



EAST GOSHEN

CHESTER COUNTY, PA

Township



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Office Hours
Monday through Friday
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Holiday Schedule

The township building will be closed on the following days due to holidays.

Columbus Day/
Indigenous Peoples Day
October 9, 2023

Veterans Day (Observed)
November 10, 2023

Thanksgiving
November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving Day After
November 24, 2023

Christmas Day
December 25, 2023

Meeting Schedule

Board of Supervisors – first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
September 5 and 19, October 3 and 17, November 7 and 21, December 5 and 19

Park and Recreation Commission – first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7

Municipal Authority – Second Monday of the month at 7:00pm
September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11

Conservancy Board – second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm
September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13

Pipeline Task Force – Second Thursday of the month at 5:30pm
September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14

Futurist Committee – Third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21

Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee – fourth Monday of the month at 6:30pm
September 25, October 23, November 27

Planning Commission – fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
September 26, October 24, November 28, December 26

Other meeting dates including Zoning Hearing Board may be added as needed. For verification of dates call the Township, check the website or sign up for Constant Contact



The front cover of this newsletter is of East Goshen's Blacksmith Shop.



Have you ever wondered what the Blacksmith Shop or Plank House looks like on the inside? Visit Gary Kerschner on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 10am to 4pm for tours and the history of both buildings. He will also provide a live blacksmith demonstration!

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Greetings from the Chairman

Hello Neighbors!

As we continue to enjoy the dog days of summer and look to fall months, I wanted to briefly give you all some key information about township business and upcoming events to keep on your calendar.

My last update detailed many of the infrastructure projects we continue to tackle here in East Goshen. While we more specific information will be given as these projects progress, I will simply say that our Public Works team is working persistently to address all of our infrastructure needs, both planned and unplanned. The phase "end of useful life" is one that has proved to be very relevant with all of our roads, sewer lines, stormwater pipes, and even trees. Rest assure that the board of supervisors and staff continue to plan on a long-term basis with regard to these important community assets and we will budget appropriately and prudently while maintaining our responsibility to provide residents with a place they can be proud to call home.

Speaking of the budget, we are nearing that time of year where the 2024 budget will be front and center at multiple board meetings in the coming months. The budget process started in June with a look at the long-range budgeting forecast during one of our board meetings. We now turn our focus specifically to 2024. The budget will be front and center at the special September 12th meeting at 7:00 PM and will completely focus on the General Fund. Further budget discussion will take place on September 19th, October 3rd, and November 7th. The preliminary budget is scheduled to be voted on at the November 21st meeting with the final budget vote coming on December 19th. Please keep an eye on the board agenda and calendar for any changes to these dates that may come up.

As the weather cools down, our fall event schedule really heats up! September 16th will be our *Township Yard sale* followed by the *Chester County Art Walk* a week later on September 23rd. Make sure that October 14th is clear so that you can participate in our big events, the *Pumpkin Festival* in the morning followed by the always popular *Food Truck and Music Festival*. Both events will take place at East Goshen Park. We round out October on the 28th with the *Toddler Trick or Treat*.

As the holidays approach, please do not forget about Neighbor to Neighbor Day on November 18th followed by the *Holiday Celebration and Christmas Tree Lighting* on December 2nd. That same day, our *Meet the Reindeer* event will be at the Blacksmith Shop but be sure to get your tickets early for that one as space is limited.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not mention the passing of long time board member, Marty Shane. 36 years of public service is truly remarkable and we thank Marty for that commitment to our community as we also wish all of his friends and family comfort in their time of grief.

Please be well and enjoy the rest of 2023.

John Hertzog

East Goshen Board of Supervisors

Thank you

Thank you to the businesses

The Board of Supervisors would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at minimal charge to our residents.

East Goshen Township 2023 Schedule for:

Yard Waste

September: 13th, 20th, 27th

October: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

November: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

December: 6th, 13th, 20th

January 2024: 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Bulk Trash

September: 14th & 15th

October: 12th & 13th

November: 16th & 17th

December: 14th & 15th

January 2024: 11th & 12th

Hauler Holiday Schedule

September 4th: Labor Day (Monday)

November 23rd: Thanksgiving Day (Thursday)

December 25th: Christmas Day (Monday)

January 1st, 2024: New Year's Day (Monday)



Brandywine Valley SPCA and Tri-State Bird Rescue needs your help! The Animal Rescues cannot thank you enough for your past support.

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



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.

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

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


Call Before You Dig: If you have to dig or excavate on your property, please remember to call before you dig. 1-800-242-1776 or 811 PA One Call







Broken Water Main: Call Aqua Pennsylvania at 610-525-1402, 24 hours a day.

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

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



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Pipeline Task Force

The East Goshen Pipeline Task Force has been busy. We have been looking into Hazard Mitigation Plans. Both Chester County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are doing thorough reviews of the current hazard mitigation plans. The East Goshen Township Pipeline Taskforce provided input on both plans.

Hazard Mitigation plans are the blueprints for our first responders. These plans give direction in case of an emergency. These emergencies could be flood, hurricane, earthquake, blizzard, wildfire and among other things that most people don't think about because they happen infrequently but need immediate and accurate response by those people who keep our community safe.

In the past pipelines have been approached using an all-hazard response. The Pipeline Task Force along with other interested parties is actively pursuing a more specific and comprehensive response plan for pipelines. We are pleased at the cooperation of our elected officials especially the East Goshen Board of Supervisors as we actively advocate for a pipeline only response. It is imperative that our first responders know what to do in case of a pipeline leak or explosion.

Other interested parties include schools, senior centers, workplaces and anyone that is near the 11 pipelines that are currently located within East Goshen Township. All though the problems have been rare we need to be aware of the Marine slogan: Prior Planning and Preparation Prevents Poor Performance (a P has been omitted for this article:). Here is the link to the existing 2018 Commonwealth plan:

<https://www.pema.pa.gov/Mitigation/Planning/State-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan/Pages/default.aspx>

Here is a link to the Chester County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Power Point:

PowerPoint Presentation (chesco.org): https://www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/52023/HazardMitigation_Presentation-?bidId=

Remember that safety begins with you, always call 811 before digging!



FLORA FAUNA

*In nature field guide books
past the pictures paragraphs
and shaded stippled habitat
maps way back in the back
pages after the index might
be flora and fauna checklists
where well-heeled hikers and*

*binoculars birders can tally
what they've seen and where
to add up to a life well lived
out of doors and town and
country but along the walking
trail in my home township park
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labeled pictures so the checklist
has to be brain-based or maybe
a phone pic with a voice-to-text
caption in a virtual notebook or
even incredibly enough an actual
written entry with a wood graph-
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how many I see and count and
check each time I walk I walk
out grateful that a place so sub-
urban subdivision settled and
civilized to be only a 5 or 10
minute drive from 3 supermarkets
5 pharmacies and 2 gas pump
islanded convenience stores
still has this protected untamed
pocket where someone anyone
even me can see these wild
things and be living a best out-
door life right here where we live.*

Richard Donze

East Goshen Poet Laureate





MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

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

This year marks 150 years since the Malvern Public Library came into existence and we are celebrating! In 1873, members of the Society of Friends formed the Malvern Library Company for \$5 a share. Today, MPL houses over 28,000 physical items. Besides books, cardholders can borrow museum passes, board games, puzzles, vinyl records or attend one of our 250 free programs held per year. Thank you, East Goshen for your continued support and here is to 150 more years of reading, sharing, gathering, and learning at the Malvern Public Library!

EVENTS

There is always something to learn or do at MPL!

We offer a wide variety of programming and special events for kids, teens, and adults. Our calendar changes monthly so make sure to check in periodically and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

For a current list of programs and events, please visit: www.malvern-library.org/calendar.

NEW FOR MALVERN LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS

Introducing Malvern Public Library's Vinyl Record Collection!

Come explore the world of vinyl records for free! You can now check out vinyl records from MPL's vinyl record collection that spans old and new music across all genres. Don't have a record player? No problem! We also have record players you may borrow. Stop by our reading room and feel free to listen using our head phones before you decide what to check out. (Disposable sanitary earphone covers are provided)

*Please note, vinyl records and record players are not available for interlibrary loan. They must be picked up and returned to Malvern Library.



Online databases accessible with your Chester County Library Card

Access Kanopy PLUS, a free streaming service with an expertly curated collection of light-hearted films, compelling world cinema, documentaries, and kids' favorites. To get started go to: <https://ccls.kanopy.com> or you can access kids only content at <https://ccls.kanopy.com/kids>.

Access over 1000 online art and craft classes and workshops for free. All classes remain online so you can work at your own pace. To access, go to the Chester County Library System website and click on databases or go to: <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/chescolibraries>.

MEET MISS EMILY, MPL's NEW CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN!

"Hi everyone! My name is Miss Emily, and I am so happy to be Malvern's new Children's Librarian! I started at MPL as a teen volunteer ten years ago and have worked here as a circulation assistant since then. This past year, I was over at Easttown Library assisting with teen programs and collections. Though it is always hard to pick a favorite book, I would have to say mine is the Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo. In my free time, I enjoy reading (of course), catching up on shows, and embroidery. I'm excited to be back at Malvern, learning and growing alongside you, the community, and sharing a love of reading with you all. I look forward to getting to know you all better or meeting you for the first time!" -Miss Emily



Senator Carolyn Comitta presenting Russ Robinson, MPL Board President with a citation from the Pennsylvania Senate commemorating the 150th birthday of the Malvern Library.



Welcome Miss Emily!



Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department

National Law Enforcement Memorial Week

Officer Joshua P. Micun was a member of a family that was deeply committed to community service.



As a result, he began serving the community at a young age by becoming a member of the Green Ridge and Aston Beechwood Fire Departments. Prior to joining the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department, he also served as an officer with the Delaware County Park Police, Upper Providence Police Department, and the Aston Police Department. He began his career with WEGO in June 2015 as a part-time Patrol Officer and was quickly promoted to full-time in March of 2016. He is remembered as a person who always had a smile on his face and who loved to make others laugh.

On October 31, 2021, Officer Micun passed away from a COVID-related illness at the age of 37 while serving his community. He left behind his wife Amanda and his two children, Hayden and Sophia. The Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service was held on Monday, May 15, 2023, in Washington, D.C. During this ceremony, Officer Micun was honored for his sacrifice, and his name, which has been

inscribed on the Memorial Wall, was formally dedicated and unveiled.

Additionally, on Thursday, May 18, 2023, the Chester County FOP Lodge #11 honored Officer Micun at their annual memorial service. Officer Micun was the 10th officer in Chester County added to their memorial monument.



SCAMS



Scammers are constantly finding new ways to steal your money but you can protect yourself by knowing what to look for. Below are just two common ways you can be tricked. NEVER give out personal information, stay calm, think before you act, and always remember to call us at 610-692-5100 if you have any questions or have been the victim of a crime.

Warmer Weather Scams

With the warm weather approaching do not be surprised if you begin to receive calls, emails, texts, uninvited visitors looking for work, and loads of door hangers offering landscaping, roofing, painting, and home repair.

If you need help around the house, our advice is to do your research and make sure whomever you hire is licensed, insured, bonded, and experienced. Also, try to get bids from three reputable companies and remember that cheaper is not always better.

Two more suggestions, never pay in cash or upfront, and don't fall for the line "I just finished a job at your neighbor's house and I'll give you a good price if you hire me today because I'm already in the neighborhood."

Gift Card Scams

Grandparent Scams occur when you are contacted via email or telephone by a subject claiming to be a friend or relative and in most cases your grandchild (thus the name "Granny Scam"). The caller claims they have an emergency and asks the victim to send money immediately. Frequently the caller will claim that they have been involved in a serious crash or have been arrested and need money to keep from being taken to jail. Sometimes, the caller has been claiming to be a police officer who has arrested the friend/relative and will send them to jail unless the victim posts bail. The victim is requested to go to the nearest store (Walmart, Rite Aid) and purchase Gift Cards. When the cards are purchased, the person is requested to provide the numbers from the backs of the cards (enabling them to retrieve the money electronically).

Another version of this scam is when you receive an email from a friend you haven't heard from in a while. They will tell you that they missed their child's birthday because they were sick and unable to leave the house. They then ask you to go to the store for them and purchase Google Play gift cards and share the codes with them.



Emergency Contact Form for Businesses

Dear Business or Property Owner,

The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department is in the process of updating its database for all commercial properties within our coverage area. In order to accomplish this task, we need your assistance and are requesting that you update the emergency contact information for your business. This information is used in the event of an after-hours emergency or incident at your business.

We want to assure you that this information will not be shared outside of law enforcement agencies and other emergency response agencies such as fire and ambulance.

An Emergency Contact Form for Businesses has been attached for your convenience. Completed forms can be submitted using any of the following methods:

1. Email scanned form or photo to the following email address: wego@wegopd.org
2. Fax to 610-692-20 94
3. Deliver the form in person to our Department during regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm)

4. Mail to our Department at 1041 Wilmington Pike, West Chester, PA 19382

We also offer the ability to electronically submit the form. To use this method:

1. Visit www.wegopd.org
2. Using the top ruler, select "Contact Us"
3. Select "Emergency Contact Form for Businesses"
4. Complete form and submit it

You will be asked to complete this form every 12 (twelve) months at a minimum to maintain the accuracy of our records. Updated information is accepted as often as necessary for the business.

Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter. We look forward to serving you.

Respectfully,

Dr. Brenda M. Bernot
Chief of Police

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM FOR BUSINESSES IN WESTTOWN, EAST GOSHEN, AND THORNBURY TOWNSHIPS IN CHESTER COUNTY, PA

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Business Phone Number: _____

Business Email Address: _____

Township (check one): Westtown Twp ☐ East Goshen Twp ☐ Thornbury Twp ☐

Emergency Contact Person #1:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact Person #2

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Any additional comments should be included here:

If you are unable to submit this form online at WEGOPD.org, please complete and email to wego@wegopd.org or fax to 610-692-9369.

This information must be updated every few years. If you should have any further questions, feel free to contact the Administrative Offices @ 610-692-9600. We are open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm except for major holidays. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Stay safe!

REMEMBERING MARTY SHANE: A LIFE WELL LIVED

E. Martin Shane, long time East Goshen Board of Supervisors member, passed away on June 16th at the age of 82. Marty served the township on the board for 36 years. His time on East Goshen's governing body ended in 2021, but those who knew him believe his legacy and impact will be felt for quite some time.

"He was always someone who put East Goshen first" said close friend and former fellow board member Carmen Battavio. "Whether he agreed with you or not, Marty always wanted his colleagues to do what they thought was right for East Goshen and the residents that live here. He genuinely cared about this township."

Current board member, Mike Lynch, had the pleasure of knowing Marty both as a colleague on the board and as a resident himself before that. "He lived and breathed East Goshen Township and realized great joy in the good fortune and success of our outstanding township" stated Lynch. "The only thing Marty ever took from East Goshen was the pride of service to his community."

Being from a different political party or background never mattered to him much according to David Shuey who joined the board in 2018 and quickly became friends with Shane. "Despite our different political alignment when I was first elected, Marty saw that I really cared about East Goshen Township and took me under his wing. He was my mentor. Marty always wanted and fought for what he believed was best for our residents."

Although his accomplishments were many, Battavio believes Marty's commitment to the Applebrook and East Goshen Parks, both of which have been a source of pride and enjoyment for the East Goshen community, is perhaps his foremost accomplishment. "He was instrumental in getting those in place and worked hard to make sure the residents got a first-class community."

Former board member Thom Clapper summed it up rather simply. "East Goshen is the quality Township that it is because of Marty's forward-thinking contributions."

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Don't weep at my grave, for I am not there. I've a date with a butterfly to dance in the air. I'll be singing in the sunshine, wild and free. Playing tag with the wind, while I'm waiting for thee.



Bring one take one library

Is located in the lobby of the township building. The book selection has been restocked courtesy of Second Reading in the Parkway Shopping Center. This free library is open to adults in our township. Please do not drop off a large quantity of books. We want to keep this as it is....bring one you've read and then take one from our selection you want to read.

Happy Reading!

Sign up to receive NOTIFICATIONS

East Goshen Township uses Constant Contact for non-emergency communications, such as when utility bills are mailed, upcoming meetings, park and recreation events and other notices of general interest. Visit our website at www.eastgoshen.org. Select the blue button on the home page ENOTIFICATION. Choose your topics of interest and stay informed!



East Goshen Township Electronic Payment Program – Sewer/Trash Bill



This complimentary program is available to our residents. When enrolled in the electronic payment program, a utility bill is mailed for informational purposes, and the invoice indicates "STATEMENT ONLY". Utility bills are mailed on/around January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th and are due at the end of the following months. When enrolled, the quarterly utility bill amount is debited from the bank account provided on February 20th, May 20th, Aug 20th, and November 20th (or the next business day if these dates fall on a weekend).

To enroll in the electronic payment program, please complete the form found on our website at www.eastgoshen.org, select SERVICES, FORMS AND APPLICATIONS, ELECTRONIC PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM and include a voided check.

Paying your Sewer/Trash Bill

Should you choose not to enroll in the electronic payment program, please understand that the U.S. Postal Service has experienced changes over the past few years resulting in mail delays. If you generate a bank bill payer to pay your bill, your bank mails your check to the Township. Ultimately, residents are responsible for ensuring utility payments are received by the deadline in order to avoid any additional fees. Paying by personal check? Save a stamp and ensure the Township receives your payment. Deposit your check in the drop box, accessible 24/7 at the front of the Township building.

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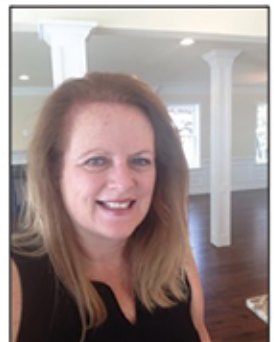
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What's Happening at Goshen Fire Company?



WATER SUPPLY

Most of East Goshen Township is covered by fire hydrants. There are some areas that are not, however, where we have to use tankers to bring water to the fire. We recently trained with neighboring fire companies on the use of a "tanker task force" which uses tanker trucks to bring water from the closest hydrant to a fill site near the fire. This water is then pumped out of the portable tanks to an engine that will extinguish the fire.



FIRE COMPANY FUN FACTOIDS

Have you ever noticed firefighters with different color helmets? Here's what they mean at GFC.

WHITE - Chiefs

RED - Engineers

BLACK - Firefighters

ORANGE - Junior Firefighters

BLUE - EMS

YELLOW - Fire Police Officers



VOLUNTEER AT GOSHEN FIRE COMPANY

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.

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH OPEN HOUSE IS OCTOBER 13TH

October is Fire Prevention Month, which means our annual open house is around the corner. Join us on Friday October 13th at 6PM for this always popular Goshen event. Fun for the entire family with lots of fire trucks, ambulances, police vehicles, fire sprinkler demonstrations, vehicle rescue demonstrations, and more. Light refreshments will be served, always plenty of free parking. 1320 Park Avenue, West Chester.

**Friday
October
13th
6PM**



**Keep snow and ice
3 feet away from
fire hydrants.**

In case of fire, firefighters need to be able to get to the hydrants quickly to protect people and property.

If you do have hydrants on your street, don't forget to "adopt" one this winter if we actually get some snow! Shovel a 3 foot area around the hydrant so firefighters can easily access it.

Recycling Day

Anything with a Plug™

All residents must pre-register on Eventbrite link below

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/electronics-recycling-anything-with-a-plug-tickets-515048613267>



November 4th, 2023

East Goshen Township Park

1661 Paoli Pike

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

East Goshen Township

is proud to offer local residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics on Saturday, November 4, 2023.

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

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

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

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



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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 non-perishable food
- ✓ Have baby supplies, diapers, formula, etc.
- ✓ Flashlights & batteries
- ✓ Radio (battery-operated)
- ✓ Blankets
- ✓ Full tank of propane for grill
- ✓ Have your car's gas tank filled
- ✓ Keep your pets inside; make sure they have 7-day supply of food
- ✓ Have dry wood in a garage or covered area for the fireplace or woodstove



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.
- We then 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 to 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 un-shoveled part will allow the snow being pushed by the plow to remain on the plow and not be 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 and then secondary roads.
- Our snowplow drivers are asked to take precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with their plows, but snow can be extremely heavy and a cold, brittle mailbox can come down easily.



Mailboxes:

- Expensive or 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 to put 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 passed a resolution that states that the Township will reimburse a resident \$25.00 for replacement or repair of a damaged mailbox, 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.



Letter from Park and Recreation Commission

Well, this summer flew by and we had a marvelous time having fun in the park this summer! This got off to an auspicious start when we had to move Community Day from June to August, but everything else was smooth sailing!

Our summer camp program this year was tremendously successful! We had 150 campers each week, wonderful staff and made plenty of memories. A personal favorite memory this year was our "Shave Jason's Head" canned food drive. We smashed our record with 1200 pounds of donations, and the campers really did a number on my head! The chant of "make him bald" could probably be heard all the way down in Philly...but the kids had fun! Looking forward to next year, we hope to have two dedicated camp sites to meet the need of families in the area. We'll work to make that happen this fall, and look for postings and emails as we finalize arrangements.

We also opened our new pickleball and tennis courts this summer that has been a welcome addition to East Goshen Township Park. Residents, interested in giving pickleball a try? Check out the programming section in the newsletter for dates and times for upcoming clinics. I've definitely received a few calls from residents confused about how play moves when the courts are full. There are two options currently available on our eight pickleball courts. You can reserve courts one and two, for up to one hour at a time, three times per week, booking up to two weeks in advance. We understand some residents have busy schedules and have to juggle pickleball play amongst other priorities. But the majority of our play is called "paddle up" which is essentially next person up. There are two racks bolted to the fence that can hold twenty-four racquets. If the courts are full when you show up, simply put your racquet in the next slot and start to stretch out! When a court opens, the players leaving the court say, "Open court", and next in line would play. The full rules and court etiquette listing is located on site in the kiosk.

Looking at this fall, we have a lot going on! We have trips to Dutch Apple Theatre and aboard the Kalmar Nyckel coming up! We are also bringing the Building Bridges: Senior's Tech Classes back! Each Monday afternoon in October, East High School students will come to the Township Building to help seniors learn more about their smartphones and computers. If art is more your thing, the 3rd Annual Chesco Art Walk is Sept 23rd and its entirely in EGT Park this year! The Art Walk is also sponsoring a teen art competition, \$500 to the winning piece! Email me with questions! Piggybacking on our wildly successful Teen Filmmakers Showcase, we'll be offering our first Filmmakers Academy throughout the fall! This "filmmaking 101" program will be a ton of fun, and is great for any teen creative types. As the weather undoubtedly cools, events heat up with the Pumpkin Festival on October 14, Food Truck Festival that evening and a new one, our first 30+ Co-Ed Flag Football Turkey Bowl on November 11th! So strap on those cleats, start running some wind sprints, and get ready for some football!

So as we take those final trips to the beach and start to pull out our comfy sweatshirts and jeans, don't get ready to hunker down just yet. Fall in EGT Park is our BEST season. The weather is cooler and less temperamental, and our events just keep getting bigger and better. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, and don't forget to turn to the programming section and circle your favorite upcoming parks and recreation events!

See you in the park!

~Jason & Jess

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Parks & Recreation

CLASSES/PROGRAMS/CAMPS

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Cubing Tournament

Date: 7-10

Session 1: October 11, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Session 2: October 25, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Description: This program will teach kids all about East Goshen's very own Blacksmith Shop! They'll learn all about the Blacksmith Shop History and see a live demonstration!

Fee: Free

Register at eastgoshenpa.myrec.com

Robotic Lego ½ Day

Age: 8 to 12

Session 1: Monday,
September 25

Session 2: Wednesday,
November 1

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Location: East Goshen
Township Building

Description: Do your kids enjoy playing with Legos? Sign them up for our Robotics Lego program! Kids will learn how to build Legos that move. There is no experience needed. This is a great introductory for our summer Lego camps.

Fee: \$35

Max Participants: 10

Minimum Participants: 4

Register at eastgoshenpa.myrec.com



Filmmaking Enrichment Program

Date: Thursdays, September 28 - December 14

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Meetings will be a mix of in person and Zoom

Description: Come learn the in's and out's of film making and create your very own film! This program is for teenagers interested in film and video editing. You will learn about script writing, video direction, audio and lighting and much more! The program concludes with a screening of participant films, with the Best Overall film becoming an automatic selection in the 2024 SE Pa Teen Filmmakers Showcase held at the Movie Tavern Exton! At the end of the program, participants will be invited to keep their Workbook, Clapboard, Foam Core Light Box w/Orange and Certificate of Completion.

Fee: \$200

West Chester Junior Tennis League

Dates/times: Saturdays afternoons, starting this spring

Contact Information: Justin DePietropaolo, justin@phillyteamtennis.org or local.phillyteamtennis.org/

Jr. Blacksmith

Age: 7-10

Session 1: October 18, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Session 2: October 25, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Description: This program will teach kids all about East Goshen's very own Blacksmith Shop! They'll learn all about the Blacksmith Shop History and see a live demonstration!

Fee: Free

Register at eastgoshenpa.myrec.com



FITNESS PROGRAMS

Fundamental Clinics for New and Developing Tennis Players

When: Wednesdays, 6 weeks, September 6th-October 11th 9:30-11:00

Description: Focus on tennis strokes and positioning, this clinic is for players who want to improve and develop their tennis strokes.

Fee: \$125

Drills and Strategy for Experienced Tennis Players

When: Thursdays, 6 weeks, September 7th-October 12th 9:30-11:00

Description: Focused on singles and doubles drills and strategy to improve your play, this clinic is for players that are looking to continue match play. All players must have USTA Ratings and/or experience playing in tennis leagues.

Fee: \$125



30+ Co-Ed Flag Football Turkey Bowl

When: Saturday, Nov 11, 12pm-4pm

Description: Get ready for Thanksgiving Day football with a game of your own! Games will be fun and recreational and played in EGT Park. Email Jason at klang@eastgoshen.org for a full list of the game rules.

Sign up as a team of twelve (\$120) or as an individual (\$10) on Team Jason. Individual QBs play free.

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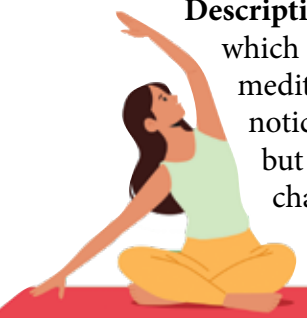
Yoga Flow

Date: Tuesday, September 9 – December 12 (No class November 11)

Time: 5:30pm - 6:45pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Description: Experience gentle Yoga flows, which combines posture, breath, focus, 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.

Instructor: Charo Evangelista

Fee: \$125

Gentle Yoga

Date: Thursday, September 7 – December 28 (No classes October 12, 19, November 23)

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Description: 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.

Instructor: Charo Evangelista

Fee: \$ 105

ESSETRICS® Aging Backwards.

Session 1: Thursday's, September 7 – November 2 (No classes October 12 & 19)

Session 2: Thursday's, November 9 – December 28 (No class November 23)

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Description: Learn about this 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 and vibrancy and boost your immune system. Created by Miranda Esmonde-White, the New York Times best-selling author of Aging Backwards and host of the award-winning PBS special Aging Backwards, this workout draws on 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.

Instructor: Charo Evangelista

Fee: \$105

FITNESS PROGRAMS

Zumba® Fitness

Date: Mondays, September 11 – Dec 11

Time: 6:00- 7:00pm

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!



SENIOR PROGRAMS

Building Bridges: Senior Technology Classes

Dates: Mondays in October, 3pm-4pm

Time: 3pm – 4pm

Location: Township Building

Description: Would you like to learn more about how to use social media, email and various smart phone apps? East High School students are here to help! Each Monday in October, we'll pair one East HS Senior with one resident senior, to learn more about technology.

Registration: Please call Jason at 6106927171 or email jiang@eastgoshen.org to register in advance. This is five, individual classes, residents can sign up for a maximum of two classes.

Seniors Card Club

Date: Every Friday of the month

Time: 9:30am-12:00pm

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!



Senior MahJong

Dates: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month,

Time: 1:00pm-3:30pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

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

Fee: Free!



Senior Rummikub

Dates/Times: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month

Time: 1:00pm-3:30pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

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!

Senior Pinochle

Dates/Times: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month

Time: 1:00pm-3:30pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Description: Come out to join our Pinochle group. We play both single and double deck!

Fee: Free!

Book Club

Date: Second Tuesday of each month

Time: 1:00pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Fall reads:

September 12 - Look

Again by Lisa Scottoline

October 10 - Glass Castle

by Jeannette Walls



BUS TRIPS

Tail Sails Trip

Date: Thursday, September 21

Departs West Chester: 10:00am

Arrives back in West Chester: 5:30pm

Description: Join us as we set sail on the Kalmar Nyckel! We will depart mid-morning and head down to the Delaware Waterfront where you can have lunch on your own. Afterwards, we will head over to the shipyard for our private sail on Kalmar Nyckel

Fee: \$110



Collette Italy Trip Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 13; 12pm

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Description: We are thrilled to announce that we'll be headed to Italy in April 2024 for a ten day trip of a lifetime! We'll spend time in Rome, Venice, Milan and the countryside, visiting many of Italy's famous landmarks along the way! Trip dates are April 10-19, 2024. Come to our September information meeting to learn more about the trip. You can also email Jason to get the detailed itinerary ahead of time! We've partnered with Collette Travel since 2016, the nation's best 55+ trip provider.



NYC Day Bus Trip

Date: Saturday, December 9th

Departs West Chester: 7:00am

Departs NYC: 5:30pm

Description: There is no place better than NYC in the spring! Whether you visit a museum, Central Park, the Statue of Liberty or just "people watch", there is always something new to do! To register, visit eastgoshenrec.com or contact Jason Lang at 610-692-7171. Expected arrival back in West Chester 8:00pm.

Fee: \$55



Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville

Date: Thursday, October 26

Departs West Chester: 11:00am

Arrives back in West Chester: 5:30pm

Description: Join us as we go see Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre in Lancaster. Lunch is included!

Fee: \$100

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Special Events

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Township Wide Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, September 16; 9am – 1pm (Rain Date, Sunday September 17)

Location: East Goshen Township Building

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!

Chester County Art Walk

Description: Teen Art Contest: Open to all Chester County High School Students! We've been awarded an America Walk/General Motors Grant to support a \$500 first place prize! All art mediums accepted and should be themed around "walkability" or "movement". Email an image of your work to Assistant@chestercountyarts.org by Sept 1 to enter! All entries will be displayed at a special section of the Art Walk on Sept 23! Call for Artists: The Art Walk is currently accepting Artist applications through April 3rd at <https://www.chestercountyarts.org/events.html>

Pumpkin Festival

Date: Saturday, October 14; 10am-12pm
(Rain Date: Oct 15)

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!

Food Truck and Music Festival

Date: Saturday, October 14; 2:30p-6:30p (Rain Date: Oct 15)

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 23

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 23. Please, no prior winners.

All entries will be posted to the Township Facebook page for public viewing and voting! Voting will conclude on Friday, October 27!

Toddler Trick or Treat on the playground

Date: Friday, October 27

Location: Hicks Pavilion

Time: 10am – 11am

Description: This pop up event was such a hit last year, we had to do it again! Toddlers should come to the trick or treat in costume. We'll have a trick or treat around the playground and then head back to the Hicks Pavilion for a Halloween inspired toddler story time hosted by the Malvern Library! Free but advanced registration at www.eastgoshenrec.com

Neighbor to Neighbor Day

Date: Saturday, November 11

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

"Stuff Santa's Toy Sack" donation drive

Date: November 8 – December 1

Location: Township lobby

Description: Help some local East Goshen Township kids have a wonderful holiday this year! The Township will be accepting new toy donations to be donated to local families. The toys will be used in our "Snow the Reindeer Meet and Greet" event, wrapped by elves during the event and delivered to the school the next week! All those that donate will be entered in a raffle to light the EGT Christmas Tree Saturday night, December 2nd, 6pm in EGT Park next to Santa Clause! The Park and Rec Comm. will select the winning raffle ticket live on Facebook, Thurs. Dec. 7th, 6:30pm!

FOEG presents Snow the Reindeer – must purchase tickets

Date: Saturday, December 2

Time: 10am – 12pm

Location: Blacksmith Shop

Description: Have your kids always wondered what a reindeer looks like up close? Come to the Blacksmith Shop for a magical experience this holiday season and get to meet and pet Snow the Reindeer! The experience includes getting to meet Snow the Reindeer for a photo opportunity and of course, Santa! We can only take the first 100 families, so please mark your calendars for November 1st when tickets go on sale for Township residents, November 8 for general public. 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/>

Fee: \$50 per family

East Goshen Tree Lighting Celebration

Date: Saturday, December 2

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! The celebration will feature caroling and a dance performance from one of our favorite partners, Time to Leap Dance studio!



Light the Night

East Goshen Park * Sat. December 2 * 6:00pm

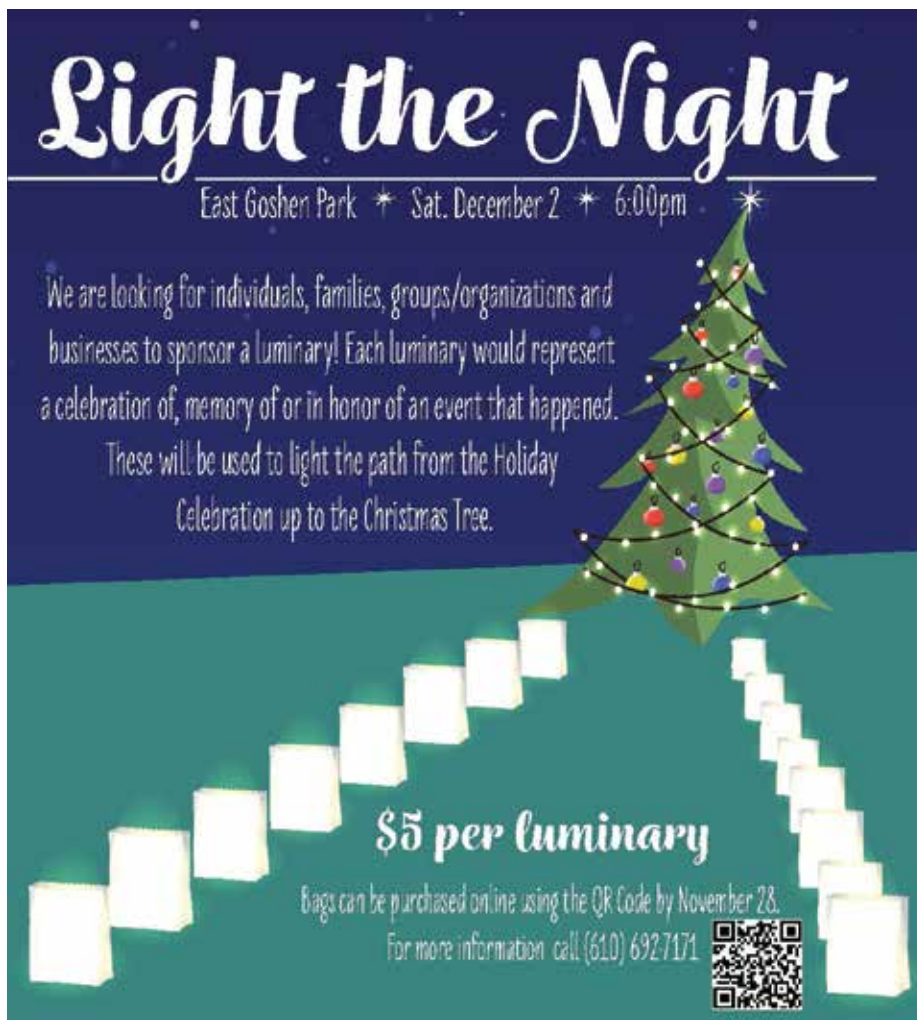
We are looking for individuals, families, groups/organizations and businesses to sponsor a luminary! Each luminary would represent a celebration of, memory of or in honor of an event that happened.

These will be used to light the path from the Holiday Celebration up to the Christmas Tree.

\$5 per luminary

Bags can be purchased online using the QR Code by November 28.

For more information call (610) 692-7171



PAVILION RENTALS



Pavilion Rental Season - March 1 to December 31. Rentals can only be made for the current calendar year.

Group Size: Groups larger than 25 are required to submit a permit. Any organized group no matter the size wanting to use the pavilion for a specific date must submit a permit to guarantee the pavilion.

Pavilion Locations: Ira Hicks Pavilion is near the playground and the preferred pavilion for children's birthday parties. Veterans Pavilion is near the football field and is better for privacy and ADA Bathroom needs. Both pavilions have picnic tables, grills, electric, water access and are close to a bathroom facility. Grills are for charcoal only. No propane grills are permitted.

Time: We offer two time slots (9:00am to 2:00pm or 3:00pm to Dusk) or renting it for the entire day. Your allotted time includes set up and clean up.

Fee: Groups 25 or larger have the following fee

Time Slot (9:00am to 2:00pm or 3:00pm to Dusk)

\$100 - East Goshen Township Resident

\$200 - Non- Resident or Organization/Business

All Day (9:00am to Dusk)

\$200 - East Goshen Township Resident

\$400 - Non- Resident or Organization/Business

Payments: Checks only. Please make checks to East Goshen Township.

How to reserve a pavilion: We will hold your time and date for one week. After one week if we do not have your completed application and payment you are forfeiting your date and time slot.

Third Party Vendors: You may have moon bounces and other inflatables from a third party vendor. You need to provide copy of their Liability Insurance naming East Goshen as an Additional Insured.

To check pavilion availability or if you have questions about pavilion permits please contact Jessica Wilhelmy at jwilhelmy@eastgoshen.org or 610-692-7171



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Parks and Recreation 2023 Event Schedule

Township Egg Hunt

April 1
East Goshen Park

Spring Yard Sale

April 15
Township Building

Toddler Trick or Treat

June 2
East Goshen Park

Camp Out

June 3
East Goshen Park

Community Day

June 24
East Goshen Park

Chester County Concert Band

July 6
East Goshen Park

SE PA Teen Film Festival

August 7
Exton Movie Tavern

Fall Yard Sale

September 16
Township Building

Chester County Art Walk

September 23
East Goshen Park

Food Truck Festival

October 14
East Goshen Park

Pumpkin Festival

October 14
East Goshen Park

Toddler Trick or Treat

October 27
East Goshen Park

Holiday Celebration & Christmas Tree Lighting

December 2
East Goshen Park

Reindeer Meet & Greet

December 2



Get Trained this Fall on Tree Planting & Care

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is offering this Basic Training Wednesdays, Sept 20, 27, and Oct 4: Simulcast In-Person and Virtual Fall Tree Tenders Training. Registration required. Cost is \$40, \$36 for PHS members.



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for more information.

GRANDMA SINGS THE BLUES

AFTER JONI MITCHELL



Even now, at 74, she puts knife to grindstone, preparing to pare blush red tomatoes. She picked them yesterday from her garden out back with the same plastic bucket she loads pecans in come Christmastime. The tree is on the far edge — so near the road named for her, or really her ancestors. My ancestors. I wonder if she remembers this the same as me. If the beat-down store beside us means some place where virtuous dead go—Elysium or Valhalla or Heaven—to her too. Or, if it's only a dark room and a pile of truck guts. I could ask her. She's sitting across from me now in her grandma's chair. But I know she's busy paring tomatoes, moving her knife like a surgeon. She was a damn good nurse.

Ethan Altshul
Jr. Poet Laureate



2023 Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Events

RESIDENTIAL ONLY – BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY

NO TV's, ELECTRONICS, LATEX PAINT OR FREON APPLIANCES WILL BE ACCEPTED

ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED: www.chestercountyswa.org

(Go to Household Hazardous Waste – Upcoming Events)

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

Technical College High School – Pickering Campus
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023

Coatesville Learning Center
1635 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320
(Stone walled entrance – Veteran's Drive – Same entrance as
CAT Brandywine – Route 30 across from Dairy Queen)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

Oxford School District Administrative Building
125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

Government Services Center
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The Frog Barometer

Recent hikes through various preserves in the township have revealed a bounty of animal sightings of different sorts. One animal in particular, a frog, caught my eye because of its deep green color and relative scarcity among the many hikes made. This particular frog was a green frog, (*Lithobates clamitans*). About 4" long and perched in the grass about 6' from the Ridley Creek shore. Once seen, the green frog leapt to the edge of Ridley Creek in a single jump.

For a little background on the green frog: like most frogs, adult Green Frogs are carnivores. Green Frogs are opportunistic feeders, consuming virtually any available prey small enough to swallow, including insects, spiders, small fish, crayfish, other crustaceans,

newts, small frogs, snakes, and are reported to be Green Frog's what is locally and Frogs are said to in the spring, in period when they consumption to in breeding all over the They are no

The notion green frogs our streams like creatures are very originating from herbicides and



Figure 1: East Goshen Green Frog at Ridley Creek via storm water

tadpoles, minnows, small snails. Terrestrial beetles a major food item. The menu varies, depending on seasonally available. Green consume most of their food preparation for the breeding reduce their food spend most of their energy activities. They are found eastern third of the US. endangered nationally. came to mind, what do indicate about the health of Ridley Creek. In brief, these sensitive to chemicals use of pesticides, fungicides that may run off flow or directly off of heavily

groomed landscapes near to the riparian edges of our streams. Green frogs breath through their skin, and store chemicals in their fat. Over chemical exposure can result in negative impacts for the frog (including birth defects, hormone abnormalities, death). They are also very temperature sensitive. They need a cool, shaded habitat. Fortunately, this frog lived quite a distance from the nearest treated lawn or storm sewer outlet. The stream and riparian area was well shaded. He seemed quite healthy given his beautiful markings, stark green color and sizable leaping ability.

Why do frogs matter? Besides fitting into the ecosystem as animals of prey and also predators, think of frogs as another barometer on the health of our streams, riparian areas and, in some ways our community as a whole. The more chemicals that get washed into the creeks via storm sewers and impervious surfaces, the more chemical load there is in our environment. That can be unhealthy for frogs and people.

The good news is the frog was out there and healthy. The frog barometer says we can manage our natural terrain to all our benefit. But it takes a smart approach. There is no one size fits all solution. Here are some helpful ideas to consider no matter where you live in the township:

Prevent water pollution - Soaking up the rain helps keep rain water on-site and reduce the polluted runoff flowing into our streets and local waterways (e.g. grading & planting). Reduce flooding - When heavy rain falls, the runoff that flows into the street can back up and cause street flooding. When we soak up the rain we help reduce the amount of water that flows from our properties into the street and the storm water system (e.g. rain gardens and rain barrels)

Protect our water resources - When we soak up the rain we help get water into the ground. This helps to keep our streams and rivers flowing and replenish the groundwater we rely on for drinking water and other uses. By reducing the rush of storm water flowing downstream we're also helping to reduce soil and stream bank erosion.

Climate resiliency - As different parts of the country become drier, wetter or hotter from more paved surface or more structures, green infrastructure practices can help communities improve their resiliency.

Beautify neighborhoods - When we soak up the rain with trees and rain gardens in our yards and in our cities, we're adding beauty to the landscape. (plant native specie trees and shrubs).

Cool the air - When we soak up the rain by planting trees and other plants in our urban neighborhoods we're helping to cool the air and reduce urban heat islands.

Save money - When we soak up the rain and reduce the runoff that flows to the street, we reduce the water to be handled by the town drainage systems. This can help lower community costs for managing this water. Green roofs can lower building energy costs;



Figure 2: Ridley Creek in Ashbridge Preserve

permeable pavements can lower construction costs for residential and commercial development by reducing the need for some conventional drainage features.

Create habitat - When we plant trees, grasses and flowering perennials, especially native plants suitable for the area, we create habitat for birds and insects such as butterflies, bees and other pollinators. <https://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain/soak-rain-whats-problem>

Vary the timing & amount of lawn & garden treatments - For example, instead of applying a full coarse of weed and feed every several months, halve the amount of treatment applied at each application and double the frequency with which it is applied, while timing the application to avoid contributing to contaminated storm runoff.

Go to the East Goshen Township web site - for a list of trees native to Pennsylvania.

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DATE	DAY	COUNTY	LOCATION
April 1, 2023	Saturday	Bucks	Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Road, Newtown
April 1, 2023	Saturday	Philadelphia	Streets Dept. Training Center, 8401 State Road at Ashburner Street, Philadelphia
April 22, 2023	Saturday	Chester	Technical College High School, 1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville
April 22, 2023	Saturday	Delaware	Emergency Services Training Center, 1600 Calcon Hook Road, Sharon Hill
April 29, 2023	Saturday	Montgomery	Boyetown Middle School East, 2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville
May 6, 2023	Saturday	Montgomery	Oak Ridge Elementary School, 465 Moyer Road, Harleysville
May 13, 2023	Saturday	Bucks	Upper Bucks County Area Vocational Technical School, 3115 Ridge Road, Perkasie
May 13, 2023	Saturday	Philadelphia	1st District Highway Yard, 4800 Parkside Avenue, Philadelphia
May 20, 2023	Saturday	Montgomery	Temple University–Ambler Campus, enter on 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler
June 3, 2023	Saturday	Delaware	Rose Tree Park, 1671 North Providence Road, Media
June 10, 2023	Saturday	Philadelphia	Northwest Transfer Station, 320 Domino Lane, Philadelphia
June 17, 2023	Saturday	Montgomery	Norristown Area High School, 1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown
June 23, 2023	FRIDAY	Chester	Coatesville CCIU Center, 1635 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville
June 24, 2023	Saturday	Montgomery	Abington Middle School, enter on 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington
June 24, 2023	Saturday	Bucks	Central Bucks South High School, 1100 Folly Road, Warrington
July 13, 2023	THURSDAY	Philadelphia	Streets Dept. Training Center, 8401 State Road at Ashburner Street, Philadelphia
August 12, 2023	Saturday	Bucks	Bucks County Technical High School, 610 Wistar Road, Fairless Hills
August 26, 2023	Saturday	Chester	Oxford School District Administration Building, 125 Bell Tower Lane (Route 10), Oxford
September 9, 2023	Saturday	Delaware	Emergency Services Training Center, 1600 Calcon Hook Road, Sharon Hill
September 16, 2023	Saturday	Philadelphia	3rd District Highway Yard, 2121 W. York Street, Philadelphia
September 23, 2023	Saturday	Montgomery	Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center, 400 South Lewis Road, Royersford
October 7, 2023	Saturday	Chester	Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester
October 14, 2023	Saturday	Delaware	Upper Chichester Township Municipal Building, 8500 Furey Road, Upper Chichester
October 21, 2023	Saturday	Philadelphia	Streets Dept. Facility, 3033 South 63rd Street–Northwest of Passyunk Avenue, Philadelphia
October 22, 2023	SUNDAY	Montgomery	Lower Merion Transfer Station, 1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley
October 28, 2023	Saturday	Bucks	Strayer Middle School, 1200 Ronald Reagan Drive, Quakertown, Richland Township
November 4, 2023	Saturday	Philadelphia	Streets Dept. NE Facility, 3901 N. Delaware Avenue, (Allegheny Exit of I-95), Philadelphia

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Delaware County	610-892-9627	delcoswa.org	Visit website to preregister
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