 years will come to an end. I will miss working for one of the best law enforcement agencies in the US.

What was your proudest accomplishment(s)?

In 1987, we pulled a trapped motorist from his burning vehicle after we failed several times to get inside the car. In 1991, we responded to an accident involving a child who was struck by a vehicle on Hummingbird Lane. Mike O'Brien and I arrived quickly and worked with EMS. The victim survived and we have been friends since. In 2000, I



investigated a very violent armed robbery of the Genuardi's in East Goshen. Several employees were held inside the store by armed, masked criminals. With the assistance of several agencies, we identified and arrested the individuals who committed the crime. The most violent offender was able to elude law enforcement for 14 years and with the assistance of the FBI, we were able to apprehend William "Chew" Lewis in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Lewis was returned to Chester County and a jury convicted him 15 years after the crime occurred.

What was your scariest moment?

The scariest moment for me was 9/11/2001 when three members of WEGO PD traveled to New York City to assist with the terrorist attack. We were on the downed towers assisting with search attempts. It was dark. There were fires in different openings and the beams were slick from the fire department spraying water. It was the darkest day of my career.



Ground Zero, 9/11/2001

Can you describe how you have coped with being on as many cases as you have been on?



I think I have coped by having activities outside of law enforcement. For several years, I worked with different NASCAR teams that allowed me to travel and work with great people. Spending

time with my family was a big part of my successful career and surviving difficult investigations and arrests. Police work can be stressful and you have to have a mechanism to clear your mind.

Do you have a mantra you live by? "Performance Not Promise."

What will you do after you retire?

I am hoping to remain in law enforcement and work as a detective for a local department or agency. I'm also considering entering the corporate security world.

Is there anything else you would like to say to the community?

In closing, I would like to thank the residents and business owners in Westtown, East Goshen and Thornbury Townships for the support given to the police department. We are lucky to live in a great part of the United States. This career has given me the opportunity to work with true professionals at the local, state and federal level. The law enforcement network is powerful because of the cooperation amongst agencies. I would also like to thank the elected officials who have trusted me over the years to protect our citizens.

Planned Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade

The Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant (RCSTP) is East Goshen Township's sewer treatment plant. It was upgraded in 2008 to an average capacity of 750,000 gallons/day and a maximum peak capacity of 3,000,000 gallons/day, with a typical effluent of 300,000-400,000 gallons/day. With a full-time staff and oversight by the EG Public Works Department and the EG Municipal Authority (EGMA), it is important to maintain safe and efficient plant operations. This is a highly regulated environment and industry, and all of the components of the plant are continually monitored to maintain its effectiveness in meeting discharge limits set by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

As part of the normal operations of the RCSTP, caustic soda (strongly basic sodium hydroxide) is added to the sequencing batch reactors (SBRs) as part of the wastewater treatment. These SBRs are a major part of the process to remove ammonia and phosphorus, adjust pH, biologically aerate the wastewater, and eventually discharge the final effluent. Currently, large bags of caustic soda are manually carried up many steps and transferred into the top of the large SBRs, into the liquid suspension. This step is lacking in some safety considerations and does not allow a closer titration of the caustic soda needed at any time. Therefore, the EGMA is replacing the current caustic soda operation with a safer, more efficient caustic soda storage and feed configuration.

The new storage and chemical feed configuration will include a double-walled storage tank of 3000 gallons and four chemical feed pumps to convey the caustic soda solution (25% sodium hydroxide) directly into the separate SBRs at the plant. Providing the solution of caustic soda in a hands-



off manner will be a safer alternative to the current process and also brings a cost savings to this component of plant operations. Construction of the storage tank, pumps and piping is not a simple matter and requires site location, structural, mechanical and electrical considerations. The EG Public Works Department will perform the construction with the EGMA Engineer, Pennoni Associates, assisting with the design and permitting of the project.

The total costs for the project are estimated at \$190,000. However, the EGMA has obtained a large \$152,980 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to offset much of these costs. In summary, the EGMA will be able to upgrade the RCSTP plant in a more safe and efficient manner, and at a 80% discount with grant award. This new construction will commence in the spring of 2021.

Phil Mayer

Chairman, East Goshen Municipal Authority

GOSHEN FIRE COMPANY KEEPING US SAFE

We never stop training. Goshen recently purchased new "bailout kits" containing rope, hooks and a descender device that are compact enough to be carried in a firefighter's pocket. In the event that a firefighter needs to make a rapid exit from a building window due to deteriorating conditions, this kit enables them to do so safely and quickly.

Thanks to All Hands Fire Equipment for your assistance with the purchase and training at the West Chester Fire Department Training Center.



Chief O'Neill beginning his descent and will proceed to right himself. The large overhead pulley system shown is a safety backup, controlled by the instructor on the ground



Lt. Weaverling repacking the kit into his pocket



The Chief lowers himself down the wall in a controlled fashion

It has been another busy year for Goshen Fire Company. As of the end of November 2020, we responded to over 600 fire calls. These range from the most serious, like house fires, auto accidents and odor investigations to less serious such as false fire alarms. In your home, it is important that you use caution in the kitchen, and make sure that your alarm system is clean, serviced and in good working order. A false fire alarm could mean that we are delayed in responding to a serious incident.



One of our biggest fans

Our ambulance crews responded to over 3,300 calls through November, averaging ten runs per day, making Goshen one of the busiest ambulance companies in Chester County. Our Fire Police Division has responded over 300 times this year, keeping first responders and you safe at fire scenes and auto accidents.

Last year we changed things up a bit; instead of driving Santa around on a fire truck, we invited you to an open house at Station 54 to get a photo with Santa. Due to pandemic restrictions, we can't have a party this year, so we will be bringing Santa to you on a fire truck. Watch our website and our Facebook page for dates and neighborhood locations. We will try to reach everyone, but in case we can't, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

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/donate if you would like to contribute.



Our Fire, EMS and Fire Police divisions always welcome new volunteers; training and equipment is 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, fund raising and special events. Go to www.goshenfireco.org for information on how you can join us. Follow us on Facebook at Goshen Fire Company.

Always Looking Into The Future

At this time last year, a pandemic was certainly not on our radar of the important issues which would face East Goshen Township. We hope you and your loved ones are staying healthy during this stressful period. Despite the pandemic, however, there is still much happening in our community. We hope you are pleased with the way the Paoli Pike Trail is taking shape. The current phase of the Trail has taken more than five years to complete. Township staff are now seeking regional grants to complete the trail all the way to the YMCA and East High School.

Large projects like the Trail take time to plan, fund and implement. We are so fortunate to have leaders and volunteers with forethought who recognize this and who are willing to offer their time and expertise to advance Township amenities such as the Trail. These amenities make East Goshen Township more attractive to potential home buyers and increase the value of our homes.

Your Futurist Committee continues to seek means to make the Township even more desirable. The Paoli Pike Trail now connects some of East Goshen's key areas such as East Goshen Park, Goshenville Historic District, East Goshen Elementary School, Goshen Village Shopping Center, and East Goshen Business Park with a walking and biking artery. The Futurist Committee believes this area could be further improved with some proactive steps that would prevent haphazard and nonuniform development along our main corridor that could end up looking like

Route 30. The Planning Commission has recommended an Overlay Zoning District to address possible private redevelopment for the area between Boot Road and Route 352. This proposal could allow options such as outdoor dining and gathering spaces, specialty retail, and space for events such as art and craft exhibits.

Added street trees and landscaping could be as appealing as those we have in our neighborhoods, bringing beauty to this area. Efficient lighting would add a warm evening glow differentiating East Goshen Township from other communities along Paoli Pike. With careful planning we can maintain the bucolic setting of our township while embracing sustainable architectural innovation.

Amidst coping with a pandemic, it is exciting to think about the possibility of a future time when we can meet with our friends and neighbors in a village like area for a bite to eat, a cup of coffee, or just to meet in an attractive outdoor space.

Please take a few minutes to go to the <u>Township Website</u> and look for the <u>Paoli Pike Corridor Master Plan</u> to see what possibilities could exist for this corridor of East Goshen Township five to ten years into the future. We hope you will be as excited as we are about the potential for our Township. We would appreciate your feedback and input at <u>futurist@eastgoshen.org</u>.

The Futurist Committee



The Friends of East Goshen (FOEG - 501c3) is proud to support East Goshen Township in a number of ways, most notably its parks and amazing events! FOEG is a five person, volunteer team of Township residents who spend endless hours in our parks, and love them so much they could shout it from a rooftop! But shouting from rooftops does not help put on Community Day or have additional shade structures installed at the playground; this is where fundraising comes in! The Friends of East Goshen takes tax-deductible donations throughout the calendar year to help pay for our Township events like the Egg Hunt, Community Day and the Pumpkin Festival. These events are always free of charge to the general public because of the hard work of the Friends of East Goshen. Have you attended one of these events in the past? Consider making a donation to make these events bigger and better in 2021! This year has been an understandable pause for East Goshen Township park events, but we know once things turn around next year, these events will be in high demand! As you read this, there are two weeks left in the calendar year to make charitable donations. I hope you consider The Friends of East Goshen and help us create a memory filled 2021 in EGT Park!

Visit us at: https://friendsofeastgoshen.org/.

Danny Leicht, Chair; Carole Quadagno, Secretary; Members: Nancy Monroe Clifford Cindy Oursler Nicholas R. Sapone, Jr.



Your Sustainability Advisory Committee has been hard at work!

During COVID-19 quarantine, we have hosted seven online seminars with local and regional experts for your enjoyment and education. The first six are available to view on the East Goshen Township Website. These include helpful information on green energy conversion, especially solar roof panels, purchase of electric and hybrid vehicles and charging capability, composting, and recycling suggestions.

The most recent seminar hosted by East Goshen's own gardening celebrity, Phillip Watson, includes a <u>10 minute video</u> of Phillip's garden with narration. We will have additional seasonal slides and videos narrated by Phillip in 2021. You won't want to miss these!

On October 19, your East Goshen SAC hosted <u>a webinar</u> moderated by Patti Lynn, Chester County's Recycling Coordinator. Patti explained what happens to your recyclables once they leave your curbside. She provided a pictorial overview of Chester County facility and explained all the unique materials accepted there for recycling – like scrap metal, Styrofoam blocks and fluorescent tubes. For

Patty Lynn, Recycling Resources Manager more information about what is accepted go to www.chestercountyswa.org. Patti addressed questions about what's in and what's out as far as recycling.

Some attendee questions she addressed:

Can hardback books be recycled?

Remove the hard cover, then yes,

they can.

Should I bag my recyclables?

No – recyclables need to be loose so they can go through the sorter.

Can plastic shopping bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags be recycled?

Currently they can't be placed in your EGT recycling bin, BUT save them as most supermarkets have a container collecting all types of plastic bags, not just the ones they provide.

Some general rules everyone can remember:

Materials should be bigger than a credit card so they can be sorted properly. The recyclables must be rinsed out — relatively clean. Everything in the recycling bin should be loose, dry and empty. Cardboard and paper especially cannot be recycled if they are wet.

We are working on a number of additional subjects for virtual seminars in 2021 as well. Please send us your suggestions for topics that interest you! Also, how many residents would welcome an opportunity to participate in community gardens, perhaps one for adults and one for children, with workshops helping you to successfully plant fruits and veggies. Who might be interested in community composting, exclusive of food waste? Let us know!

Lastly, we are working on several options for reduction in single-use plastics. Send us your thoughts by writing us at sac@eastgoshen.org. Eager to hear from you!

Do you put the lid back on a bottle before recycling?

Not if the top is a different material - then just recycle

the bottle. If the top is too small to recycle separately, as often happens, these need to be put in trash for now.

Can pizza boxes be recycled?

Not if they are greasy. Rip the top off, since that is usually grease-free, and recycle it.



COMITTA'S

Dear Neighbors,

It has been an honor to serve as your State Representative these past four years. I have had the pleasure of working and meeting with so many of our East Goshen residents, schools, and businesses. Throughout my term, I was pleased to be able to help direct thousands of dollars in state grant funds for local projects, work directly on Mariner East pipeline concerns, and so many other issues of importance for residents. While my new Senate district does not cover East Goshen,

I look forward to continuing working alongside my East Goshen friends. I know Representative-Elect Dianne Herrin is ready to serve and work for you in Harrisburg! The district office of the 156th Legislative District will remain at 21 W. Washington St., Suite A in the Borough of West Chester.

Please stay safe and enjoy the holiday season!

Carolyn Comitta



Introducing State Representative Dianne Herrin



Dianne Herrin has been elected as our next State Representative of the 156th Legislative District, which includes all of East Goshen Township. Representative-Elect Herrin has served as the Mayor of West Chester for three years and has 12 years of professional experience as an energy efficiency and renewable energy consultant for large commercial and municipal clients.

Representative-Elect Herrin has placed service to the residents of our district as her top priority, and she encourages us to reach out for assistance with any and all state-related issues such as PennDOT concerns, birth/death certificates, unemployment compensation, issues impacting seniors, property tax/rent rebates, and more. She also strongly encourages residents to call or email her office with concerns, questions, and ideas about all of the issues of concern to you.

Representative-Elect Herrin will retain the same local office and phone number as our prior Representative Carolyn Comitta and is setting up the office and hiring support staff through the month of December. Beginning on or around December 14, the office is planned to be up and running, so please reach out! Representative-Elect Herrin looks forwarding to serving you.

Representative-Elect Dianne Herrin 21 West Washington Street, Suite A West Chester, PA 19380 610.696.4990 DHerrin@pahouse.net FREE PARKING



EGT Park: Bedrock Therapy During a Period of Absolute Uncertainty



As you read this, the calendar year will be coming to a close, and I think all of us will be happy to see "2021" flash on our tv screens come New Year's Eve. It has been a tough year and I hope everyone has weathered the pandemic as best as possible.



As a Parks and Recreation Director, what have I learned during 2020? You love your parks! Wow, simply wow. The parks are not just where you go to exercise or attend an egg hunt; your parks are so much more than that. Early in the pandemic, the park trails remained open with the rest of the park closed, and it was amazing to see how the trails helped keep the community

together. The act of walking, dog walking, getting fresh air and waving hi at a neighbor from a distance were bedrock therapies during a period of absolute uncertainty. The trails were always there, dawn to dusk, free to the public, accessible to all, our best asset. As COVID-19 restrictions relaxed over the summer months, park amenities like the playground and sports fields opened for use. I don't have hard data on park attendance over these months, but parking was scarce all day, every day. East Goshen Park became our coffee shop, movie theater by smartphone, a "let's sit on the boulders and chat" hang out spot, and the only place our kids could safely meet and socialize. I am proud that we were the only municipal camp program that remained open this summer. I have an amazing camp staff that almost to a person started their EGT Camp experience first as a camper. What does that produce? Buy in. Genuinely caring about the camp experience for every kid that hops out of a car. I would also be remiss not to thank our creative Public Works

Department, who helped us incorporate upgraded safety measures for camp.

Seeing how our park's trails were used so frequently this year makes me especially happy to announce that the Paoli Pike Trail from Line Road to Reservoir Road is now open – go out and enjoy it! Efforts by elected officials, Township staff, planners, and above all, residents, have made the project such an overwhelming success! According to NRPA (National Recreation and Park Association) data, projects such as this receive on average 19.4% grant funding, and we are above 50%! The Paoli Pike Trail will positively affect our community in several ways. It will practically connect the land uses along Paoli Pike. No more watching high school students walk down Paoli Pike on their way to school. Picture extended Friday lunches where people from the Goshen Corporate Park walk over and support our local businesses like Patelmo's Pizza and the Oriental Pearl. It will encourage healthy lifestyles: envision leaving your house and walking to the YMCA for a quick swim with the kids! Just like the trails in the park this year, it will always be there, ready for you! But similar to owning a Porsche, sometimes you need to get off the mundane highway, take it to the racetrack, and open it up! The Paoli Pike Trail will be our Porsche, and I plan to open it up in 2021! I am envisioning events with artists lining the trail, Walk with a Doc programs, the yard sales coming home to the Township Building, First Fridays with music, and more! Spring isn't here yet, but the Paoli Pike Trail is! It will be maintained throughout the winter, so I encourage everyone to bundle up and get moving!

See you in the park!

~Jason Lang,

Parks and Recreation Director

Holiday Season Guest Tour of East Goshen Township

Your guests have already been to Longwood Garden, Winterthur Philadelphia and Valley Forge Amish country in Lancaster, they also have gone through

How about taking them to your very own township To places where you can play show and tell Give them a tour of East Goshen and Goshenville A day out they can enjoy as well

Going through Goshenville Point out this village So alive during the American Revolution War Over 300 years of age

It includes a Blacksmith Shop If it could talk The stories it would tell Stop there and take a walk

The building is believed to be haunted By three Hessian soldiers, a blacksmith assistant A beautiful woman and a monkey An animal who is very persistent

The Plank house behind it
Built around eighteen hundred and two
Was relocated to this spot years ago
Owners were famous for bread making for a special
few

Walking through the house with antique furniture Makes for a fine tour of days gone by See how they cooked in the fireplace Beware there is a chair with a hidden potty you do not try Down the road is the Quaker Meetinghouse A witchcraft trial was held there William Penn heard the case Freed the woman because flying a broom is fine here

Do some research and find the street Charles Lindbergh landed on Look for where German POW's lived While working on area farms and fishing in the ponds

The Battle of the Clouds Not much fighting because it rained Is mentioned in, near and around East Goshen Nothing was really gained

Enjoy the township park The best all-around place Make your own history In this wonderful space

Happy Holidays!

This is my last poem as East Goshen Poet Laureate. The two-year term ends in December. It has been an honor and a privilege. Thanks to all the wonderful people who worked with me on the Santa event, escape rooms, and the Diamond Treasure Hunts, including Ellen Carmody, Sue Ciorletti, Dolores

Higgins, Ted Roberts, and Gary Kerschner. A very special thanks to Jason Lang.

For the last time,

Nancy Bialy Daversa

East Goshen Poet Laureate



East Goshen Township - Parks and Recreation Activities, Programs & Events

Township Events

EGT Holiday House Decorating Contest

Date: Enter now through December 21

Location: YOUR HOUSE

Description: Help us spread a little EGT holiday cheer this year! Something that is very much needed in 2020! To enter, simply email Jason at ilang@eastgoshen.org with one picture of your house along with your street address. Voting will take place a little differently than in past years. Not only will we open up voting on Facebook for general public voting, but the Board of Supervisors & Park Commission will be helping to select the winner! But in the end, it's not really about winning, it's about sharing a little joy with our entire EGT community!



Paoli Pike Trail, 2021 events

The Paoli Pike Trail is open, and we encourage everyone to get out throughout the winter and enjoy it! That said, when safe to do so, we want to begin holding events along the trail! Some of our initial ideas are:

- Art Walks (think local artists having tables displaying their pieces)
- Group-themed walks
- Youth bicycle demos / helmet fittings
- Township yard sales
- Live Music on weekends
- Trail scavenger hunts

This is where YOU come in – what else should we do? All ideas welcome! Do you have a talent you'd like to share?

EGTV Jeopardy Shows via Zoom

Think you are the master at Star Wars trivia? Harry Potter?? Know more about Philly sports than anyone else??? We can only take three people/families per date.

Upcoming shoot dates (6pm or 7pm):

January 6: Philly sports trivia & Harry Potter

January 13: Star Wars

EGTV – Stump the Champ

Did you know that Jason has an encyclopedic knowledge of baseball trivia? The story goes that many a challenger has fallen testing his abilities. Now, it is your turn! Three challengers will face off against Jason in a no holds barred baseball trivia showdown.

Sign up for our monthly EGTV Jeopardy shows by emailing Jason at ilang@eastgoshen.org. EGTV shows will be recorded on the above dates, and

"broadcast" so the general public can play along at a later

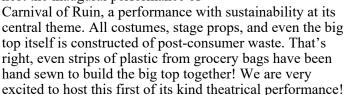
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WCUPA's Carnival of Ruin

Date: May 30, 2021

Location: EGT Park, stage **Description:** This May, EGT Park will

host the inaugural performance of



Follow Carnival of Ruin on Instagram @carnivalofruin and Facebook @carnivalofruin for up-to-date images and performance information

SE Pennsylvania Teen Filmmakers Showcase

Date: Monday, August 9, 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 2021

SE Pennsylvania Teen Filmmakers Showcase! Event attendees will walk a red carpet and join fellow teens in a 150 seat arena to watch some great cinema! Submissions from Chester County high school film clubs will also be accepted. The submission period is open through June 15 and Critic's Choice and Fan Favorite Awards will be given

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

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Township Events

Special Events in the Park

Location: East Goshen Township Park (Hicks & Veterans Pavilions)

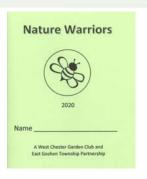
Description: Did you know East Goshen Park plays host to over 80 special event rentals each year! Whether scheduling a birthday party, family BBQ, corporate outing, or fundraising 5K, our park should be your first choice! Imagine a birthday party at the Hicks Pavilion with the brand-new playground as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



Youth Activities

Nature Warriors

Dates: Begins spring 2021 **Description:** The West Chester
Garden Club (who developed the
Butterfly Garden) and East Goshen
Parks and Rec are teaming up once
again, this time to create a
community of Nature Warriors!
This program aimed at elementary



aged children will be a fun, exploratory scavenger hunt filled with in-person workshops, off site adventures and parent/child activities! Look for more information and registration details as spring approaches!



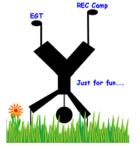
Anticipated Summer Camp schedule.

Description: It is never too early to start planning for the summer camp season AND it's something the kids can look forward to! We are proud to have been the

only municipal summer camp to successfully operate in 2020 and look forward to a great 2021 camp season! Exact camp details to be finalized pending COVID-19 status as we approach spring. Visit <u>eastgoshen.org</u> and be added to the email blast list for real time programming updates.

Summer REC Camp

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 21 – July 23 9am – 12pm



Summer REC Full Day Camp ***New in 2021***

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 21 – July 23 8am – 5:30pm



Beginner Legos

Dates: Section I, Monday-Friday, June 21 – June 25, 12:30pm-3:30pm Section II, Monday-Friday, August 2 – August 6, 9:00am-12:00pm **Ages:** 6—12

Intermediate Legos

When: Monday-Friday, July 5 – July 9, 12:30pm-3:30pm

Ages: 6—12

Rocketry Camp

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

Ages: 9—13

Cartooning Camp

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

Ages: 7—11

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Youth and Adult Activities

West Chester Junior Tennis League

Location: East Goshen Park

Dates/times: Saturday afternoons for 7 weeks, starting April 24

Description: For Beginner and Intermediate players, ages 5-14, the West Chester Junior Tennis League is the perfect way for your kids to learn and PLAY tennis. Our 7-week program starts with 3 weeks of instruction and continues with 4 weeks of instruction and supervised match play.

Register at http://phillyteamtennis.org/

Contact Information: Justin DePietropaolo, justin@phillyteamtennis.org





Adult Tennis Clinics

Location: East Goshen Park

Dates/times: Tuesday mornings, 9a-10a, starting April 24

Description: For Beginner and Intermediate players, ages 5-14, the West Chester Junior Tennis League is the perfect way for your kids to learn and PLAY tennis. Our 7 week program starts with 3 weeks of instruction and continues with 4 weeks of instruction and supervised match play.

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Contact Information: Justin DePietropaolo, justin@phillyteamtennis.org

DubC NFL Flag Football powered by the NFL and USA Football

Date: Registration begins December

Season starts in April

Description: Youth flag football league hosted in EGT Park. 6U, 8U, 10U and 12U divisions; all participants get an official NFL jersey and flags.

Visit https://dubcflag.com/ or email info@dubcflag.com for more information!





Great Valley Little League – 2021 Spring Season

Date: Registration will open in January. Look for more details this Winter at www.GVLL.org

Description: Interested in playing baseball or softball this coming spring? Great Valley Little League has baseball/softball divisions for ages 5 to 16, utilizing EGT Park fields among others.

Visit www.gvll.org for more information!



























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FITNESS



Zumba Fitness

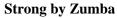
Dates: Mondays- 6:00- 7:00pm

Session 1: Jan. 4- March 1, 2021 (10 classes)

\$50

Session 2: March 8- May 10, 2021 (10

classes) \$50



Dates: Tuesdays- 6:00- 7:00pm

Session 1: Jan. 5- March 2, 2021 (10 classes) \$50 Session 2: March 9- May 11, 2021 (10 classes) \$50

Zumba Toning

Dates: Wednesdays- 6:00-7:00pm

Session 1: Jan. 6- March 3, 2021 (10 classes) \$50 Session 2: March 10- May 12, 2021 (10 classes) \$50 Location: Online classes, register at eastgoshenrec.com

Zumba Instructor Contact Information: Pamela Nelson at zumba2live@aol.com

YOGA

Dates: Winter Series, January 4 - April 15, 2021

Yoga Flows: Mondays, January 4 -

April 12, 2021

Time: 9:00 am - 10:15 am (No class

March 1)

Yoga - All Levels: Tues., January 5 - April 13, 2021

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm (No Class March 2)

Seniors Yoga: Thurs., January 7 - April 15, 2021 Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm (No Class March 4)

Description: Our body has incredible regenerative powers and yoga is valuable for stress management and general wellbeing. 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.

Tuition: \$120 for 14 Week Series (Monday or Tuesday) / \$90

Seniors Yoga Class

Location: Online Classes, register at eastgoshenrec.com

Contact: charo.freespirityoga@gmail.com



NEW Activity!: YOGA FOR THE EYES

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Description: Have all those hours in front of digital screens left your eyes tired, sore and unfocused? Boost your eye health with this yoga practice for the eyes exercising those overused muscles around your eyes to help reduce eye fatigue, ward off eye strain headaches and improve your concentration.

Who is Yoga for the Eye Good For? These practices are excellent for everyone, kids to adults, glasses or not. In an era where vision is increasingly fixed on screens, it is important to remember that the health of your eyes is in your hands!

Tuition: \$40 PDF manual included

Location: Online, register at eastgoshenrec.com **Contact:** charo.freespirityoga@gmail.com



Charo—Township's Yoga Instructor



Winter Weather and Snow Removal

Pre-storm Preparedness Checklist:

- ✓ No on-street parking to allow efficient and safe plowing/salting
- Clear snow from any fire hydrants on or near your property
- Keep a safe distance from all plow trucks
- ✓ Avoid all unnecessary travel
- ✓ Have a 7-day supply of all medications

- ✓ Have 1 gallon of water per person per day on hand
- ✓ Have a 3-day supply of nonperishable food
- Have baby supplies, diapers, formula, etc.
- **✓** Flashlights and batteries
- ✓ Radio battery operated

- ✓ Blankets
- **✓** Full tank of propane for grill
- ✓ Have your gas tank filled
- ✓ Have your pets inside; make sure they have a 7- day supply of food
- ✓ Have dry wood in a garage or covered for the fireplace or wood stove

Snow Removal:

- * We put a layer of brine on the road before the snow event starts; this prevents snow from bonding to the pavement and creating ice.
- * Then we put a layer of salt down on the roads when the snow event starts.
- * Once the snow starts to accumulate the plows begin to make one pass in and out of every street until the snow stops.
- * When the snow stops we begin to clear the streets by pushing the snow to the curb.
- * When clearing your driveway do not deposit the snow into the roadway; this can cause hazardous conditions for other motorists.
- * Cul-de-sacs and storm drains are the final areas to be cleaned up after a storm.

Important Information on Snow Removal

- * Do not park on the street during a snow event.
- * When shoveling your driveway leave the last six feet of your driveway un-shoveled until the plowing has ceased. This unshoveled part will allow the snow being pushed by the plow to remain on the plow and not pushed into your driveway.
- * The Township does not plow residential driveways.
- * If an ambulance has been called to an address in the Township, we will help bring in the emergency vehicle.
- * Please bear in mind that we cannot be everywhere at once. We will plow all roads in order of traffic priority, first the main roads then the secondary roads.
- * Our snow plow drivers are asked to take precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with their plows, but snow can be extremely heavy and a cold brittle mail box can come down easily.



Mailboxes:

- * Expensive/ornate mailboxes should be replaced with a basic mailbox for the winter months
- * Mailboxes should be located so the face of the box is 6-8 inches from the edge of the curb. This is according to USPS guidelines. We suggest putting them as far as 15 inches back from the road edge.
- * Is your mailbox sturdy? Plastic mailboxes tend to become brittle from the sun's UV rays. Make sure the door on the mailbox is closed tightly. If the door is missing or open, the mailbox is sure to "fold" on impact of the snow.
- The East Goshen Township Board of Supervisors has passed a resolution that states that the Township will reimburse a resident \$25.00 for replacement or repair of a mailbox damaged during snow removal operation, provided the resident has advised the Township of said damages within one week of the snow removal operation. The Township does not repair any mailboxes.

Medication Collection Box Now Available in Township Build-

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 need your help!

Cancelled Until Further Notice!!!!

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, Strasburg Road, West Chester Pike and Paoli Pike.

Any residents living on a state road that needs road repair or has trees down or potholes 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.

PA One Call: 1-800-242-1776



Clogged or leaking sanitary sewer lines; sewage smell in the creek:

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

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.



2021 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.

New Year's Day Friday, January 1

Memorial Day Monday, May 31

Labor Day Monday, September 6

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 26



2021 Wednesday Yard Waste **Collection Schedule**

Yard waste is every other Wednesday and every Wednesday in November

January 6, 20

February 3, 17

March 3, 17, 31

April 14, 28

May 12, 26

June 9, 23

July 7, 21

August 4, 18

September 1, 15, 29

October 13, 27

November 3, 10, 17, 24

December 8, 22

Thursday dates are for residents with Monday/Thursday collection Friday dates are for residents with Tuesday/Friday collection

January 14, January 15

2021 BULK TRASH

Collection Schedule

February 11, February 12

March 11, March 12

April 15, April 16

May 13, May 14

June 17, June 18

July 15, July 16

August 12, August 13

September 16, September 17

October 14, October 15

November 18, November 19

December 16, December 17







Dates of Importance

JANUARY 01 New Year's Day—Office Closed

JANUARY 04 Reorganization & Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting, 6PM

> JANUARY 05 Board Of Auditors, 7PM

JANUARY 05 Business Park Task Force, 7PM

JANUARY 06 Planning Commission, 7PM

JANUARY 07 Park & Rec Commission, 7PM

JANUARY 11 Municipal Authority, 7PM

JANUARY 13 Conservancy Board, 7PM

JANUARY 14 Pipeline Task Force, 6:30PM

JANUARY 14 Historical Committee, 7PM

JANUARY 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office Closed

JANUARY 19 Pension Committee, 10AM

JANUARY 19 Board Of Supervisors, 7PM

JANUARY 21 Futurist Committee, 7PM JANUARY 25 Sustainability Advisory Committee, 7PM

JANUARY 26 Annual Planning Session, 6:30 PM

JANUARY 28 Pipeline Task Force, 6:30PM

FEBRARY 01 Business Park Task Force, 7PM

FEBRUARY 02 Board of Supervisors, 7PM

FEBRUARY 03 Planning Commission, 7PM

FEBRUARY 04
Park & Rec Commission, 7PM

FEBRUARY 08 Municipal Authority, 7PM

FEBRUARY 10 Conservancy Board, 7PM

FEBRUARY 11 Historical Commission, 7PM

FEBRUARY 15 Presidents Day—Office Closed

FEBRUARY 16 Board Of Supervisors, 7PM

FEBRUARY 18 Futurist Committee, 7PM

FEBRUARY 22 Sustainability Advisory Committee, 7PM FEBRUARY 25 Pipeline Task Force, 6:30PM

MARCH 01 Business Park Task Force, 7PM

MARCH 02 Board of Supervisors, 7PM

MARCH 03 Planning Commission, 7PM

MARCH 04
Park & Rec Commission, 7PM

MARCH 08 Municipal Authority, 7PM

MARCH 10 Conservancy Board, 7PM

MARCH 11 Historical Commission, 7PM

MARCH 16 Board Of Supervisors, 7PM

MARCH 18 Futurist Committee, 7PM

MARCH 22 Sustainability Advisory Committee, 7PM

MARCH 25 Pipeline Task Force, 6:30PM

Public meeting days and times are subject to change.

Please check the Township's website for the latest information.



Sign up to receive email updates.

