



EAST GOSHEN Township

CHESTER COUNTY, PA



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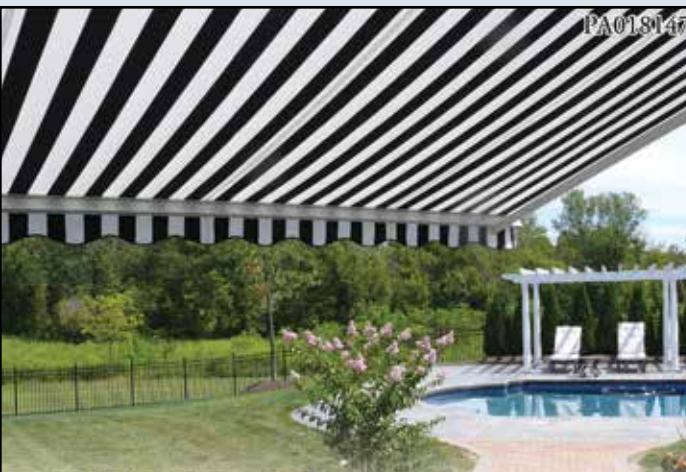
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Holiday Schedule

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

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

Veterans Day
November 11, 2024

Thanksgiving
November 28, 2024

Thanksgiving Day After
November 29, 2024

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Meeting Schedule

Board of Supervisors – first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm

June 4 and 18, July 16, August 6, September 3, 10 and 17, October 1 and 15, November 5 and 19, December 3 and 17

Park and Recreation Commission – first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

June 6, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5

Municipal Authority – Second Monday of the month at 7:00pm

June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9

Conservancy Board – second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm

June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11

Pipeline Task Force – Second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.

June 13, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14

Futurist Committee – Third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.

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.

June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 25, December 23

Planning Commission – fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm

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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Spring Greetings from the Chairman

Hello Neighbors!

As I write this newsletter, I am sitting with the windows open, enjoying this unusual 70 degree day in March! When this hits your mailbox, we will be enjoying many more of these similarly temperate days.

In the last newsletter, our Pipeline Task Force (PTF) team added a quick blurb regarding Mach 2 hydrogen lines. As an update, first allow me to assure you that there are NO CURRENT PLANS for such a pipeline coming through our township. We have not been approached by any companies with interest in constructing a hydrogen line.

Additionally, the Board of Supervisors, with the research and recommendation of the PTF, passed an ordinance on March 5, 2024, limiting the locations that a hydrogen line can be placed within EGT. Special consideration to areas of high consequence are enumerated in the ordinance, requiring even more distance for setbacks in the event a company wanted to consider our township for their hydrogen line.

Chester County has released a plan for an emergency response to pipeline incidents. The draft was sent to the townships in late March. At the time this letter was penned, the plan was undergoing scrutiny and vetting by our township PTF members, administrators, as well as supervisors. This will help first responders and township officials better understand what they are dealing with in the event of a leak. This is certainly not the last thing we have to do in order to be prepared for a pipeline emergency, but it is a start.

Please take a few extra minutes to review the letter from the Municipal Authority (our sanitary sewer board) regarding rates. As much as we hate to consider raising the sewer rates, there are a number of factors contributing to that decision laid out for us in that letter.

As spring ramps up, please remember children are playing in our neighborhoods, and people are out exercising as well, so mind your speed. And as you utilize the award winning parks and trails in the township, lock up your valuables! Have a happy, safe, enjoyable spring and summer!

Michele Truitt



2024 Hauler Holiday, Bulk Trash, & Yard Waste Schedules

2024 Holiday Hauler Schedule (NO Pickups)

July 4th: Independence Day (Thursday)

Sept. 2nd: Labor Day (Monday)

November 28th: Thanksgiving Day (Thursday)

December 25th: Christmas (Wednesday)

2024 Yard Waste:

June: 5, 12, 19, 26

October: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

July: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November: 6, 13, 20

August: 7, 14, 21, 28

December: 4, 11, 18

September: 11, 18, 25

There will be NO yard waste collection on 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.

June 13th & 14th

July 18th & 19th

August 15th & 16th

September 12th & 13th

October 17th & 18th

November 14th & 15th

December 12th & 13th



Friends of East Goshen

Did you know the Friends of East Goshen 501c3 (FOEG) has been supporting Township events since its inception in 2012? All of our members live in East Goshen Township, are regulars in our parks and take great satisfaction knowing that we play a vital role in providing amazing, memory-filled events in the park.

We work with individuals, families, local businesses and corporations to financially support Township events. Each year, we are pleased to donate enough to the Township to fully fund events like Community Day, the Egg Hunt and the Pumpkin Festival. Just last year, the total was \$27,000, as shown in the picture below! Many of our local businesses and corporations sponsor these events each year, which is wonderful. They are truly committed to our community, take a look at our Top Ten List, those that have sponsored ten years running! But one fundraising area where we miss the boat is in smaller donations. There are so many people that attend these wonderful Township events, and I think if even a fraction made a small donation, we could really blow the roof off these events! I encourage everyone to take a minute to scan the QR code and learn a little more about the Friends of East Goshen and our mission. And if supporting park events in your backyard is important to you, please consider a small donation!

Top Ten List

Applebrook Golf Course
 Communciations Test Designs, Inc.
 East Goshen Democrats
 East Goshen Republicans
 Lenni Electric
 Pennoni Associates
 Techniplast USA

I've now been FOEG Chair for four years, and we are really in an exciting time for our organization. This past fall, we welcomed four new members: Chrissy Atkins, Kate Diem, Alison Larkin and Ivanna Peck. They are definite go-getters with lots of ideas and I'm excited to see what direction they take FOEG in! And so we are up to seven members. Sarah Wilkocz and Nancy Clifford have sat alongside me and been the driving forces behind many of our new initiatives over the last few years, including the Camp Out, Reindeer Meet and Greet and shade sail installation in the playground sand area a few years ago. Last, but not least, I would like to thank Carole Quadagno and Nick Sapone, FOEG members that stepped down in 2023. Thanks again for all your efforts, see you both in the park.

By the time this newsletter hits mailboxes, we will have celebrated another successful EGT Park Camp Out event! This year, 200 families camped out in the park and enjoyed two movies, a Silent Disco party, bonfires and s'mores, inflatables and more! It was quite a night! The Camp Out has quickly become our largest fundraising event, this year generating over \$5,000 towards other Township events! Aside from that, it's also a unique and fun way for families to make a memory close to home. For the second year in a row, we capped the night at 11pm by howling at the moon...this year with over 800 people in unison! I had a mom tell me that her kids set up a tent in the living room each weekend in May in anticipation of the Camp Out, and always ended it by howling at the moon! Wow, that's what its all about!

On behalf of my fellow FOEG members, thanks for your ongoing support of Township events. We always have a table next to the Township table at all the events, so don't be afraid to stop by and say hi!

Sincerely,

Daniel Leicht

Chair

Friends of East Goshen, 501c3

<https://friendsofeastgoshen.org/>



*Pictured (L-R): Kate Diem,
 Ivanna Peck, Chrissy Atkins, Daniel Leicht,
 Nancy Clifford, Alison Larkin;
 not pictured: Sarah Wilkocz*



Conservancy Board

Are you an ornithologist? Or, maybe a birder? Or, do you just like to watch the birds in your backyard? Whether you study birds, travel to observe them, or just enjoy watching them in your yard, you may be interested to know that there are bluebird houses installed throughout East Goshen Park.

Eastern bluebirds live in meadows, farmland, and open areas surrounded by trees and nest in cavities such as woodpecker holes or nest boxes. They were prolific throughout much of the eastern United States, but their numbers declined sharply in the 20th century. Cornell University's Laboratory of Ornithology estimates that the population of Eastern bluebirds declined as much as 70 percent by 1970 due to competition from European starlings and house sparrows (both introduced species), loss of habitat and nesting sites, and the introduction of pesticides.

Fortunately, the population of Eastern bluebirds has started to rebound, most likely due to efforts by volunteers to install and maintain birdhouses that meet their nesting requirements. The East Goshen Conservancy Board – with help from the township Public Works Department – has installed 20 bluebird houses in the park. Additional birdhouses will be installed in the near future.

Bluebird houses require regular monitoring to ensure no other species move in and require maintenance to clean out old nests and disinfect the boxes. Members of the Conservancy Board recently spent a Saturday cleaning and disinfecting the bluebird houses so they are ready for new Spring visitors.

Whether you are walking the trail, playing pickleball, or watching your children enjoy the playground, be on the lookout for our beautiful Eastern bluebirds. If you are interested in helping to monitor and maintain the bluebird boxes, please contact Aslhey Nowak at the township.

HEARD AND SEEN AT THE PHARMACY COUNTER

-Date of birth?
-Excuse me?
-DATE OF BIRTH!

*with the "please wait here till called"
sign just 5 feet from the counter sound
air speed trumps privacy guarding intent*

-Oh I'm sorry. August 27th 1940
-We don't have anything for you.
-I'm sorry. It's for my husband.
-Date of birth?
-Excuse me?

*here we go again almost 84 still vertical
no walker no cane good for her no one
behind me no rush needed patience please*

-We don't have anything for him either.
-Oh dear. The doctor's office said they called it in.
It's his heart medicine; he's almost out.
-Let me check with the pharmacist.

*she looks side to side and behind maybe
anxious about not coming home with the
goods and embarrassed to hold up the line*

-OK, we have it.

*why didn't they know that from the start
didn't need to upset her even briefly*

-Do you have any questions for the pharmacist?
-I don't think so. It's his usual medicine.
-Then hit NO on the screen.
-Excuse me?
-Hit NO on the screen. You can use the stylus.
-The what?
-The little pen thing on the wire. OK. Now sign to
say you picked it up. On the screen. The stylus.
-Oh dear. Looks like scribble. Can I try again?
-It's fine.

*she looks behind her again needing to explain
to anyone and everyone*

-And I used to teach penmanship to 4th graders.
How embarrassed I'd be if anyone saw this.

*I almost jumped the line to say hey give
her a real piece of paper and a real pen
and let her show you her best Palmer*

*method signature stuff but now two be-
hind me my no rush needed now needed
so as she walked off I stepped up for my*

*turn resolved for her to wield the stylus
pen thing with penman precision date
of birth launch-ready on tongue tip.*

Richard Donze

East Goshen Poet Laureate



Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Ordinance

The Pipeline Task Force sadly reports that our colleague Paul Kersavage passed away last year. We extend our condolences to his family. Paul was a valued member of our group and a significant contributor during his brief time on the PTF. We enjoyed working with Paul and he will be greatly missed.

You may have seen the Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub (MACH2) in the news recently. This plan proposes hydrogen as a "clean" energy source. If hydrogen is produced from a fossil fuel, there is the potential for large amounts of carbon dioxide to be generated as a byproduct. Pipelines may be necessary for carbon dioxide capture and sequestration. That is why carbon dioxide pipelines were discussed in the Spring 2024 Newsletter. The Pipeline Task Force continues to work on this topic.

Carbon dioxide is a hazardous substance and can cause asphyxiation at the high concentrations associated with these pipelines. We drafted a Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Ordinance which was approved by the Board of Supervisors in February 2024. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of township residents. It proposes restrictions on the location (relative to existing structures like homes, businesses, schools, etc.) and operation of carbon dioxide pipelines within the township.



MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

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

COME EXPERIENCE THE NEW AND IMPROVED MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Our renovations are nearly complete, and we are excited to share our new and improved spaces to gather, read, learn, and share. Laptops are now available for use in our reading room, or in our new café area with banquette seating and café style tables. The newly dedicated Judy Milne Children's Library is ready for a busy summer of reading, dancing, playing and discovering. We hope to see you at the Malvern Public Library this summer!



ADULT PROGRAMMING

Summer Reading: Read a book of your choice and fill out a review card at the circulation desk for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant. One card will be drawn each week.

June: Everyone is welcome at MPL! This month's programs help us learn how to make our entire community feel safe and welcome. Join us for *Ally is Not a Noun, It is a Verb!* hosted by the Eastern PA Trans Equity Project and *Being There: Supporting Coming Out Journeys* hosted by author, Robin Gow and community educator, Rain Black.

July: Celebrate America's beginnings! Join us for a riveting presentation on *The Siege of Boston*. This lecture will explore the details of what caused militias to surround Boston, and why the Continental Congress elected George Washington as Commander in Chief of its new military. Later in the month, presenters from the Pennsylvania Colonial Plantation will be on hand to demonstrate what life in colonial America was like.

August: Stay cool and unwind with indoor games at the library! Join us for a tabletop game night where you can choose from Monopoly, Telestrations, checkers and more. If you are feeling a little more adventurous, stop by for Improv Games with Darryl Spencer and let your imagination run wild.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

GO WilMa 2024! Let's explore our community's parks and open spaces this summer. Pick up your field guide at the library.

Summer Reading Program: Read books and complete fun activities to earn raffle tickets and win prizes. Book logs and activity logs can be picked up at the circulation desk.

NEW! Video Game Club Camp 6/24-6/28 from 9:30am- 12:30am. Limited spots

NEW! Bollywood Dance Program 6/20 @ 1pm

Please see our calendar for story times and many more kid's programs! A complete calendar of events and programs for children and adults can be found at www.malvern-library.org/calendar There is something for everyone at MPL!

Goshenville Blacksmith Shop

The Blacksmith and wheelwright shops is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays (except for June 19 through July 31), and Sundays 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIEUTENANT DAVID LEAHY

The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department wishes to congratulate Lieutenant David Leahy on becoming the first WEGO Command member to graduate from the prestigious Northwestern School of Police Staff & Command (SPSC).



The School of Police Staff & Command is an exhaustive 10-week program that provides experienced law enforcement professionals with the necessary leadership and management skills to be successful in senior command positions. The program is held in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and covers a variety of topics, including:

- Leadership and Management
- Contemporary Policing
- Decision Making
- Employee Relations
- Evaluating Products & Services
- Executive Image
- Grant Writing
- Human Resources
- Media Relations
- Organizational Behavior
- Planning & Policies
- Project Management
- Resource Allocation
- Statistics
- Traffic
- Problem Solving

Lieutenant Leahy graduated on February 16th from the 563rd class, comprised of law enforcement leaders from various police agencies across southeast Pennsylvania and Virginia. The class was held over four months, from October to February, with two weeks on and two weeks off. In total, the class involved 400 hours of learning.

Lieutenant Leahy stated that attending and graduating from the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command course was the most valuable experience of his 26-year career in law enforcement. He acknowledged that his class was taught by some of the most knowledgeable law enforcement instructors in the country, and he developed professional relationships with other law enforcement leaders in the region, which he intends to maintain throughout his career.

He would also like to express his gratitude to Chief Bernot, his patrol sergeants, his Staff Services Corporal, and his wife, Jackie, for their support during his NWSPSC program graduation.

For more information on the program and its history, please visit <https://sps.northwestern.edu/center-for-public-safety/management/spsc.asp>.



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Emergency Contact Form for Businesses

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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

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Business Phone Number: _____

Business Email Address: _____

Township (check one): Westtown Twp East Goshen 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!



Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department

16 SOCIAL MEDIA APPS TO FOCUS ON FOR PARENTS

The author, Officer Christopher P. Dittus, has been an officer with the Westtown-East Goshen Police Department for seven years and is currently pursuing his Master of Science Degree in Digital Forensics at DeSales University.

The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department understands that social media and new applications are constantly changing and are utilized against the initial intentions of the application. These applications are a never-ending wave of fun and excitement for people of all ages. These apps allow users to remain connected and involved in each other's lives from across great distances while learning new dances, recipes, and life hacks. Some apps bring like-minded kids together to discuss gaming strategies and provide a place for them to melt away their life stressors. However, like any good app, some are exploited by those wishing to do harm to these children.

Here is a list of some of the most concerning social media apps and why you should pay more attention to them if you discover them on your child's phone.



TikTok is a short video-based app that allows users to post videos from 3 seconds to 10 minutes. TikTok lack of privacy controls exposes kids to cyberbullying, explicit content, and other harmful material. TikTok is maintained and controlled by Byte Dance, which is out of China. TikTok targets the dopamine levels in the adolescent's brain by targeting short-term pleasures. According to diagnostic standards, 24% of adolescents are addicted to TikTok, which further causes more anxiety and depression issues among these adolescents.



Snap chat allows users to send and receive explicit content from anyone/anywhere and gives users up-to-date location via a map feature unless the feature is deactivated. The minimum age requirement to create a Snapchat account is 13 years old. Snapchat was designed as a live-in-the-moment app that destroys photos after the selected timeframe but has been utilized by adolescents to send explicit live content.



Discord is the number 1 used app for pedophiles/trafficking. It's a gaming site used to chat in real-time with players from around the world in private or group settings. Access is allowed starting at 13 years old. Discord has begun implementing parental controls like "safe direct messaging," which will delete any direct message with explicit material, but if they are not activated, children can be exposed to explicit material live.



YouTube – parental controls must be activated to prevent explicit content from being visible with simple search terms. Explicit content, such as extremist content and recruiting videos, are utilized by terrorist/extremist organizations to spread their message worldwide.



Chatous allows users to chat/share images with anyone. It allows predators to engage in inappropriate conversations with potential victims anonymously. This app contains no age verification due to the app's popularity with teenagers. The teenage window is consumed with explicit content with no way to filter out the material. There is also a feature that allows you to pay "tokens" (money) to obtain the person's gender.



Twitch is a video streaming platform that allows users to watch others play games live. This content is uncensored. Twitch provides limited parental functions and allows users as young as 13 years old. Twitch tries to moderate and keep the material appropriate, but it does allow children to be subject to explicit material/communication and online predators. Twitch allows for private communication between users known as "whispers."



Telegram is a popular encrypted communication app that allows group and individual chats with "self-destructing" messages. Users can search for people nearby utilizing the app's geolocation. The app allows for explicit content to be opened in the app, preventing outside websites from showing on the phone. Telegram has no lockable parental controls and allows for potential predators nearby to locate users.



Live.me allows live streaming videos in a specific geolocation, and users can find the broadcaster's exact location. It also allows for a payment system of "Coins" to "Play" in exchange for photos. Unfiltered content during the live streams allows for anonymous cyberbullying to occur.



Calculator is a vault-style app that allows the phone holder to store photos, videos, files, and browser history from everyone, even connected devices. The app looks like the calculator feature on the phone, but when selected, it will ask for a passcode to access the information contained within.



Yubo is a social media app (ages 13 and up) that allows them to share locations and view other users in the area while watching unknown persons' live streaming videos. A lot of explicit content was used. Due to 99% of the users being between the ages of 13-25, it is often utilized by predators.



WhatsApp allows users worldwide to make calls, send texts, leave messages, and send photos/videos all within the app. It is known to be used by scammers and users subjected to malware.



Tumblr is a blogging app with no privacy settings for people as young as 13 years old. Explicit content is easy to find, and all posts are public and have a geolocation. Tumblr further allows for the glorification of serious issues like suicide or self-harm.



Monkey is an app for kids 12 and up that allows you to video chat with a stranger anywhere in the world. These video chats are live and unfiltered, which can expose children to several illegal things. After a brief introductory call, you are given a chance to add each other to Snapchat. This app is like Omegle.



Dating Apps—Grindr is the largest dating app for the LGBT community, locating people based on the user's geolocation. Bumble is a dating app where women control the first contact and is the biggest app utilized by underage women.



Signal is an encrypted messaging app that deletes messages every 24 hours. Allows for video and text communication with zero parental controls.



Holla is a live video chat roulette app that connects users with random people worldwide. Users have no idea what will be on the screen when the chat opens. It is known to be used by predators to try and obtain material from underage children. Unwanted sexual content is unstoppable.

One application to think about downloading and installing is Cyacomb. Cyacomb is a safe communication app that can be downloaded onto a kid's phone to prevent explicit/illegal/csam (child sexual abuse material) content from being downloaded to the phone. It's a game-changing detection and filtering technology that combats online child sexual abuse and terrorist content in end-to-end encrypted messaging platforms, on social media, and in cloud platforms while maintaining user privacy. Although no application will be better than having open communication with your children, this app could help prevent unwanted material while utilizing other applications.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR FAMILIES

"What are your plans for this summer? Whatever you have in mind, make sure to keep the following safety tips in mind and don't forget about our furry friends:



1. Stay Cool - When going out, wear lightweight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothing.
2. Stay Hydrated - Dehydration can occur quickly, so take frequent breaks if you're active, and always carry a water bottle.
3. Don't Forget Sunscreen - Make sure to reapply after swimming and at least every 2 hours.
4. Practice Water Safety - Never swim alone or leave children unsupervised when in the water.
5. Never Leave Children and/or Pets Unattended in the Car - This can lead to life-threatening conditions.
6. Know the Signs of Heat Stroke - Take a break if you start to feel dizzy or nauseous while out in the heat.
7. Be Aware of Teen Drivers - With the warm weather and school out, more teens will be on the road, so maintain a safe distance when driving.

These tips will help you have a happy and safe summer!"

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

HOW TO AVOID A SCAM

Four SIGNS THAT IT'S A SCAM



Information for this article from the Federal Trade Commission website: [ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov).

- 1. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.** Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for donations. They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So the name and number you see might not be real.
- 2. Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.** They might say you're in trouble with the government. Or you owe money. Or someone in your family had an emergency. Or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.
- 3. Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.** Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.
- 4. Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.** They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO AVOID A SCAM

- 1. Block unwanted calls and text messages.** Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.
- 2. Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect.** Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, such as your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers. If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.
- 3. Resist the pressure to act immediately.** Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.
- 4. Know how scammers tell you to pay.** Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.
- 5. Stop and talk to someone you trust.** Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

If you were scammed or think you saw a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov).



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 needs your help! The animal rescues cannot thank you enough for your past support.

Accepted items include:

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

Items NOT accepted:

- 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. Look for our flag disposal box in the main entrance vestibule by the drop box.

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

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.

State Roads: 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

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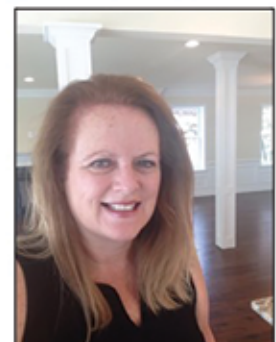
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Congratulations to Deputy Chief Robert Horton

For extraordinary service in the protection of our members and the community during the Covid-19 pandemic, Deputy Chief Robert G. Horton Jr. of East Goshen Township was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by Goshen Fire Company.

On March 12, 2020, in response to the regional outbreak of COVID-19, we implemented a Pandemic Response Program that included a rigorous set of controls to protect our members and maintain continuity of operations for our community. Central to the success of this program was Deputy Chief Horton, who leads the Fire Company's Health and Safety Program. Bob developed protocols for personal protective equipment, cleaning and disinfecting vehicles and equipment, social distancing practices, and exposure record keeping. Bob worked closely with county officials to create a program for tracking patients with potential symptoms and communicating that information to impacted staff members. Bob also developed a process for disinfecting ambulances and fire apparatus, and personally made sure that each vehicle was treated on a regularly scheduled basis.

Bob continued to lead the COVID-19 response program until the official stand-down was announced on June 5, 2023 – a total of 1,180 days.

Please join us in congratulating Bob on this prestigious and well deserved award.



Left to Right; President Theodore Harrison IV, Deputy Chief Richard Pchoda, Deputy Chief Robert Horton, Deputy Chief Grant Everhart, Chief Christopher O'Neill.

SAVE THE DATES



Goshen Country Fair

What would summer be without the Goshen Country Fair? This year's fair runs from Monday 7/29 through Saturday 8/3. Opens at 6PM (5PM on Saturday). Plenty of free parking; bingo, rides, games, agriculture displays, livestock and those famous donuts.

More information at www.goshencountryfair.org

Fire Prevention Open House

Friday October 11, 6-9PM, Station 54, 1320 Park Avenue. Fire trucks, police vehicles, demonstrations, refreshments.



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.

Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

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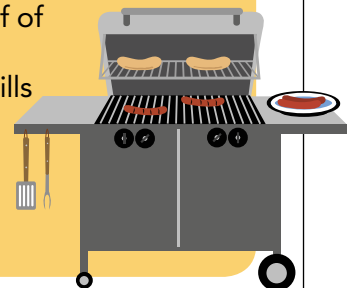
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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.

Want a paperless option? Email jconrad@eastgoshen.org to request email copies of bills.

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.



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. Bills may be paid through the online payment portal, but please note that additional fees (\$1.95 per e-check or 2.95% for debit/credit cards) will apply.



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*based on double occupancy

East Goshen Municipal Authority

Sewer Rate Increase Analysis by the Municipal Authority

A Pennsylvania Municipal Authority is defined as “a body politic and corporate” created to finance and/or operate specific public works projects without tapping the general taxing powers of the municipality.

The goals of the East Goshen Municipal Authority (EGMA) are to manage and maintain ownership of the wastewater and sewer system assets, comply with federal and state regulatory requirements, provide the expected customer service levels, and sustain the system for the fore-seeable future. These goals can only be funded through ongoing rate increases rather than sell to a large water utility company and relinquish management of both service and rates. Continued asset management and proper funding will allow the EGMA and East Goshen Township to provide the level of expected services at a reasonable cost and be sustainable over the long term.

To this end, the EGMA, with the assistance of the Township Finance Director and the Public Works Department, has completed the first 10-year in-depth financial plan to provide for the financial stability and sustainability of the organization. Necessary investments in maintenance, capital improvements, and ongoing capital replacements as well as historically low sewer rates have strained the financial stability of the MA to manage our sewer assets, producing a funding gap. **The only way to address the gap is a sewer rate increase since the Municipal Authority is 100% funded through East Goshen Township’s Sewer Operating Fund and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund.**

Driving the gap are the following:

1. Our contractual annual obligations for West Goshen Sewer Authority Capital Improvements.
 - a. Deferred maintenance on West Goshen’s part has facilitated the near \$30M Capital Improvement Plan that they initiated in 2016.
2. Operating & Maintenance (O&M) costs of the West Goshen Sewer Authority, which have increased exponentially with the cost of their new, improved facility.
3. Current debt service of principal and interest on outstanding loans of nearly \$10 million.
4. Necessary replacement of the Hershey’s Mill Estates Trunk Sewer for \$1.1 million.
5. Necessary replacement of the UV Disinfection System at the Ridley Creek Sewage Treatment Plant.
6. Necessary replacement of the emergency generator at the Ridley Creek Sewage Treatment.
7. Ongoing repair and operation and maintenance (O&M) of all the Authority assets.

Current projections forecast a reduction in total Sewer Operating Fund and Sewer Reserve Fund of over \$1.0M from 2023 to 2025 based on identified capital projects and O&M costs.

To address O&M costs in the short-term, ongoing replacement costs and depreciation of Ridley Creek Sanitary Treatment Plant assets, and funding existing sewer debt obligations, these funds need to be replaced through an increase in sewer rates. Any rate increase is limited to these reasons and does not include pre-emptive funding for catastrophic events such as the Hershey Mill Sanitary Replacement Project, which can easily run in the millions of dollars.

The Ridley Creek STP went online in 2010 with an anticipated maximum design life of 10 to 20 years for mechanical, electrical, and instrumentation equipment. Based on current experience and industry depreciation standards, we estimate that most of the equipment at the Ridley Creek Sanitary Treatment Plant will have exceeded its anticipated life within the next 10 years and need replacement, most by the year 2030. Unfortunately, rates did not increase incrementally since 2010, which underfunded lining and pipe replacement, as well as the known capital replacements necessary at the plant.

The Authority, with Township staff and our Engineer, Pennoni Associates, apply for grant funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at every opportunity. We will continue to do so as opportunities align with needs and plans required by grant funding. **The biggest opportunistic funding was the Township Supervisors decision to allocate nearly the entire American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies to defray the Hershey’s Mill Estates Trunk Sewer project cost, contractual Westtown Way Pump Station capital improvements, as well as additional sewer projects totaling \$1.9M.**

The Authority has requested increasingly significant support from Mark Miller and the Public Works Department over the last several years, which is billed to the Authority through a quarterly recharge system. The Public Works staff take on most of the MA projects within their capabilities or support our bid projects at a cost significantly less than using outside contractors for the same work, typically 40% or less of current construction costs, resulting in significant savings for the MA.

The Authority is focused on continuing to manage the wastewater and major sewer assets of the Township to build a more sustainable operation over the next decade based on our 10-year plan to serve Township residents.

Please pay attention to upcoming Municipal Authority meeting discussions and Board of Supervisor meetings as this topic will be raised, analyzed, and considered. Public input is welcome.

Thank you.

Dana Pizarro – EGMA

David Ware – EG Township Finance Director

Mark Miller – EG Director of Public Works

Recycling Day

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All residents must pre-register on Eventbrite link below

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/electronics-recycling-anything-with-a-plug-tickets-818566744167?aff=oddtcreator>



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1661 Paoli Pike
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

\$30 fee per TV
or computer monitor
\$100 per wooden console or projection TV
\$10 per microwave, dehumidifier, air conditioner
All Data Media Will Be Destroyed or Wiped!



2024 SOUTHEASTERN PA REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

Visit the host county websites below for registration information and event details. No Electronics Accepted. No businesses or contractors, household material only.

Events are open to residents of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties and Philadelphia regardless of the host county.



DATE	DAY	COUNTY	LOCATION
April 6, 2024	Saturday	Bucks	Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Road, Newtown
April 6, 2024	Saturday	Philadelphia	Streets Dept. Training Center, 8401 State Road at Ashburner Street, Philadelphia
April 20, 2024	Saturday	Chester	Technical College High School, 1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville
April 20, 2024	Saturday	Delaware	Emergency Services Training Center, 1600 Calcon Hook Road, Sharon Hill
April 27, 2024	Saturday	Montgomery	Indian Valley Middle School, 130 Maple Avenue, Harleysville
May 11, 2024	Saturday	Philadelphia	1st District Highway Yard, 4800 Parkside Avenue, Philadelphia
May 18, 2024	Saturday	Bucks	Upper Bucks County Area Vocational Technical School, 3115 Ridge Road, Perkasie
May 18, 2024	Saturday	Delaware	Rose Tree Park, 1671 North Providence Road, Media
June 1, 2024	Saturday	Montgomery	Temple University–Ambler Campus, enter on 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler
June 8, 2024	Saturday	Philadelphia	Northwest Transfer Station, 320 Domino Lane, Philadelphia
June 15, 2024	Saturday	Montgomery	Abington Middle School, enter on 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington
June 21, 2024	FRIDAY	Chester	Coatesville CCIU Center, 1635 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville
June 22, 2024	Saturday	Montgomery	Norristown Area High School, 1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown
June 29, 2024	Saturday	Bucks	Central Bucks South High School, 1100 Folly Road, Warrington
July 11, 2024	THURSDAY	Philadelphia	Streets Dept. Training Center, 8401 State Road at Ashburner Street, Philadelphia
August 10, 2024	Saturday	Bucks	Bensalem High School, 4319 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem
August 24, 2024	Saturday	Chester	Oxford School District Administration Building, 125 Bell Tower Lane (Route 10), Oxford
September 7, 2024	Saturday	Delaware	Emergency Services Training Center, 1600 Calcon Hook Road, Sharon Hill
September 14, 2024	Saturday	Philadelphia	3rd District Highway Yard, 2121 W. York Street, Philadelphia
September 21, 2024	Saturday	Montgomery	Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center, 400 South Lewis Road, Royersford
October 5, 2024	Saturday	Chester	Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester
October 12, 2024	Saturday	Delaware	Upper Chichester Township Municipal Building, 8500 Furey Road, Upper Chichester
October 12, 2024	Saturday	Philadelphia	Streets Dept. Facility, 3033 South 63rd Street–Northwest of Passyunk Avenue, Philadelphia
October 13, 2024	SUNDAY	Montgomery	Lower Merion Transfer Station, 1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley
October 26, 2024	Saturday	Bucks	Strayer Middle School, 1200 Ronald Reagan Drive, Quakertown, Richland Township
November 2, 2024	Saturday	Philadelphia	Streets Dept. NE Facility, 3901 N. Delaware Avenue, (Allegheny Exit of I-95), Philadelphia

For additional information:

Bucks County	215-345-3400	buckscounty.gov/recycling	Visit website for event hours
Chester County	484-796-4041	chestercountyswa.org	Visit website to preregister
Delaware County	610-892-9627	delcoswa.org	Visit website to preregister
Montgomery County	610-278-3618	MontcoPARecycles.org	Visit website to preregister
Philadelphia	215-686-8686	phila.gov/streets	Visit website for event hours

2024 SOUTHEASTERN PA REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

PAINT PRODUCTS	OUTDOOR PRODUCTS	AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD OTHER
Turpentine	Swimming Pool Chemicals	Grease & Rust Solvents	Kerosene	Acids, Caustics, Solvents
Paint Thinners	Weed Killers	Fuel Additives	Rug Cleaners, Drain Openers	Flammables
Strippers & Removers	Septic Tank Degreasers	Carburetor Cleaners	Wood & Metal Cleaners	Oxidizers & Reactives
Oil-Based Paints	Asphalt Sealers	Transmission/Brake Fluid	Mothballs/Flakes	Aerosols
Stains, Varnish, Shellac	Roof Cements	Antifreeze	Adhesives/Solvents	Lead
Spray Paint	MINI Propane Tanks (No BBQ Tanks)	Car (lead-acid), Truck, Motorcycle & Marine Batteries	Rechargeable Batteries, Lithium, Ni-Cad, Button, Lead Acid	Mercury (Thermostats & Thermometers)
Solvent-Based Paint Products	Pesticide	Gas, Oil, Gas/Oil Mixture	Spot Removers, Dry Cleaning Fluid	Fluorescent Tubes & CFLs
Wallpaper Cement	Chemical Fertilizer	Road Flares (No Marine Flares)	Fire Extinguishers	Ballast (must be removed from light fixture)

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Explosives, Ammunition, Marine Flares	Electronics	Asbestos	Appliances/White Goods
Infectious or Medical Waste	Prescription Drugs	Radioactive Waste	Refrigerants, Freon Appliances
Tires	20 Lb. BBQ Propane Tanks/ Helium Tanks	Unidentified Waste	25- or 50- Gallon Drums
Latex Paint* (Water-Based)	Gas Cylinders	Alkaline Batteries (Trash)	Smoke Detectors

* Take off lid, dry out paint, discard can without lid; or pour paint into plastic bag with absorbent material (clay based kitty litter, saw dust, rags) place bag and can without lid, in trash. Paint hardener can also be purchased at hardware stores.

DROP OFF GUIDELINES

- NO TVs, electronics, or appliances will be accepted.
- Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicle.
- **BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY**, no commercial/industrial waste accepted.
- Bring all substances in original containers with labels. Items must be identifiable. Do not mix materials.
- Gas containers returned upon request. Please attached a note to your container if you want it back.
- Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger container with newspaper to soak up leaks.
- Maximum amount accepted per vehicle is 25 gallons total volume or 220 pounds total weight.
- No 25- or 50-gallon drums. 5-gallon buckets are the largest container accepted.
- There are no permanent drop off locations in the region for household hazardous waste, only the listed collections.

ESAC, Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Council

We are happy to announce that ESAC has 2 Youth Advisors! Reese Corso and Natalie Golden are Co-Chairs of East High School's Environmental Club. They have already helped ESAC greatly in our efforts to keep East Goshen beautiful. Together they designed logos for our newest reusable canvas bags, and for colorful stickers we will be offering our businesses who sell food and products.



Here is a photo showing Reese and Natalie carrying out their purchases in our compact bags with a logo they designed. They are standing in front of Patelmos, one of our many businesses making admirable efforts to offer sustainable products. In this case, cardboard carry-out containers and paper bags instead of plastic.

Here is another pic of our Advisors holding a logo they designed in front of Dunkin' Donuts, another of our outstanding businesses making great choices in sustainable products. These include compostable straws, paper cups and bags. ESAC will soon be offering these stickers free of charge to our relevant businesses for attachment to their windows. Many residents already carry reusable bags when they shop in East Goshen.



These stickers will remind us all to do our best to carry our own bags when we shop.

If you use Facebook, please friend us at East Goshen ESAC for helpful suggestions to protect our environment and find connections to local events and workshops. Look for our table at Community Day. We'd love to meet you! And contact us with your questions and suggestions at sac@eastgoshe.com. Let us know if you are interested in receiving one of our new compact reusable bags. For East Goshen residents, while supplies last!

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Parks and Recreation...in the Business of Making Memories!!!

The summer months are finally here! And with the warm weather comes a full slate of exciting events and programs meant to provide Township residents the place and opportunity to create life-long memories.

Before we speak of these events, its important we acknowledge Debbie Snyder, our outgoing Park and Recreation Chair. Debbie served as Chair for three years, and did so with many, many successes. She is our de facto "Senior Activities Coordinator", and launched our Senior Card Club, Book Club and Jeopardy events to name a few. But, my fellow Park Commission members are happy to add she isn't going anywhere, still serving on the Commission and can be seen at the Township table at our community events.

Speaking of community events, our favorite comes up at the end of the month, Community Day! Scheduled for Saturday, June 29th, its our unofficial kickoff to summer! The night includes plenty of family-oriented activities, moon bounces, pony rides and a football field worth of food trucks! An exciting Community Day addition is our Township Resident Photo Contest! All entries will be displayed at the event, with the general public selecting amongst the juried Finalists for Best in Show! Congratulations again to last year's winner, Melissa Slifer!



*Community Day Saturday,
June 29, 2024*



Collecting Park data

You may have noticed some college-aged people walking around the park, tapping on an iPad, and wondered what they are doing. We've teamed up with WCU to work on a park usage study, that will provide insights into how people are using the park. Last done in 2017, we are fairly certain we'll smash that year's total of 475,000 park visits!

Last, but not least, we'd like to thank our many partners as we move into the busy season. Our Board of Supervisors for championing our parks and being involved in so many of our events. The Public Works Department for maintaining the parks and always willing to help with an event. The Friends of East Goshen 501c3, for providing financial support, ensuring many of our larger events are free to attendees. And of course, you, the Township resident! The Park Commission is always amazed at how much enthusiasm there is for park events, and how you also manage to keep the park clean and beautiful for all to enjoy.



*FOEG raised over \$27,000 for
EGT events in 2023!*

On behalf of my fellow Park Commission members, we hope you enjoy our parks this summer season, and don't forget to stop by our table and say hi!

Eric Tobin,

Incoming Park and Recreation Chair

Parks & Recreation

CLASSES/PROGRAMS/CAMPS

SPECIAL EVENTS

East Goshen Township's Community Day Celebration

Date: Saturday, June 29

(Rain Date: June 30);

5pm - Fireworks

Location: East Goshen Township
Park

Description: Come out to beautiful East Goshen Park and start the summer with a "bang"! The fun-filled event includes moon bounces, live music, and more!

Fee: Free!



West Chester Concert Band performance

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

Location: East Goshen Township Park, stage

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.

Chester County Art Walk

Date: Saturday, September 28; 10am – 4pm

(Rain Date: September 29)

Location: EGT Park

Description: East Goshen Township is proud to partner with the Chester County Art Association to host the third annual Chester County Art Walk! We'll have 100 artists set along the park trail and plenty of food and music to set the mood right!

Music Lineup:

Lisa Jeanette (10a-11:30a)

Cosmic Pennsylvania Band (12:30p-2p)

Headliner: Dylan Zangwill (3p-4p)

<https://www.dylanzangwill.com/>

Dylan is a true star, having been featured on America's Got Talent and receiving a Gold Ticket on American Idol.

Pumpkin Festival

Date: Saturday, October 12; 10am-12pm

(Rain Date: Oct 13)

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!

7th Annual Food Truck Festival

Date: Saturday, October 12; 2:00pm – 6:00pm (Rain Date: Oct 13)

Location: East Goshen Township Park, stage area

Description: The 2024 Food Truck Festival will be an amazing event you will not want to miss! Join us for food, drink and awesome tunes! Rick's Office Band and Anthem Arcade will take the stage for four hours of non-stop live music! Locust Lane Brewery, located one mile from the park, will be bringing their delicious beers to the event and Chaddsford Winery will be bringing the reds and whites! We are especially excited to announce that Locust Lane Brewery will be selling custom-labeled beers for the event, adorned with our very own Blacksmith Shop! How cool is that! Alcohol sales and consumption will occur from 2:00pm to 5:30pm.

DID YOU KNOW???

Did you know that the Friends of East Goshen (501c3) financially supports all the events listed above, wow! Through their efforts and generous community donations, the Township is able to offer these programs free of charge to residents and the general public! If you love those events, please consider a donation to FOEG, no matter how small. Scan below to visit the FOEG website and make a donation by PayPal.



TRIPS

Destination Trip Teaser – America’s Music Cities

Description: Anyone like music??? We know you do, and we have the trip for you! In October 2025, we’ll be visiting the birthplaces of America’s musical scene. We start in New Orleans before heading north up to Memphis before ending our trip in Nashville! Trips dates and information meeting dates finalized soon.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Teen Wellness Club (TWC)

Join the TWC and help the Township Parks and Recreation Department make teen life exceptional! Each year, the TWC will work on a social media campaign and a number of in-person activities. Rock climbing, silent disco, foam parties...join the TWC and help us make it happen! The TWC had a kickoff meeting in May, but don’t worry if you missed it. It will start again in September and we are looking for more members willing to roll up their sleeves with energy and creativity! Will meet once per month by Zoom with periodic in person meetings. This is a perfect opportunity for teens looking to develop leadership skills as they move towards the college application cycle. Open to all Township teens, ages 13-18. Email Jason at jlang@eastgothen.org to learn more in advance of the September meeting.

I “Heart” Photography Summer Camps

Location: East Goshen Park

Date: July 29 – Aug 3

Time: 9am-12pm

Description: Visit

<https://www.photography-workshop.net/> for more information.

Youth Tennis Camps

Dates: June 24-27, July 8-11, July 22-25

Ages: 5-10, 9:00-11:00am

Ages: 11-17, 11:00am-1:00pm

Description: Our 10 and under players range from kids entering PK to the 4th grade. Kids are divided up into groups by age and ability. Our 8 and (usually 5-8 year old) will be playing and learning on 36 foot courts. Our 10 and under players (usually more experienced 8 year old and 9-10 year old) will be playing and learning on 60 foot courts.

Fee: \$100

Contact Justin DePietropaolo at justin@phillyteamtennis.org with any questions!



West Chester Junior Tennis League

Location: East Goshen Park

Dates/times: Saturdays afternoons for 7 weeks, starting this fall

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.

Contact Justin DePietropaolo at justin@phillyteamtennis.org with any questions or visit <http://local.phillyteamtennis.org/localfall/wcfall/>

LevelUp Baseball Tournaments

Location: East Goshen Park

Dates/times: Weekends; July to October

Description: LevelUp Baseball hosts baseball tournaments designed for quality baseball play allowing players of all ages to reach the next level and bring together the players with High School, College, and Professional Scouts, and Coaches. Our Tournaments promote sportsmanship and fair play.

Contact Information: Dan Leicht at danleicht@levelup-baseball.com



DubC Flag Football

Location: East Goshen Park

Dates/times: late August - November

Description: Leagues are forming now for fall 2024. In addition to having a blast practicing and playing the game, kids will learn valuable lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, and commitment. Enrollment is open to boys and girls in grades Kindergarten thru 5th grade.

Contact Information: Steve at info@dubcflag.com or visit <https://dubcflag.com/>

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Fall "Kids are at School" Adult Sports Sampler

Sessions: Wednesday, October 2 – Pickleball

Wednesday, October 9 – Bocce

Wednesday, October 16 – Basketball

Wednesday, October 23 - Kickball

Time: 10:00-11:00am

Location: East Goshen Park.

Description: This program is intended for families new to the area or simply wanting to make more social connections and have some fun along the way!

Fee: Free, but advanced registration is necessary for each week on the parks and rec website.

Fall Bocce

Dates: Thursday's September 26, October 10 and 24

Time: 1:30-2:30pm

Location: East Goshen Park

Description: Learn to play the fun and challenging game of Bocce. This throwing game of accuracy and strategy is for all levels of physical ability and age. The object of the game is to roll the bocce ball as close as possible to the pallino to score points.



Summer Adult Evening Tennis

Adult Clinics (Fundamentals)

Tuesdays, 6-7:30p; 6/25-7/30

Adult Clinics (Experienced)

Thursdays, 6-7:30p; 6/20-8/1

(no July 4th)

Fee: \$100



FALL ADULT TENNIS

Drills and Strategy for Experienced Players

Dates: Wednesdays, September 4 to October 9

Time: 9:30-11:00am

Fundamental Clinics for New and Developing Players

Dates: Thursday's, September 5 to October 10

Time: 9:30-11:00am

Beginner's Adult Pickleball

Dates: Mondays, September 9 – October 14

Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm

Fee: \$125

Intermediate Adult Pickleball

Dates: Fridays, September 13- October 18

Time: 11:30am - 1p

Fee: \$125

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ADULT ACTIVITIES

Applebrook Golf Outings

Dates: Tuesday, June 25 and September 10

Format: Residents can bring up to three guests for the June and September golf outings. The June and September outings have 1pm shotgun start tee times, 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.

Fee: \$150 (\$50 caddy fee)

Seniors Card Club

Date: Every Friday of the month

Time: 9:00am-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

Date: 1st, 2nd & 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

Date: 1st, 2nd & 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

Date: 1st, 2nd & 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

If you are interested in learning which books they are reading please contact Debbie Snyder at dsnyder7212@yahoo.com



FITNESS

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Created by Miranda Esmonde-White, the New York Times best-selling author of Aging Backwards and Forever Painless and host of the award-winning special Aging Backwards and the long-running PBS TV series Classical Stretch.

Date: Thursdays, June 27 - August 15, 2023 (no Class July 4)

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Fee: \$105

Location: East Goshen Township Building

Instructor: Charo

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

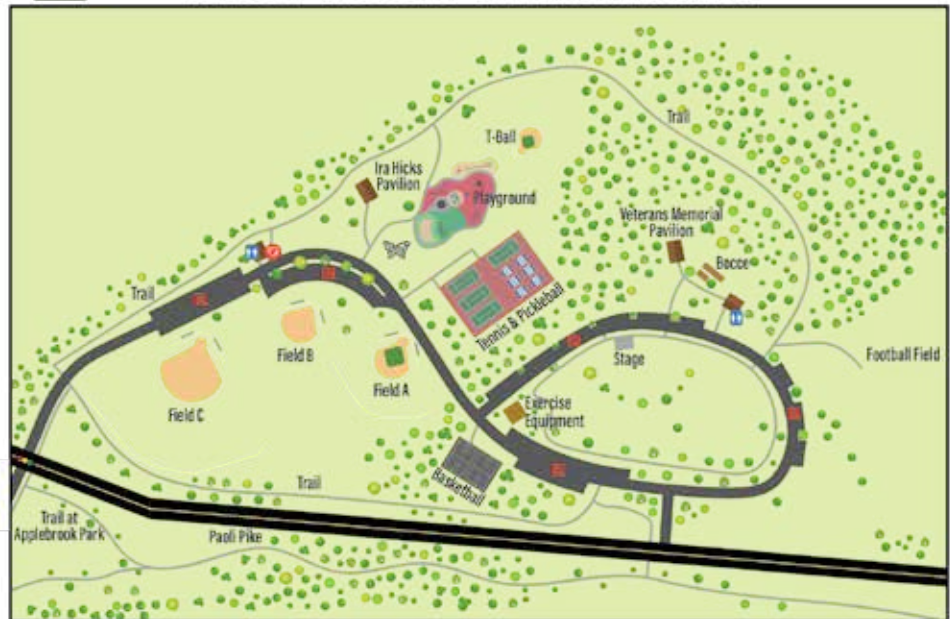
Payments: Checks only. Please make checks to East Goshen Township.

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.



EAST GOSHEN PARK MAP



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

Public AED added to EGT Park

In April, the Township added a publicly accessible AED at the playground side bathroom. This was made possible through the hard work of resident Lauren Stoltzfus, who secured a UPenn grant for its purchase. During a cardiac event, AED intervention before EMS arrives dramatically increases the percentage of positive outcomes. The AED is under 24/7 surveillance, and we highly encourage EGT Park lovers to attend an AED training, they are very easy to use.



Community Spotlight

Do you have unwanted furniture and housewares? Consider donating to a local nonprofit and keep it out of the landfill!

Community Warehouse Project of Chester County is a local furniture bank that collects gently used furniture and housewares and then distributes these items to families, individuals, and veterans in need throughout Chester County.

Their warehouse is located at 800 E. Virginia Avenue, Building 3, West Chester, PA 19380, near Henderson High School. **Donations must be pre-approved** by sending photos to donations@communitywarehouseproject.com or to our phone at 484-473-4360.

Donation Drop off are Monday through Friday from 9 to 1pm and every 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 to 1pm. Other drop off dates are available by appointment. We also have a Drop Off Day at our Downingtown warehouse the first Sunday of each month 10 to 2 pm.

For more information about Community Warehouse Project of Chester County visit <https://communitywarehouseproject.com/>

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

ADD YOU HOUSE TO THE MAP SCAN HERE

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Thank you for a wonderful first season on our new pickleball and tennis courts! Pickleball rules in 2023 carried over organically from the five years of play on the "black macadam" courts. But we kept an eye on play and took resident feedback, knowing we may need to tweak some things heading in to 2024, to give residents the best possible play experience. We formed a pickleball focus group of Township residents across demographics (age, play time, paddle up vs. reservation etc.) in early September. The committee met two times, each time taking discussions back to their fellow players for additional input. The focus group recommendations were then reviewed and recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission.

2024 updates include:

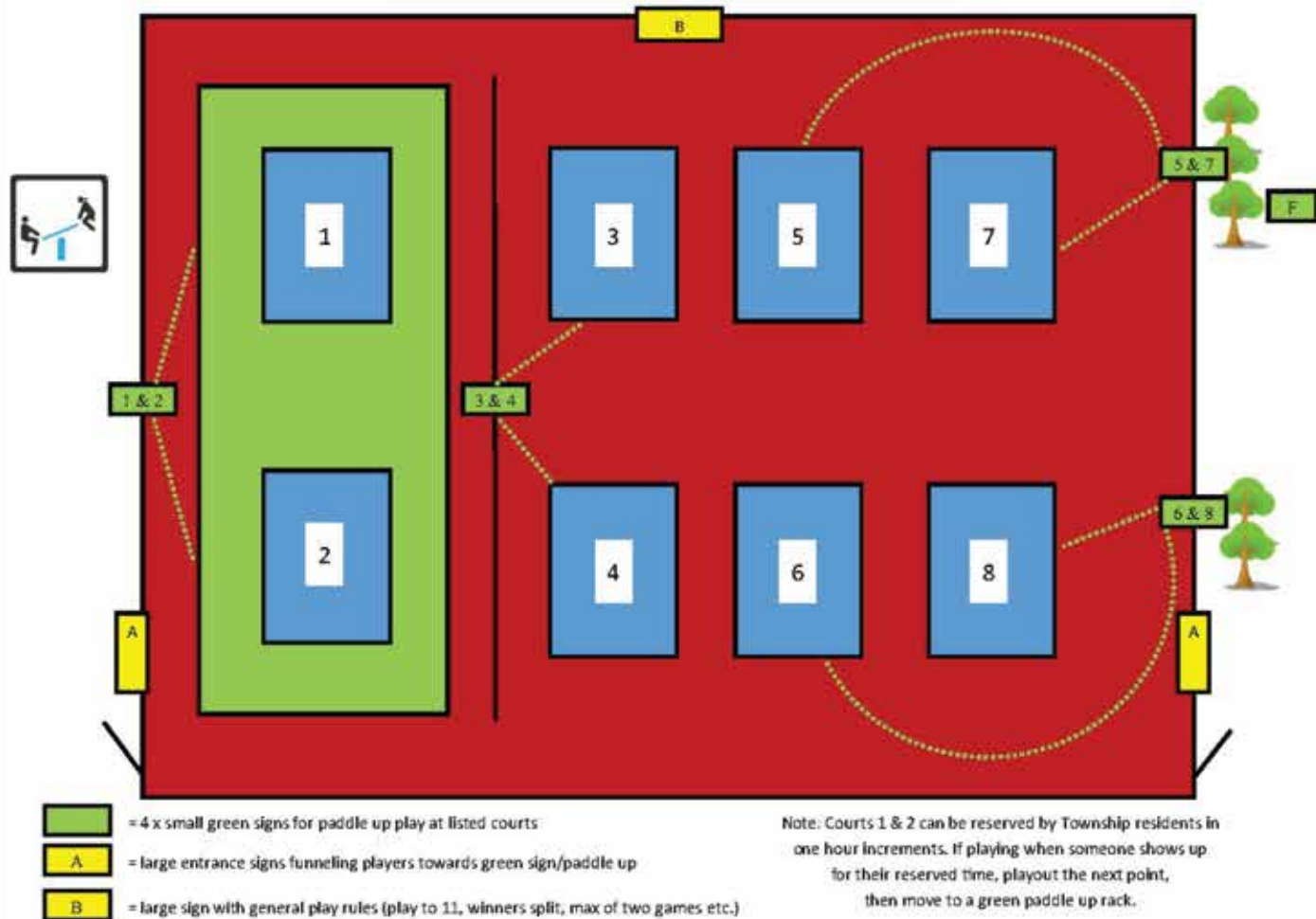
- Reservations (court 1 and 2) just for residents and only on weekdays. Max of two weeks in advance, one hr long, three hrs per wk
- New reservation system, ReserveR, available on both Android and iOS. Non-residents can sign up for the app to connect with players/see the court schedule
- Courts are all paddle up, except for reservations. Paddle up is a "next up" system, where you place your paddle in a rack and wait for a specific court to open up. This is used during busy times when courts are all in use. Generally speaking, this is on Tuesday/Thursday mornings, all weeknights and all weekend hours. See diagram for paddle up details.

General Game Play rules:

- Four total paddle up racks, one per two courts (see below)
- Play to 11
- Winners stay on court
- Max of two games in a row as winners
- If 10 people waiting, play to 9
- If 20 people waiting, all 4 players off after one game
- Courts remain "all skill levels"



2024 EGTPR Pickleball Courts, Paddle Up Visual Depiction



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