

EAST GOSHEN

Township

FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

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From The Chairman...



Dear Friends, Neighbors and Fellow Residents:

By the time you are reading the Township newsletter, school will have started up again, a slight chill will have returned to the night air, and we are all looking forward to coming months filled with family and friends. The Township has been very busy over the summer months. The Public Works Department paved 5 miles of Township roads in house, at significant savings to the Township. It also cleared over 100 dead ash trees from public spaces affected by the emerald ash borer. Public Works also contended with back-to-back major storms, spending significant time clearing roads, cleaning inlets and repairing culverts. Our Parks and Recreation successfully hosted Community Day in the park, held a memorable, sold out summer camp program and Paoli Pike Trail Segment A, from Airport Road to Ellis Lane, near completion. Foot traffic on the trail has increased and the inaugural Chester County Art Walk was a wonderful event highlighting the benefits of walking alongside some really wonderful artists. At the Township Building, in-person meetings resumed. I encourage all Township residents to refer to our website and attend a meeting. While still not where we all want to be with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Township is proud of the role it has played in maintaining a high-quality East Goshen Township lifestyle.

In March this year, due to the negative financial impact of the COVID-19 public health crisis on various elements of the U.S. economy, the Federal Government made funds available to state and local governments via the American Rescue Plan, or ARP. In June, the Finance Department of East Goshen Township successfully submitted all necessary documentation to apply for this money. In July, the Township received our first distribution of funds in the amount of \$949,820.77. The current plan, approved by the Board of Supervisors, is to use these funds to better serve residents in two capacities. First, \$35K will be utilized to update the public meeting room in the Township Building to a 'hybrid' meeting room which will allow residents to view and interact in public meetings in real time via Zoom, including improved lighting, sound, and displays. Second, the remaining dollars would be spent to repair and replace vital elements of our aging sewer facility system.

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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.

Letter From The Chairman...continued from cover

I'd also like to take a quick moment to discuss Township sewer bills. Your sewer bill is comprised of two components. There first is a fixed rate, which is based on the fixed costs to operate the sewer system. Examples of fixed costs include personnel, contracted services, administrative and building costs. All users pay the same fixed rate, regardless of how much water is used by each customer. The second is a variable rate, which is based on the variable costs to operate the sewer system. Examples of variable costs are operating, maintenance, repairs, infiltration and inflow, utilities, and loan interest. The variable rate is multiplied by each consumer's average water consumption each year, which is determined by taking an average of the 4th quarter of the previous year and the 1st quarter of the current year based on data provided by Aqua. At midyear, projected revenue vs. budgeted expenses are determined. Sewer expenses vary annually based on what projects, maintenance, and associated costs are necessary in a given year. Depending on whether we are forecasting a revenue shortfall or overage determines whether sewer rates will go down or up. Rates are proposed by the Township Manager & Finance Director to the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting every July. The Board of Supervisors adopts new sewer rates every July and residents receive the same sewer bill for 4 quarters.

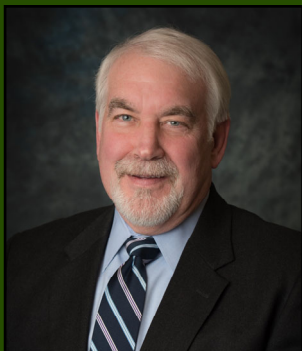
On behalf of my fellow Township Supervisors, I wish you all a healthy and safe fall season.

David

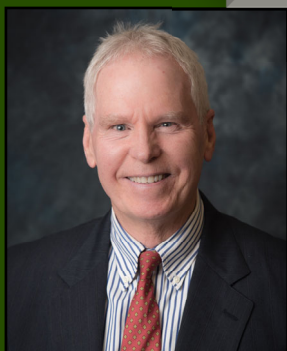
David Shuey
Township Board of Supervisors, Chairman



*Preserving the Past
Serving the Present
Planning for the Future*



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Dear Neighbors,

We have all endured the pipeline construction by Sunoco Energy Transfer (SET) for over four years now. At this point, the pipes are in the ground and surface restoration is nearly complete. As we wait for SET to finally remove the last of their erosion control socks, it's time we turn our attention to emergency preparedness, particularly as it pertains to Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) pipelines.



With this in mind, I recently traveled to Houston, TX, at my own expense, to visit the SET control room where personnel monitor the status of the pipelines that traverse our township. I saw the actual screens that SET operators monitor 24/7, showing the real time statuses of SET equipment in our Township. It was also a unique opportunity to discuss emergency response procedures directly with SET personnel, and have pressing questions answered.

As it happens, September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. This is when all levels of government look at their plans, specifically as they pertain to recurring events with four phases: Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery. The biggest takeaway from my meeting, was that SET committed to helping us develop an appropriate emergency response plan here in East Goshen, including connecting us to other municipalities that have already developed procedures that could be used as guides.

As our Township moves forward with developing emergency plans in regard to the LNG pipelines that are running beneath our land and roads, I urge each resident to consider adopting an emergency plan for your family. If you are looking for a place to start developing a plan, go to the county website, or this national site: www.ready.gov for information. If you are interested and have some experience in emergency planning, and you would like to contribute by working with the Township on our plan, please send an email with your contact information to: info@eastgoshen.org.

Happy Fall!
Michele Truitt
Supervisor



**Sign up to receive
email updates.**



East Goshen Township recognizes long-time ABC members

Former Township Supervisor Carmen Battavio was recently honored for fifty years of service (and counting!) to East Goshen Township residents. The recognition concluded the “Bee Hives by the Blacksmith Shop” ribbon cutting and included remarks from family, friends and Township officials. Beginning in 1971 while at the Goshen Fire Company, Carmen has served on various Township ABCs, as Supervisor for over twenty years, Fire Marshall and Bee Keeper.



Township Supervisor Michele Truitt with Carmen Battavio



Former Township Supervisor Janet Emanuel was honored for her forty years of service to the Township during the recent Chester County Art Walk. Janet has been a lifelong painter, and we found it a fitting location to celebrate her contributions to the Township! Janet began serving on the Planning Commission in 1979 before becoming a Township Supervisor, retiring in 2019. Janet was instrumental in securing grant funding for the Paoli Pike Trail, and so her recognition included a bench outside the Township Building with an engraved plaque.

Please join the Township Board of Supervisors, staff, ABC members and residents in thanking Carmen and Janet for their combined 90 years of service to the Township!



2021 TAX BILLS

Township Real Estate Bills were mailed on Friday, January 29, 2021.

If your tax bill has not yet been paid, payment must be remitted to East Goshen Township, 1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380, prior to December 31, 2021. Any tax not paid by December 31, 2021 will be turned over to the County for collection and a lien will be placed on the property. No personal checks are allowed after December 15, 2021.

Questions regarding East Goshen Township taxes can be directed to Chris Boylan at cboylan@eastgoshen.org or 610-692-7171.

SEWER AND TRASH BILLS

(Applies to residents receiving service through the Township)

East Goshen Township partnered with Paymentus to offer residents a convenient, environmentally friendly option to pay sewer and refuse bills.

Did you know that using your computer or cell phone, you can...

- ◆ view and pay your utility bill on our website
- ◆ check account balance anytime

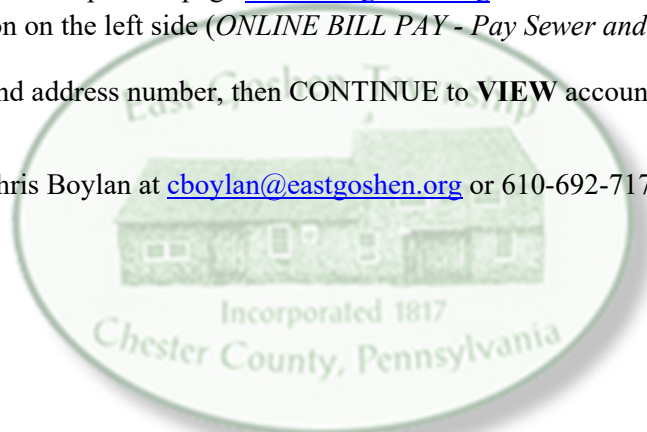
Things to consider:

- ◆ Save time, a stamp, a check, an envelope and save paper!
- ◆ Flexibility to save a payment profile or make a one-time payment through our website
- ◆ Pay by e-check, debit card, or credit card with no fee for this service
- ◆ Processing a payment through your online banking bill payer service can be delayed or lost in the mail

Here's how to get started:

- ◆ From the East Goshen Township home page www.eastgoshen.org
- ◆ Click the first blue button on the left side (*ONLINE BILL PAY - Pay Sewer and Refuse*)
- ◆ Click *PAY NOW*
- ◆ Enter account number and address number, then CONTINUE to **VIEW** account details or enter payment information

Any questions, please contact Chris Boylan at cboylan@eastgoshen.org or 610-692-7171.



Wastewater Collection System Capital Improvements

The East Goshen Municipal Authority (EGMA) will be undertaking two major capital projects starting Fall 2021 through Spring 2022: the Rehabilitation and Upgrade of the Westtown Way Pumping Station and Replacement of the Hershey Mill Estates Trunk Sewer.

The Westtown Way Pumping Station, owned and operated by the West Goshen Sewer Authority (WGSA), receives flows from the western and southern portions of East Goshen Township as well as some eastern portions of West Goshen Township. Wastewater treatment is provided at West Goshen's Sewage Treatment Plant through an intermunicipal agreement signed in 1977. The agreement calls for West Goshen Sewer Authority to accept up to 1.0 million gallons/day of wastewater from East Goshen Township.

The Westtown Way Pumping Station, constructed in 1977, needs major rehabilitation and improvements after over 40 years of operation. Replacement of pumping, electrical controls, mechanical and heating and ventilating systems is required since parts for many systems are no longer available or have reached the end of their service life. Current building codes and life safety issues will also be addressed.

The Municipal Authority, Township staff and our Engineer, Pennoni Associates, have been working diligently with WGSA staff and their engineer since 2017 to address the requirements of the Rehabilitation and Upgrade. As condition assessments and preliminary designs were completed, estimated construction costs evolved significantly, reaching \$3.7 million. Throughout 2020 and 2021, we reviewed the designs and met with WGSA regularly to reduce costs and, in July 2021, agreed to a value-engineered plan with an estimated construction cost of \$2.7 million. It is anticipated that the project will be bid by September 29. EGMA's share of the project is about 54.8% per the intermunicipal agreement, or approximately \$1.4 million.

The Hershey Mill Estates Trunk Sewer Replacement Project requires the excavation and re-installation of over 2,700 feet of 8-inch pipe from Tanglewood Drive to Greenhill Road that follows a stream valley. This pipe services Hershey Mill Estates, Fairway Village and Lockwood Chase residences. Condition assessments and surveys in early 2021 identified significant portions of the sewer with structural issues of

settlement and collapse, which resulted in clogging and backups. The EGMA Engineer, Pennoni Associates, working with the Director of Public Works, Mark Miller, and his staff embarked on an accelerated program of design, project permitting, and preparation of construction bid documents. At the time of this article, design is nearly complete, and permitting with the PA Department of Environmental Protection is underway. Pending the permitting schedule, the project is planned to be bid in late 2021 and constructed in early 2022. The Director of Public Works has kept Hershey Mill Estates residents informed through an on-going outreach since the work will be adjacent to the backyards of many residents. The estimated construction cost of this capital project is \$1,000,000.



THE GOOD NEWS – East Goshen Township is the recipient of approximately \$1.899 million in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Half of the Funds will be received in 2021; the other half in 2022. Since the above-referenced projects affect many Township residents and meet funding requirements, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in August 2021 elected to apply \$914,820 in 2021 toward these projects. The 2022 recovery funds will be discussed throughout the 2022 budget process in the fall.

Any questions regarding EGMA infrastructure or Operation & Maintenance can be directed to the members of the Board. All are welcome at the monthly EGMA meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the East Goshen Township building.

Dana Pizzaro

Chairman, East Goshen Municipal Authority



WEGO PD Congratulates Detective/Sergeant Glenn Bretz as well as interns Michaela Freney and Eric Loeser

Congratulations to Detective/Sergeant Glenn Bretz on his retirement!

Bretz graduated from the Delaware County Police Academy in 1986 and started at Upland Police. He worked in Delaware County until 1990 when he was hired part-time at WEGO. In 1991, he was hired full-time at WEGO. Bretz retired in our Criminal Investigation Division.

Over the course of 2021, WEGO PD has had two students complete internships with us.

Michaela Freney successfully completed a one-month **internship as a Rustin High School Senior looking to pursue a career in law enforcement.**

She performed rotations with our Patrol Division, Traffic Safety Unit, Criminal Investigation Division, and our School Resource Officer. Freney taught our Life Skills Class, participated in our de-escalation class, observed our firearm qualifications, and met with our local district Magistrate Judge Thomas Tartaglio .

Upon completion of the internship, Michaela received a certificate of completion and a \$500 scholarship from the Westtown-East Goshen Police Association.

Eric Loeser completed a 12-week internship with from May 2021 to August 2021. Eric graduated from West Chester University in August with a BA in Criminal Justice. He is a current First Responder and has a goal of becoming a State Trooper.

In those 12 weeks, he was able to shadow almost all of our department members, including our Patrol Unit, Detective Unit, Traffic Safety Unit, and gain overall experience to better prepare for his future career in law enforcement.

WEGO PD wishes both Michaela and Eric the best of luck in their careers, and it was a pleasure to work with them!

Be on the lookout for our Fall drives:

WEGO PD will again be participating in Blue Beards for Charity this year. This effort will begin on October 1, 2021, and end on November 30, 2021. Each officer that participates will be asked to donate \$100.00. Last year Blue Beards for Charity raised \$60,000.00 and we are hoping to raise even more this year. Each charity was presented with \$14,500.00 last year. (Unite For Her, The Sambuco Children's Education Fund, A Child's Light and the Chester County Crime Victims Center)

Toys for Tots

Start Date: 11/01/2021

End Date: 12/08/2021

Collection box can be found in our lobby at:

1041 Wilmington Pike
West Chester, PA 19382

Hours of Operation: 8:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday



One Warm Coat Drive

Start Date: 10/04/2021

End date: 11/19/2021

Collection box can be found in our lobby at:

1041 Wilmington Pike
West Chester, PA 19382

Hours of Operation: 8:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday



One Warm Coat®



Record crowds attend Goshen Country Fair!

We can't thank you enough.



To say the 2021 Goshen Country Fair was a great success would be one big understatement. Record crowds and near perfect weather came together to make this year's fair our best ever...and did our community and fire company ever need it. As our biggest fund raiser, the success of the fair is crucial to the health of the fire company.

So many people to thank...our volunteers who assembled and staffed the booths...coordinated the livestock ...made the food...parked the cars...tended to a thousand details...worked tirelessly on purchasing, set up, accounting, and working with suppliers. Also to our sponsors, exhibitors, vendors, and WEGO Police Officers who kept us safe.

How about these numbers...we made and sold 77 dozen pizzas...that's 7,392 slices.

Those donuts you stood patiently in line for? We made and sold 7,290 dozen. That's over 87,000 donuts, lovingly made by volunteers working 4 machines that created 1,620 donuts per hour.



Would you like to volunteer to help at the 2022 fair? Drop an email to

President@Goshencountryfair.org and we'll be in touch.

Our Fire, EMS and Fire Police divisions always welcome new volunteers; training and equipment is provided at no cost to you! Have 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.



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DIANNE HERRIN

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A Message from State Representative Dianne Herrin

While the legislature has been on summer recess in Harrisburg, my office “dream team” and I have been hard at work in our district office serving the people of the Greater West Chester area.

In August, I held a policy hearing on early childhood education and childcare access, featuring policy and economic experts as well as the West Chester Area Day Care Center. Early childhood education is deeply underfunded – resulting in severe worker shortages, poor-quality care, and too few providers. The end result is parents can’t get back to work during this labor shortage, and our children are not receiving the care and attention they need and deserve. My hearing highlighted these issues and brought forward policy solutions to give our children the educational foundation they deserve, and to help get the economy moving again. You can view the hearing on my website: pahouse.com/herrin

On Saturday November 6th at 11am, I will be in East Goshen Township for a new event I’m calling “Hikes with Herrin.” This dog-friendly walk will be a great time as we explore some of the best parks the Greater West Chester Area has to offer and discuss some of the pressing issues facing our Commonwealth and our community. I want to hear what you have to say, so come along and hike with me! For more information and to RSVP, contact my office.

As always, if you are in need of assistance, my office is here to help. Give us a call at (610) 696-4990 or send me an email at RepHerrin@PAHouse.net. My constituent services “dream team” is eager and ready to assist you.

Kind regards,

Rep. Dianne Herrin

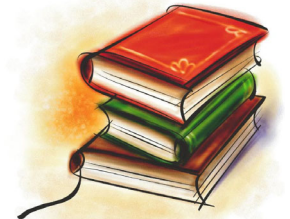




Latest News from the Malvern Public Library

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Tails & Tales Summer Reading Program and GoWilma. Despite our program going virtual, we had a great turnout. This was all made possible by the efforts you, our patrons. If you haven't already, check your email to see if your name was drawn for the raffle and stop by the library to claim your prize.



We would like to thank those who participated in our Adult Summer Reading program as well. Your participation and support helps us to support local restaurants for the gift card drawing.

We are currently in the process of hiring a new children's librarian. For future children's story times and events, please check our website and your email this Fall. We hope to resume our children's programming ASAP. In the meantime, feel free to stop by the children's library and checkout a few books.

Mark your calendars for October 8th and 9th! We will be hosting our Fall Book Sale in the front lawn. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to collect enough book donations to make this possible. If you haven't already, sign up for a card or bring a friend to sign up for a library card and receive a free book!

Speaking of getting a library card... Did you know September is National Library Card Sign Up month? It's true! We hope you'll encourage your friends and families to become members of the library and share in all that we have to offer.

This October, online yoga is back! Join us at 7pm on zoom for a guided session. We can't wait to see you there.

Our monthly book club meets September 21st at 9:30 in Burke Park, and every third Thursday after that. This month's selection is Radium Girls by Kate Moore. Copies of the monthly book are on reserve at our circulation desk for pick up.

Want to stay even more up-to-date with everything happening at the library? Check us out on Instagram and Facebook where we post news, reminders, and events several times a week.

If you'd like to get more involved with the library, consider becoming a Friend of the Library today! Friends of the Library help us by volunteering for public events (such as our book sale!) and brainstorming ways we can be more connected in this community.

The Malvern Public Library is happy to announce we are open to the public with the following hours:

- Mondays & Tuesdays from 9am-8pm
- Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9am-6:30pm
- Fridays from 9am-5pm
- Saturdays from 9am-4pm

*as of this time, masks are required upon entry of the building

Keep yard waste away from streams

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

Yard waste like leaves, grass, and brush piled along stream edges suffocates and kills the trees and shrubs that are critical for avoiding stream bank erosion.

Yard waste piled along streams can easily be washed into streams during large rain events. Once in the stream, this burst of organic material contributes a harmful excess of nutrients, which in turn robs the stream of oxygen needed by fish and aquatic insects. Oxygen depletion can be observed for a long distance downstream of these localized deposits of yard waste and ultimately in the Delaware Bay.

Leaves and other yard wastes raked into the street often wash into storm drains, causing flooding, impeding stream flow, and creating areas of stagnant water that may create mosquito problems.

A few tips for handling yard waste:

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

The Conservancy Board



Your Sustainability Advisory Committee has been hard at work!

East Goshen Residents are Recycling Heroes!

Since installing 2 bins at the EGT Park, our residents have deposited hundreds of pounds of single use plastic bags and film. An astounding accomplishment! Soon we will qualify for a free bench made of recycled plastic for our Park.

Just a few guidelines to help with this effort. Plastic bags and film must be cleaned of all food and other contents. Otherwise they will be rejected. No plastic bottles, no dirty bubble wrap or paper coated plastic mailers should be placed in these bins.

If possible, please use one plastic bag to gather your loose film and other bags, and tie the bag at the top. By following these steps, you are significantly helping our volunteer committee members who are collecting from these bins and taking the plastics for recycling. Loose bags and film greatly increase our collection times. You are contributing so much plastic that we are collecting nearly every day!

You have received an email (If EGT has your email address.) asking about your preferences for a greater plastic recycling effort here. We hope to receive as many responses as possible. Based on your responses, we hope to provide many more lidded bins to residents. These will enable us to place our clean plastic bags and film directly into our own curbside bins for collection.

By the way, you can stay in touch about sustainability efforts simply by signing up for our email blasts through the Township's [Constant Contact platform](#). It will not be shared for any other purpose than communication through our Township.

AND THE VITAL PRIORITY IS TO REDUCE OUR INTAKE OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC IN THE FIRST PLACE!

SAC Member: Mary Krueger



East Goshen Township

SAC

Sustainability Advisory Committee

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

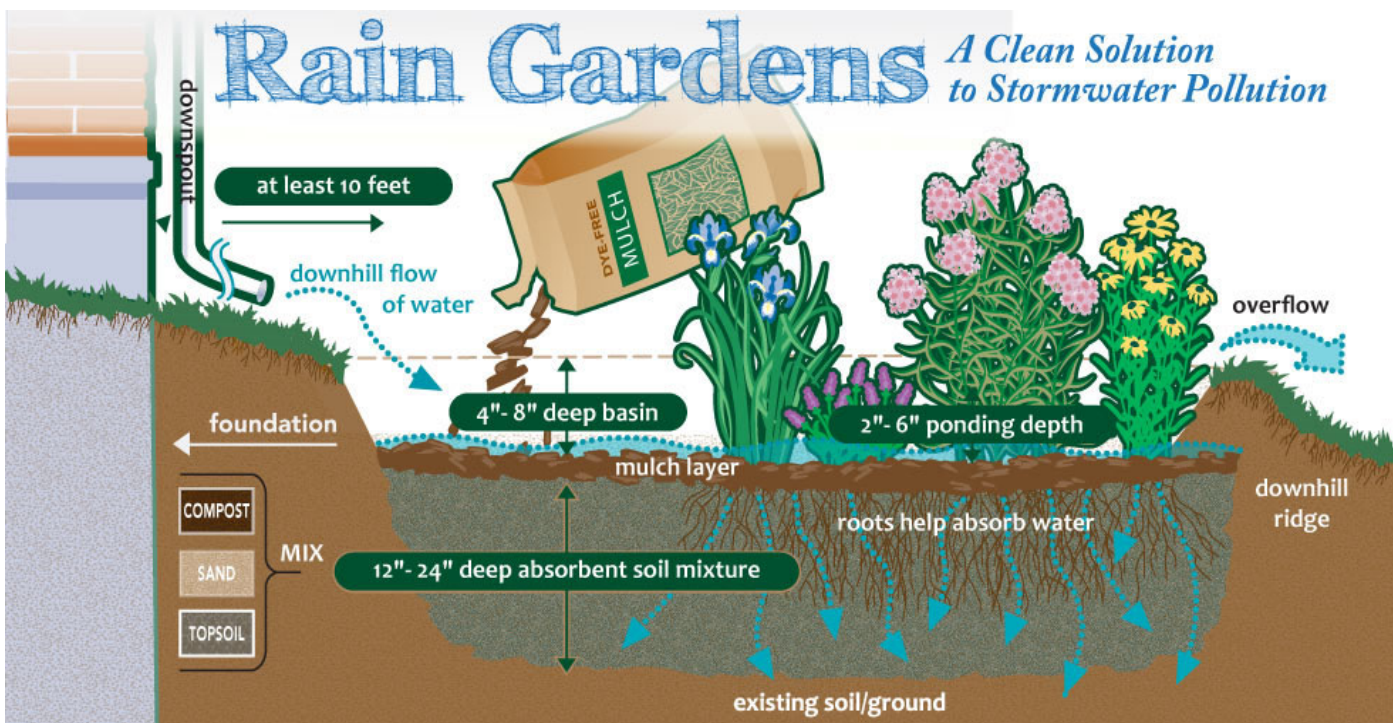
Once you have a location and size for your garden, sketch it out on paper. Determine the mix of species you would like to use, including flowers, grasses, and shrubs that are drought tolerant but can withstand wet conditions. Native plants are adapted to local conditions, easy to maintain and attract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



Always Looking Into The Future

Thank you to all who participated in our Second Quarter Resident Survey and the many who took the time to share additional thoughts on life in East Goshen Township. Your feedback is important. This first survey was meant to capture the issues most important to residents and understand how residents feel East Goshen Township rates regarding these issues. Please take a minute to view the detailed results of the survey (available on the [East Goshen Township website](#)) to see how others view performance on the important issues facing the Township as well as the comments provided.



The success of the survey was excellent with over 600 responses. To put that in perspective, the Township has roughly 5500 households with 1800 subscribing to the Township's Constant Contact digital communication outreach. Our survey expert, Brandon Groff, compared the demographics of respondents with available census data and feels that the response was representative of the entire Township population across key typical measures.

The survey indicated that residents have a high degree of loyalty to East Goshen Township and feel a strong connection to their community. They are proud to call East Goshen Township home. Respondents ranked the Township high in many of the areas they feel are most important to them. These areas are:

- * Overall quality of life in the Township
- * Feeling of safety in the Township
- * Quality of parks and recreational programs for all ages
- * Quantity and quality of green open space

Topics and attributes where there was a mixed level of importance and performance were:

- * Quality of bike and pedestrian facilities/trails
- * How well the Township is managing growth
- * Value received for Township tax dollars
- * Convenience of local restaurants, shopping, and services

Most respondents indicated an interest in participating in future surveys. We have started designing a survey that will provide more detailed feedback on the issues that provided more divergent results. We hope this next survey can better determine additional unifying topics and attributes. If you aren't already subscribed to the Township email list please sign up on the [East Goshen website](#) so you will be sure to hear about any future surveys. You can provide any feedback to us at futurists@eastgoshen.org.

The Futurist Committee



Ariel Ballet—Chris Marshall, Township Poet Laureate

Snow Geese in their tangerine socks
 Undulate in flight across Middle Creek
 Winging in allegro syncopation
 as they arabesque in air.

Canada Geese
 modeling an aerodynamic V
 above Marsh Creek
 on their way to elsewhere
 Oblivious to the flattery
 of Blue Angel's mechanized wings
 in calibrated imitation.

Flocks in communal grace @ 45 mph
 Honk encouragement to the lead goose
 with the toughest appointment: wedging the wind.
 So they alternate turns at the apex.
 If one needs to land, another
 drops down to assist til both can rejoin
 a welcoming flock in flight.

Monogamous Geese mate for life
 together, if lucky, through 20 Novembers
 nurturing their goslings for nearly a year
 surpassing all avian models alive.

Meanwhile, our superior species
 squabbles and skirmishes below.
 Is it any wonder I've come to the marshes
 to witness the Brant Geese choreography today?
 Oh, by the way, you're invited too
 and every ticket is free!

Upcoming Poet Laureate Programming

For 2 to 5 year olds:

Every Tuesday at 10 am starting October 5. Meet at the Hicks Pavilion near the playground. We will read a children's book with poetry elements, such as Dr. Seuss, followed by a fun project! (When weather is cold, we can move to the Township Building.)

For 7 to 17 year olds:

Amanda Gorman, the U.S.A. Youth Poet Laureate, wrote a wonderful poem about protecting the environment. We will record participants reading verses, then compile these in a video to be posted on the EGT website. If we have enough interest, we may make more than one video. Any student videographers who wish to help, let us know!

For 18 to 100:

Every Thursday at 2 pm starting October 7 we will gather at the Township Building to share our favorite nature poems, and read new ones we may not yet know. If we have enough interest, we can alternate weeks reading poetry with sharing our own written poems. You help us decide, including alternate locations in our Park, and elsewhere.

Email Chris at egtpoet@eastgoshe.org with interest!

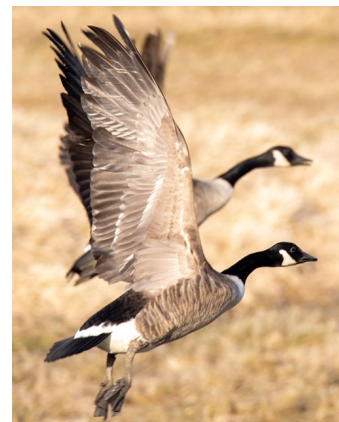


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East Goshen Township partners with WCCTC

Did you know that according to the most recent PA Youth Survey, 60% of West Chester teens report feeling unnoticed by their neighbors? To address that fact, East Goshen Township is pleased to partner with West Chester Communities That Care (WCCTC) to make these great yard signs available for your lawn.

WCCTC is a local non-profit dedicated to improving outcomes for youth through research-based media campaigns and programs. WCCTC envisions a world where YOUTH THRIVE supported by their peers, their parents and the community to live substance-free, violence-free and emotionally healthy lives.



To show your support of youth in your neighborhood, you can order yard signs [here](#) and arrangements for pick up will be emailed. A \$15 donation is requested and all proceeds benefit WCCTC prevention initiatives, including THRIVE Clubs that invite teens to become "influencers for good" among their peers. To see some of their influence in action, here's a link to a great video created by last year's THRIVERs from the greater West Chester area.

The key to preventing mental health or substance use crises among youth is being proactive on both personal and community-wide levels. To get more involved and help the West Chester community stay ahead of issues that might negatively impact our youth, contact WCCTC's Community Mobilizer, Loretta Cohen at mobilizer@wcctc.org.

Fall is the best time of year to visit the park!



Fall is here and the cooler temperatures mean school, football and falling leaves! Before we “fall into fall” though, we want to take a minute to look back on an amazing summer! Our summer camp program was amazing! We were at maximum enrollment each week, and we were able to go on field trips as many kids experienced their first dose of social normalcy in quite some time! The kids knocked the “Shave Jason’s Head” canned food drive out of the water, donating over 500 pounds of food to area families and the West Chester Food Cupboard! As you can see, they did a great job shaving Jason’s head as well! Over the years, he has learned not to schedule any important meetings for a few weeks! Another highlight was the Camper Talent Show and Staff Masked Singer. We had magicians, acrobats, comedians and athletes, capping it off with some silly camp staff dressed as the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man and Cuphead among others!



As we move into jeans and sweatshirt weather, the park can still be your go to location for fun under the not quite so hot sun! We kicked things off September 18 with the Chester County Art Walk! This inaugural event was held in partnership with the Chester County Art Association and featured 30+ artists across all mediums, demonstrations and workshops! Next up are two classic events, our Pumpkin Festival and our Food Truck and Music Festival! This year, they are both going to be held on October 16, making it the biggest and best day ever in the park! The Pumpkin Festival is a great chance to take a hay wagon ride and test your pumpkin bowling skills and will be held from 10a-12p. The Food Truck and Music Festival will feature beer, wine and a football field worth of delicious food from 4p-8p! The coolest

part is that our friends at Locust Lane Brewery just down the road on Three Tun Lane in East Whiteland Township, are bringing custom labeled beer to the event, adorned with our very own Blacksmith Shop! How cool is that! These limited edition cans are available through October 10 online at locustlanecraftbrewery.com.



None of this amazing activity can happen without wonderful partners, and we’d like to take a quick minute to highlight one of our newest partnerships. On August 28, we held the Bees are Buzzin’ by the Blacksmith Shop ribbon cutting and it was a special day for our newest public-private partnership. Knowing the many benefits, the Township Parks and Recreation Department has long had an interest in having honey bee hives in its open space. The Watermark at Bellingham Senior Living, across from the Blacksmith Shop, had a similar vision, wanting to provide apiary education opportunities to its residents, as well as utilize raw, local honey in their cooking classes and property-wide recipes. Our second key partner, Carmen B’s Honey who is a local East Goshen beekeeper and resident, became our subject matter expert. And so, the partnership was born, we provided the open space, Bellingham the funding, and Carmen B’s Honey operations and maintenance. The Township also recently received a \$2,500 Keep PA Beautiful/Giant Food Stores grant. In 2022, we’ll be starting a youth apiary education program, complete with kid-sized beekeeper outfits!

These are just some of our programming highlights, grab a nice big cup of coffee and enjoy the rest of your Township newsletter, we have so much to offer!

See you in the park!

Park and Recreation Commission

East Goshen Township – Parks and Recreation

Activities, Programs & Events

Township Events

Activity: Township Wide Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, October 2; 9am – 1pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building & Neighborhoods

Description: Clear out your garages, sheds and attics and make a little pocket change along the way! The township will be composing a map of all yard sale sites and providing yard sale signs (first come, first served). Those living in gated communities can reserve a spot at the Township Building – call 610-692- 7171 to reserve your spot today!

Fee: Free

Activity: Philadelphia Pastel Society, Art In the Park

Date: Saturday, October 9

(Rain date October 10)

Location: Veteran's Pavilion; 1pm-4pm

Description: Music, Artist Demos, and paintings by the members of the Philadelphia Pastel Society

All are welcome. The pastel artists have spent all year painting plein air in various locations in the area and will display their work at this outdoor venue. Join in by voting for your favorite painting, listen to music, and meet the artists. www.PhiladelphiaPastelSociety.org



Activity: Pumpkin Festival

Date: Saturday, October 16; 10am-12pm (Rain Date: Oct 17)

Location: East Goshen Township Park, playground side

Description: We are excited that as cooler fall weather this, we can all look forward to our Pumpkin Festival! The event will include plenty of pumpkins, hay rides, the EGT-famous kid's pumpkin bowling and more!

Activity: Food Truck and Music Festival

Date: Saturday, October 16; 2:30p-6:30p (Rain Date: Oct 17)

Location: East Goshen Township Park, stage side

Description: Join us for our biggest event of the year! Multiple bands on stage, a football field worth of food trucks and beer/wine from Locust Lane Brewery and Chaddsford Winery!

Halloween House Decorating Contest

Date: Entries must be received by Monday, October 25

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 no later than Monday, October 25.

All entries will be posted to the Township Facebook page for public viewing and voting! Voting will conclude on Friday, October 29!

Neighbor to Neighbor Day

Date: Saturday, November 13

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 3

Location: Amphitheater

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

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

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FOEG presents Aspen the Reindeer – must purchase tickets

Date: Saturday, December 18

Time: 10am – 12pm

Location: Amphitheater stage

Description: Have your kids always wondered what a reindeer looks like up close? Come to the park for a magical experience this holiday season and get to meet and pet Aspen the Reindeer! The experience includes getting to meet Aspen the Reindeer for a photo opportunity and of course, Santa! We can only take the first 150 families, so please mark your calendars for November 1st when tickets go on sale. This is a Friends of East Goshen fundraiser, with proceeds supporting Township events in the park. We are also hoping to be able to offer free Reindeer experiences for those unable to afford the ticket, please also consider sponsoring a second family during the ticketing process.

Website: <https://friendsofeastgoshen.org/>



Youth Activities

Insert: soccer shots

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

Date: Saturday afternoons Sept 12 - 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@phillyteamtennis.org



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Youth and Adult Activities

Did you know?

The Bees by the Blacksmith Shop is a wonderful public-private partnership that brought honey producing hives to the open space near the Blacksmith Shop! The Watermark at Bellingham Senior Living sponsored the hives, and Carmen B's Honey, a Township-based small business, will manage and maintain the bees! The Watermark will introduce apiary education to its residents and begin using the honey in its recipes and cooking classes! But that's not it, the Township has also recently been awarded a \$2,500 Keep PA Beautiful grant funded by Giant Food Stores to begin a youth apiary program! In 2022, we'll be rolling out a kids program complete with youth-sized beekeeper outfits so they can safely get close and see the inner workings of the hives. For more information about this unique partnership, please visit the [Township's website](#).

Activity: Playground Story Walks

Date: Wednesdays in October

Description: A story walk is very simply an activity where you take a stroll along the trail around the playground and read a great story! Last year we did Eric Carle books, this year is a surprise!

Age recommendations: Anyone!

Activity: EGT Jeopardy Zooms

Dates: Thursdays, 7pm (November 4; Marvel and November 11; Star Wars)

Description: Captain America will host the "Marvel" edition and Han Solo will host the "Star Wars" edition! Test your knowledge and see if you can beat the in person family contestants! Three families can register for each date so email Jason to register!

Age recommendations: Anyone!

Seniors Card Club

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

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Description: Come join us as we play your favorite card games and more. Pinochle, Canasta, Mexican Train are very popular. We are happy to teach you if you don't know how to play.

Fee: Free!

Activity: Seniors Card Club - MahJongg

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

Location: East Goshen Township Building

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

Fee: Free!

Activity: Senior Rummikub

Dates/Times: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 1:00 – 3:30pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building, 2nd floor

Description: If you play rummy, you'll love rummikub....the fastest growing game for seniors! We'll be happy to teach you if you don't know how to play.

Fee: Free!



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FITNESS

Program title: Monday Zumba® Fitness

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

Session 1: September 13 - November 15

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®

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

Session 1: Sept. 14- Nov. 16 (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®

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

Session 1: September 15 - November 17 (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

Did you know???

East Goshen Township Parks and Recreation has been a National Recreation and Park Association Gold Medal Finalist community three years running, 2019—2021, in the under 30,000 residents category! Gold Medal Finalists are considered “top four” departments in the country!



This level of recognition can only be achieved by a community with dedicated elected officials, hard working staff, involved volunteers and mobilized residents!

Great job everyone!

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FITNESS

Yoga Flow: Experience gentle Yoga flows, which combines posture, breath, focus, as well as mantra and meditation. With this practice you will notice that not only your body changes, but you also become aware of a subtle change in your approach to life, through persistently toning and relaxing the body and stilling the mind, you begin to glimpse a state of inner peace which is your true nature.

Date: Tuesdays, September 7 - December 14 (No class on Nov 2)

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Tuition: \$125

Location: Online

Gentle Yoga: Suitable for seniors, beginners, and students who have taken yoga before looking for a slower paced class. This slow paced class can help slow down the effects of the aging process by maintaining muscle softness and flexibility, keeping the mind alert and awake, encouraging relaxation and strengthening muscles and joints. Improve cardiovascular health, sleep, and balance encouraging the body, mind and spirit to remain healthy and strong.

Date: Thursdays, September 9 - December 16, 2021 (No class on Thanksgiving Day)

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuition: \$ 95

Location: Online

ESSETRICS® Aging Backwards: An age reversing, slow paced full body workout that will restore movement in your joints, flexibility in your muscles, relieve pain, stimulate your cells to increase energy, vibrancy and boost your immune system. This workout draws on the flowing movements of tai chi which create health and balance, the strengthening theories behind ballet which create long lean, flexible muscles and the healing principles of physiotherapy which create a pain free body. No matter your age or fitness level, this program is for you!

Date: Tuesdays

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuition: \$ 105 (each session)

Location: Online

Session B.- October 26 - December 14, 2021 (No class on Nov 2)

Date: Thursdays

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Tuition: \$ 105 (each session)

Location: Online

Session B.- October 28 - December 16, 2021 (No class on Thanksgiving Day)



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 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



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

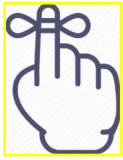
Clogged or leaking sanitary sewer lines; sewage smell in the creek:

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.

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 25



2021 Wednesday Yard Waste Collection Schedule

Yard waste is every other Wednesday and every Wednesday in November

September 1, 15, 29

October 13, 27

November 3, 10, 17, 24

December 8, 22

2021 BULK TRASH Collection Schedule

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

September 16, September 17

October 14, October 15

November 18, November 19

December 16, December 17

RECYCLING DAY ANYTHING WITH A PLUG

November 20, 2021
East Goshen Township Park
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
[Registration Required](#)



East Goshen Township Park is proud to offer local residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics. 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. Visit the [Township website](#) for more information.

Dates of Importance

SEP 13
Municipal Authority, 7:00PM

SEP 14
Board of Supervisors WS, 7:00PM

SEP 16
Futurist Committee, 7:00PM

SEP 20
Business Park Task Force, 7:00PM

SEP 21
Board of Supervisors, 7:00PM

SEP 27
Sustainability Advisory Committee,
7:00PM

SEP 28
Board of Supervisors WS, 7:00PM

OCT 5
Board of Supervisors, 7:00PM

OCT 6
Planning Commission, 7:00PM

OCT 7
Park & Recreation Commission,
7:00PM

OCT 11
Municipal Authority, 7:00PM

OCT 13
Conservancy Board, 7:00PM

OCT 14
Pipeline Task Force, 6:30PM

OCT 14
Historical Commission, 7:00PM

Oct 18
Business Park Task Force, 7:00PM

OCT 19
Board of Supervisors, 7:00PM

OCT 21
Futurist Committee, 7:00PM

OCT 25
Sustainability Advisory Committee,
7:00PM

NOV 2
Board of Supervisors, 7:00PM

NOV 3
Planning Commission, 7:00PM

NOV 4
Park & Recreation Commission,
7:00PM

NOV 8
Municipal Authority, 7:00PM

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NOV 15
Business Park Task Force, 7:00PM

NOV 19
Board of Supervisors, 7:00PM

NOV 18
Futurist Committee, 7:00PM

NOV 22
Sustainability Advisory Committee,
7:00PM

DEC 5
Board of Supervisors, 7:00PM

DEC 6
Planning Commission, 7:00PM

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7:00PM

*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.**

