



EAST GOSHEN

CHESTER COUNTY, PA

Township



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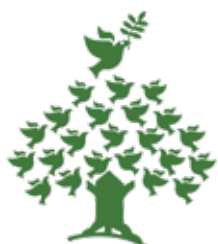
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www.eastgoshe.org

Office Hours
Monday through Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

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Derek Davis
ddavis@eastgoshe.org
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Holiday Schedule

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

New Year's Day – January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King Day
January 15, 2024
President's Day – February 19, 2024
Good Friday – March 29, 2024
Memorial Day – May 27, 2024
Juneteenth – June 19, 2024
Independence Day- July 4, 2024
Labor Day – September 2, 2024
Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples
Day - October 14, 2024
Election Day - November 5, 2024
Veterans Day - November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving November 28, 2024
Thanksgiving Day After
November 29, 2024
Christmas Day December 25, 2024

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Meeting Schedule

Board of Supervisors – first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
February 6 and 20, March 5 and 19, April 2 and 16, May 7 and 21, June 4 and 18,
July 2 and 16, August 6 and 20, September 3 and 17, October 1 and 15, November 5
and 19, December 3 and 17

Park and Recreation Commission – first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
February 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, August 1, September 5, October 3,
November 7, December 5

Municipal Authority – Second Monday of the month at 7:00pm
February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9,
October 14, November 11, December 9

Conservancy Board – second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm
February 14, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11,
October 9, November 13, December 11

Pipeline Task Force – Second Thursday of the month at 5:30pm
February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12,
October 10, November 14, December 12

Futurist Committee – Third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
February 15, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19,
October 17, November 21, December 19

Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee – fourth Monday of the month
at 6:30pm.

February 26, March 25, April 22, May 28, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23,
October 28, November 25, December 23

Planning Commission – fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
February 27, March 26, April 23, May 29, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24,
October 22, November 26, December 24

*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*



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Friends of East Goshen

On behalf of my fellow Friends of East Goshen members, thank you for the wonderful support of our organization this year! Each year, we work closely with the residents of East Goshen, the greater West Chester area and our business community, with the goal of supporting community events. All our current members live in East Goshen Township, routinely visit Township parks and understand how they positively impact the lives of Township residents. We are pleased to announce, that for the tenth straight year, we raised enough funds to offset any Township contribution towards Community Day! Meaning everything from the fireworks to the moon bounces to the band and parking were all 100% free for those in the community. We understand how important events like Community Day are to the people of East Goshen Township in producing shared community memories, and that we all may live in a “house”, but we all live within the East Goshen “home”.

Our efforts don't end with Community Day fundraising though, we also host fundraising events of our own with help from the Township Parks and Recreation Department! Each year, we host the Reindeer Meet and Greet event in December, and in 2023 hosted our first EGT Park Camp Out! The Camp Out was a total homerun and looks like something that will continue for a long time! Our favorite part of the Camp Out was that over 2/3 of all participants said it was their first-time camping, and we were able to help create that unique, family memory!

Things are certainly looking up for the Friends of East Goshen as well as our support of Township special events, but more help is always needed. We encourage everyone to take a look at our website, learn a little but more about our mission, and consider a donation, no matter the denomination.

Hope to see you in the park!

Danny Leicht
Chairperson

Friends of East Goshen, 501c3
<https://friendsofeastgoshen.org/>



Thank you for all your support!

2024 Hauler Holiday, Bulk Trash, & Yard Waste Schedules

2024 Holiday Hauler Schedule

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

May 27th: Memorial Day (Monday)

July 4th: Independence Day (Thursday)

Sept. 2nd: Labor Day (Monday)

November 28th: Thanksgiving Day (Thursday)

December 25th: Christmas (Wednesday)

2024 Yard Waste:

January: 10, 17, 24, 31

February: 7, 14, 21, 28

March: 6, 13, 20, 27

April: 3, 10, 17, 24

May: 1, 8, 15, 22

June: 5, 12, 19, 26

July: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

August: 7, 14, 21, 28

September: 11, 18, 25

October: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November: 6, 13, 20

December: 4, 11, 18

There will be NO yard waste collection on Jan 3, May 29, Sept 4, Nov 27, and Dec 25, 2024.

2024 Bulk Trash:

Bulk trash collection occurs on Thursdays and Fridays. If your regular trash pickup is on Mon/Thurs, your bulk pickup will be on a Thursday. If your regular trash pickup is Tues/Fri, your bulk pickup will be on a Friday. A bulk trash item must be able to be picked up and handled by two people. A maximum of two bulk items may be placed out for pickup at one time.

January 18th & 19th

February 15th & 16th

March 14th & 15th

April 18th & 19th

May 16th & 17th

June 13th & 14th

July 18th & 19th

August 15th & 16th

September 12th & 13th

October 17th & 18th

November 14th & 15th

December 12th & 13th





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!

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

Items NOT accepted:

- Kitty litter
- Washable dog & cat toys
- Towels & blankets
- Pillow cases & sheets
- Dog beds
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Bleach & cleaning supplies

- OPEN bags of food
- Medications



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.

Boot Rd, Greenhill Rd, N. Chester Rd, Paoli Pk, Strasburg Rd, & West Chester Pk

Any residents living on a state road that needs road repair or has trees down or potholes may report their concern by completing the online form at PennDot Customer Care Center: customer.care.penn.dot.gov or by calling PennDOT at 484-340-3200.

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

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

2024 East Goshen Township E-Waste Events

E-Waste events will take place in East Goshen Township Park at 1661 Paoli Pk, from 9am to 12pm on the following dates:

- Saturday, May 4, 2024
- Saturday, November 2, 2024

More information will be provided on our website and in the newsletter in 2024.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Website: 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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BUSINESS AND PERSONAL INSURANCE

Parting Thoughts from Outgoing Board Members Mike Lynch and David Shuey

From Mike Lynch

And so for this 21st Century journeyman, it has been an honorable investment with gratitude to be of public service to the outstanding community of East Goshen Township, Chester County (no footnotes or asterisks). No hyperbole here, EGT is a premier community and local government and if you have any doubts you don't have to go far to experience this reality.

And as I exit now I will remain a fortunate resident!

Neither a truism nor cliché and attributed to Thomas Jefferson – “A government closest to the people serve the people best”. A corollary some may like from Henry David Thoreau – “That government is best that governs the least”. I happen to like both! Here are just a few of my ‘Thoughts upon Exit’ for my colleagues and fellow residents – I have many more but you might have to find me on a trail or park bench to pry them from me:

The future (of community) is not ours to ignore – neither as a governing body nor as a citizen.

Individual voices should be respected and heard but decisions must be grounded upon the entire community – present and future.

Respect and invest in the Township Staff; they are the main spring and ballast of local government management, operations, services and continuity.

Continue to invest in infrastructure to ensure today is prepared for tomorrow.

Continue to engage the entire community of residents.

Keep politics out of local government; it often can distract or distort from public service.

Maintain the hallmark tenets of local government – Transparent, Accessible and Accountable.

From David Shuey

Reflecting on my six year term as EGT Supervisor I would say it's been my honor to serve this exceptional community. I've been asked more than once, “Knowing what you know now, would you still have run?” The answer is, yes. While elected public figures aren't always appreciated by some, I have always based my decisions on what I felt best served the entire community. I've learned that people who have a gripe are heard by staff and Board Members with more volume than people who are happy. Maybe this should change.

I didn't come into the job with all the answers (nobody can or should), so I've learned a lot about how local government functions. My appreciation of staff and volunteers has grown.

And finally, I've had the privilege to meet wonderful people, some who have become dear friends...fellow supervisors, staff, volunteers and residents. I thank you all.

Going forward, look for me engaging with EGT where I feel motivated and compelled to continue serving this special place to live. And I ask all reading this, “Where do you fit in and how can you best serve EGT?”

TONY BENNETT WHO

*once left his heart where
morning fog may chill the
air who only wanted for*

*once in his life to have
someone need him who
wanted that life more*

*coupled less free to ex-
plore the unknown who
was probably the last*

*most seen and heard
great singer of Great
American Songbook*

*standards standing up
and in for all Greatest
Generation Great De-*

*pression survivor parents
uncles aunts grandparents
now gone who when he*

*passed made us feel we'd
lost them all all over again
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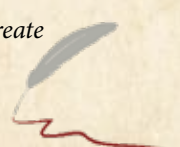
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tabled vinyl disc spin or
streaming playlist listen*

*to that vocal gush “OHhh
the good life” he who also
sang “I wanna be around”*

still is as are they.

Richard Douze

East Goshen Poet Laureate





MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

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

MPL's Children's Librarian, Ms. Emily, will host 2 special programs at East Goshen Park!

SPRING STORYTIME

Meet Ms. Emily in the pavilion to sing songs, read stories and get moving in celebration of spring. The whole family is invited! **Dates: 4/9, 4/23, 5/7, 5/21 @ 10:30 AM**

SUMMER STORYTIME SATURDAY

Ms. Emily will host a special storytime on Saturday, June 1st.

Join us to read books, sing and celebrate summer.

Please register in advance in advance at: www.malvern-library.org/calendar.



New Collection Alert!

Ever want to try out a video game before purchasing it? Now you can and all you need is a library card. MPL has video games that you can borrow for 3 weeks. Our video game collection can be found in the children's library on the circular display.

Our calendar of events and programs for children and adults changes monthly. Please go to www.malvern-library.org/calendar for a complete list of our programs and events. There is something for everyone at MPL!

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CO2 Pipeline

By now you might be aware of the promotion behind hydrogen fuel by the Federal government and the Philadelphia Inquirer business section as being "clean" energy. The Pipeline Task Force would like all our residents to know that there are many ways of producing hydrogen. Some methods produce large amounts of carbon dioxide (CO2) as a byproduct.

Blue hydrogen is produced from fossil fuels. Grey hydrogen is the most common way of producing hydrogen today and uses steam-methane reforming. These methods give off large amounts of CO2 which could then be piped through existing pipelines to underground storage that, according to their operators, have capacity. Keep in mind East Goshen Township has 11 pipelines some of which could be used to transport CO2. Green hydrogen is produced by the electrolysis of water using electricity from wind or solar power. This method produces no CO2 emissions.

CO2 has no taste, color, or smell and is heavier than air. It is considered hazardous by the Occupational, Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). CO2 can cause shortness of breath and asphyxiation at high concentrations.

In February of 2020, a CO2 leak in the small town of Satartia, Mississippi caused over 200 residents to be evacuated and 45 people sought medical attention. Cars stopped running from lack of oxygen hampering emergency response.

Goshenville Blacksmith Shop

The Blacksmith and wheelwright shops will reopen March on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10AM to 4PM. Plan a visit to see live demonstrations and learn the history of the building.

If you are involved in a group and looking for an outing/field trip contact Jess Wilhelmy at jwilhelmy@eastgoshe.org to set up a private tour of the Goshenville Blacksmith Shop and Plank house.





Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department

NEW HIRES

Please join the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department in welcoming our newest part-time officers, Ron Cross and Gemma Lewis.

Ron Cross

I graduated from West Chester East High school in 2018, and then graduated from West Chester University in winter of 2021. I went to the Delaware County Community College Police Academy and graduated from there in summer of 2023. I am from West Chester, PA. My hobbies include going to the gym and doing calisthenics either there or at East Goshen Park. I also enjoy watching sporting events and practicing soccer.

Gemma Lewis

I attended Downingtown West High School and graduated in 2020. After graduating high school, I went to Delaware County Community College's Municipal Police Academy and graduated from there in 2020. From November of 2022 until October of 2023, I worked for Delaware County Park Police. I enjoy spending time with family and going out with friends. I also enjoy shopping, watching softball or baseball, and listening to music. I currently reside in Downingtown, PA.



WINTER WEATHER SAFETY

Winter weather is upon us and before you venture out into adverse conditions there are several simple precautions that you can take to stay safe on the roadway:

• Winterize your car.

Make sure your car is up to date with fluids, brakes, fuel (keep at least half a tank), a tire check, as well as a battery check (car service shops usually offer this for free).

• Keep a winter emergency kit.

Kits are available to buy but you can create your own to include an ice scraper, blanket, meal bars, jumper cables, flashlight, portable charger for cell phone, etc.

• Slow down during inclement weather.

As a general rule, stay 5-6 seconds behind the vehicle in front of you. ALWAYS wear your seat belt and know the limitations of your vehicle in the snow and ice in regard to braking, acceleration, and handling.

• Check the weather and plan ahead of time.

Know your route and the time of day you'll be traveling. Rush hour will have more traffic and less commonly traveled roadways will be slicker in snow/ice.

Stay alert at all times.

Put the phone away and keep your eyes on the roadway. The ability to safely slow your vehicle will decrease dramatically in snow and ice.

• Be visible.

We all know head lamps will not help with seeing the roadway in the daytime while it is raining or snowing. This law is not for that purpose. Pennsylvania Law requires all motor vehicles to activate their head lamps:

- Between sunset and sunrise
- Anytime the operator cannot discern a person or vehicle from 1,000 ft due to unfavorable atmospheric conditions including rain/snow/sleet/fog etc.
- ANYTIME THE VEHICLES WINDSHIELD WIPERS ARE ACTIVATED

For more information and safety tips, follow us at www.wegopd.org, Facebook, and Instagram.



Emergency Contact Form for Businesses

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. The form can be found below or electronically at: WEGO Emergency Contact Form.



Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Commission
1041 Wilmington Pike
West Chester, PA 19382



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

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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!

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.

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! Alternatively, you may call our office at (610) 692-7171 and add your email to your Utility account. You are now able to receive email bills in lieu of mailed paper bills.



East Goshen Township Electronic Payment Program – Sewer/Trash Bill

Optional Electronic Payment Program for utility bill:

This program is offered as a complimentary service to our residents. If enrolled in this electronic payment program, we will still mail the utility bill so you know how much it is, but it will indicate “DIRECT DEBIT PLAN – DO NOT PAY”. 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, we will pull the quarterly utility bill amount, from the bank account provided, on February 20th, May 20th, Aug 20th, and November 20th (or the next business day if these are a weekend or holiday).



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. Include a voided check with the completed form when you send it to the Township Building, 1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380. Alternatively, we have a drop box at the front of the building where you can place the completed form and voided check any time of the day or night, no postage necessary.

New Utility Payment Portal

East Goshen Township implemented a new financial software platform that includes a new payment portal for online sewer and refuse payments. All utility account numbers will now include a “-0” at the end. For example, account # 9999 is now # 9999-0. In addition, each account has a unique PIN number that is printed on your bill needed for online payments. There is a small convenience fee to pay online.



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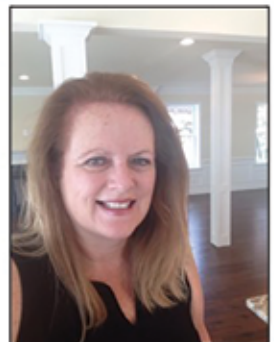
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What's Happening at Goshen Fire Company?



YOU NEVER HAD BREAKFAST AT THE FIREHOUSE?

Some say our breakfasts are the best deal in town! For \$10 (\$6 for kids) you can feast on eggs, pancakes, French toast, potatoes, and creamed chipped beef. Breakfast meats? Yeah, we got 'em...bacon, scrapple, sausage. Fruit, donuts, pastry, coffee, teas, juices. All you care to eat, lovingly prepared by Goshen volunteers. 8AM until 12 noon on the 4th Sunday of the month. 2024 dates are 1/28, 2/25, 3/24 and 4/28. We are off for the summer, and resume in September. All proceeds benefit Goshen Fire Company.



SAVE THE DATES

Easter Flower Sale, Station 56, Boot/Greenhill Rd.
Friday 3/29, Saturday 3/30, Sunday 3/31 (or until sold out)

Mother's Day Flower Sale, Station 56, Boot/Greenhill Rd.
Friday 5/10, Saturday 5/11, Sunday 5/12 (or until sold out)



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/volunteer for information on how you can join us. Follow us on Facebook at Goshen Fire Company.

NEVER STOP TRAINING

The sirens are blasting and the adrenaline is pumping as firefighters and officers arrive at a fire. What do you do first? We call it “scene size-up”. What is the nature of the emergency? Is there smoke? Fire? Anybody home? How is the building constructed? Are there other vulnerable buildings nearby? How do we best attack the fire and extinguish it?

We recently began to use “SimsUShare” virtual training. This software package allows us to take photos of actual buildings in our coverage area and virtually create fires at those structures. We will then use them in training sessions to learn size up skills. This better prepares our crews to assess needs and risks, position resources and communicate with the 911 call center.



Assistant Chief Washco leads the discussion.



These officers are on the spot...what do you do when you arrive at this car on fire in the driveway?



What's burning? Is it a dumpster? A trailer? The building? Is it hazardous?



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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/electronics-recycling-anything-with-a-plug-tickets-818527597077?aff=oddtcreator>



May 4th, 2024
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, May 4, 2024.

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 small businesses with fewer than 50 employees.

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ESAC, Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Council

East Goshen Township has a new Resolution!

In concert with a growing number of Townships in Chester County and throughout PA, East Goshen is recommending all residents bring their own reusable bags when they shop. This will reduce and gradually eliminate the need for stores and restaurants to provide single use plastic bags which are harmful to our environment and our wildlife.

Our new Resolution is also requesting all our businesses to reduce and gradually eliminate serving food in styrofoam containers. This product is especially dangerous, as it cannot be recycled, but deteriorates into microplastics which are polluting our air and water. Microplastics are so small that we ingest them without realizing it, and they represent particular danger to our children and seniors, as well as our pets.

Most of our establishments already offer alternate containers to styrofoam. Residents can also bring their own bento boxes or other containers for left overs, further reducing the use of styrofoam containers for this purpose.

This resolution also recommends the reduction and gradual elimination of plastic straws, which also cannot be recycled, as they jam the mechanism of most recycling equipment. We are asking our businesses to consider offering paper and/or compostable straws, as several of our restaurants already do. Compostable straws are much stronger than paper ones, and work quite well for smoothies and milk shakes!

To assist our businesses in this transition, we recommend residents purchase their own straws made of bamboo, metal, reusable plastic, or other materials. These are available in their own carrying cases from Amazon and other suppliers, and can be brought along for dining in and carry out purchases.

Our Council will soon be offering signs to all our businesses who wish them, to post at their entrances reminding us all to bring our own bags to shop. Members of the East High School Environment Club are helping us design these signs. Here is one example.


Please be sure to thank our businesses who are helping keep East Goshen beautiful. Also thank our fellow residents when you see them carrying their own reusable bags and straws. We all have a part to play to protect our beautiful Township for the generations to come.

Thank you all for your efforts!

ESAC, Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Council






Keep East Goshen Beautiful



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.**

Letter from Park and Recreation Commission

We hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful, holiday season so far. The holiday season is all about making life-long memories with friends and family, and that is true of our parks too! We are always amazed at how many people are in our parks each and every day! And 2023 has been a banner year in the parks in so many ways. We opened our new pickleball/tennis courts and they've been a smash success so far! We are very pleased with how they are being used by Township residents and the general public, and look to 2024 to be another great year on the courts! After this past year of learning what works and what doesn't on the courts, we are tweaking court rules and play style a bit, to benefit Township residents. Specific changes are listed further in this newsletter and on the Township website.

But we didn't just add new park facilities this year, we also added an amazing new event, the EGT Park Camp Out! One-hundred families put up tents and sleep over night in the park and it was great! We had a movie, moon bounces, multiple fire pits with s'mores, face painting and more! The event began with the raising of the official Camp Out flag at 6pm, hit a silly peak with five-hundred people howling at the moon at 11pm, and then ended with an East HS Band trumpet performance of Reveille to wake everyone up for breakfast! The Camp Out was a fundraiser event for the Friends of East Goshen, 501c3, the non-profit that raises funds for many of our most popular events like the Egg Hunt, Community Day and SE Pa Teen Filmmakers Showcase! We are expanding the Camp Out in 2024, with tent sites for two-hundred families and even more fun! And we are waiting to hear back from the Guinness Book of Records folks, but are hoping to break the record of 883 people simultaneously howling at the moon! The date will be June 1, 2024, with tickets going on sale to residents on February 15th!

If you have tweens and teens at home, you'll also want to mark your calendars for February 1st when tickets for the Washington DC Teen Amazing Race experience go on sale! We have a National Park Service permit for the Washington Monument area of the National Mall, where all the fun will kick off! Teams will race around the grassy National Mall area and in select Smithsonian Museums, in hopes of winning the Amazing Race! Will Abraham Lincoln be there? Yup! How about George Washington? Of course! The trip will be from 7:30a-8p. After the Amazing Race ends around 12pm, teens and family/chaperones can enjoy the afternoon in our nation's capitol before boarding the buses to head home.

As you can see, while we turn the page on this year, we have a lot to look forward to in 2024! So we hope you enjoy this time with family and friends. We encourage you to still get outside and enjoy our parks this winter, just maybe wrapped up in a coat and hat!

See you in the park!

Township Park and Recreation Commission

Thank you

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.



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Parks & Recreation CLASSES/PROGRAMS/CAMPS

SPECIAL EVENTS

Spring Township Photo Contest

Submission Period: March 1st – June 1st

Description: Our inaugural Photo Contest last year went so well, we think it should be an annual tradition!

All submissions displayed at Community Day, with the general public voting amongst the Finalists for the Best Picture award! Visit the Township website for complete details, email submissions to egtphotocontest@eastgoshen.org.



Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday, March 17th (Rain Date: March 18th)

Ages: 10 and under

Description: Join the Township for the event that kicks off a season of fun in the park! Free, but register in advance at eastgoshenrec.com. Eggs are filled with candy and toys, with specially marked eggs for additional prizes!

Spring Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, April 13th (Rain Date: April 14th); 9a-1p

Location: Township Bldg

Description: Clean out those attics and garages and join us for our spring Yard Sale! Residents living in condos, apartments and gated communities can set up at the Township Bldg, but limited to twenty spots. Call the Township at 610-692-7171 to reserve your spot. You can also add single family homes to our neighborhood list.



NYC Spring Trip

Date: May 4, 7:30a – 8p
(leave NYC at 5:30p)

Description: Visit the Big Apple as the weather warms and take the worry out of getting there! The trip drops off/picks up at Bryant Park,

right in the heart of all the action!

Fees: \$60

EGT Park Camp Out hosted by the Friends of East Goshen (FOEG)

Date: June 1, 5pm – 7am

Description: Last year, we had over 400 people sleep in the park overnight and it was AWESOME! Well, minus the snoring dads of course! We had multiple bonfires, a movie, moon bounces, crafts and the raising of the official Camp Out flag! This is a FOEG fundraiser event, with net proceeds supporting Township park events like Community Day and the Pumpkin Festival. Reminder: Parent/Guardians willing to fill a two-hour Night Guard shift come for free! Email Jason to be added to the list.

Resident registration begins on: March 1st;

Non-resident registration on March 8th

Community Day

Date: Saturday, June 29th
(June 30th Rain Date); 5pm - fireworks

Description: Our official kickoff to summer! Come gather in EGT Park and welcome the summer season with fireworks, food trucks, moon bounces and more!



West Chester Concert Band

Date: Thursday, July 11th; 6:30p – 7:30p

Description: The all-volunteer West Chester Concert Band, consisting of 65+ members, has been performing in and around the West Chester area since 1986, and is coming to EGT Park in 2024! The band under the direction of Joseph Gehring has earned a fine reputation for performing a varied repertoire which includes classics, show tunes, jazz, marches, and contemporary arrangements. Bring a blanket/chair, sunglasses, sunscreen and bug spray.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Junior Beekeeper Program

Date: May 6 & 7 (3p-4p) or May 13 & 14 (4p-5p)

Description: Become a part of our Junior Beekeepers this spring! This will be a two-day program, where kids will learn all about honeybees! They'll learn the parts of a bee hive, how to properly wear the beekeeper outfit and helmet, the bee colony annual cycle and interact with the bees! All Junior Beekeepers will wear a youth -sized beekeeper outfit and helmet. Our Junior Beekeeper Program will be led by Carmen Battavio of Carmen B's Honey and assisted by Jason Lang, Parks and Recreation Director. The two-day program will conclude with a ceremony congratulating our Junior Beekeepers who will go home with some tasty surprises!



Nature Warriors

Dates: Spring 2024

Description: SMALL HANDS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. Winter may be approaching but the West Chester Garden Club is already planning for our late Spring 2024 programming. We're looking for NATURE WARRIORS. Parents of children ages 6 to 8, if your child is interested in learning more about Nature and you are willing to commit to five, 45 minute nature



filled classes, on a Saturday morning in the Hicks Pavilion at East Goshen Park, stay tuned!!!

Teen DC Amazing Race

Date: Tuesday, July 30th; 7am – 8pm

Description: This will be an EPIC event! We are taking 100 teenagers to DC for an Amazing Race challenge on the National Mall! The event kicks off steps from the Washington Monument and weaves down the National Mall and in and out of the Smithsonian Museums! Expect some crazy challenges that will test your team as you vie for the DC Amazing Race grand prize! Each team will be made of 8-10 teens and one adult chaperone. The Amazing Race will conclude around lunchtime, and you are free to explore the city until we board the buses at 5pm.

Tickets: \$65

Anticipated Summer Camp Schedule

Description: It is never too early to start planning for the summer camp season AND it's something the kids can look forward to! Exact camp details such as field trip schedules finalized in January and posted on the website.

Summer REC Camp

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 24 – July 26
9am – 12pm

Summer REC Full Day Camp

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 24 – July 26
8am – 5:30pm

Beginner Lego's

Dates:

Section I, Monday-Friday, June 17 – June 21, 1pm-4pm
Section II, Monday-Friday, August 12 – August 16, 1pm-4pm

Ages: 7—12

Intermediate Lego's

When: Monday-Friday, July 8 – July 12, 12:30pm-3:30pm

Ages: 7—12

Rocketry Camp

When: Monday-Friday, August 12 – August 16, 9am-12pm

Ages: 9—13

West Chester Junior Tennis League

Location: East Goshen Park

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

Description (2-3 sentences): For Beginner and Intermediate players, ages 5-14, the West Chester Junior Tennis League is the perfect way for your kids to learn and PLAY tennis. Our 7 week program starts with 3 weeks of instruction and continues with 4 weeks of instruction and supervised match play.

Register at <http://phillyteamtennis.org/>

Contact Information: Justin DePietropaolo, justin@phillyteamtennis.org



ADULT ACTIVITIES

Senior Cards

Date: Fridays, 9a-12p

Location: Township Bldg

Description: Come play cards with fellow seniors at the Township Building, every Friday morning! We play a host of different card games, from canasta to Mexican train and everything in between!



Mahjong

Date: 1st and 2nd Thursday each month, 1p-3p

Location: Township Bldg

Description: Mahjongg is a tile-based game developed in the 19th century in China and has spread throughout the world since the early 20th century. It is played by four players and is a lot of fun!



Rummikub

Date: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thursday each month, 1p-3p

Location: Township Bldg

Description: Rummikub is a tile-based game for 2 to 4 players, combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong.

Applebrook Resident Golf Outings

Description: The Monday outing is resident only, tee times starting at 8:30am and golfers must use a caddy. Residents can bring up to three guests for the June and October golf outings. The June and September outings have a 1pm shotgun start preceded by a lunch on the veranda. Golfers can carry, use a pull cart (personal) or use a caddy but cannot change option once at the golf outing. To register, visit eastgoshenrec.com or contact Jason Lang at 610-692-7171.

Adult Tennis Clinics

Location: East Goshen Park

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

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

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Contact Information: Justin DePietropaolo, justin@phillyteamtennis.org



Adult Pickleball Clinics

Location: East Goshen Park

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

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FITNESS

Zumba Fitness with Strength, Stretch and Core

Date: Mondays 5:45- 7:00pm

Location: East Goshen Elementary Gym

Winter Session:

Jan. 8, 22, 29, Febr. 5, 12, 26, March 3

\$70 for 7 class session or \$12 single class

Spring Session:

April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20

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Date: Thursdays

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Tuition: \$105 (each session)

Session A.- January 1 - February 29, 2024 (No class February 1)

Session B.- March 7 - April 18, 2024

YOGA

Dates: January 11 - April 18, 2024

Yoga Flows: January 9 - April 9, 2024

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Tuition: \$125

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, January 11 - April 18, 2024

(No classes February 1)

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuition: \$105



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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

Now Hiring for Summer Camp!

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The camp season is mid-June through July.

We anticipate hiring staff at three levels of leadership with tiered starting pay rates.

Also an excellent opportunity for school year teachers.

Must be 16 years old by the first day of camp, able to pass federal and state background checks and attend staff/CPRFA training.

Email Jason at jiang@eastgoshen.org or visit the website to download the application!

Will you be 14 or 15 this summer??? We also have a Counselor in Training (CIT) Program, which is an excellent opportunity to stay involved this summer and learn more about our camp program!





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