

East Caln

TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER FALL • WINTER 2016

SAVE THE DATE

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 10, 10AM-2PM

Kid's Day at the Park

Come for a great day of fun! Have some spare time and would like to volunteer to help for the day? Please call the Township Office at 610.269.1989.

OCTOBER 29, 2PM-4PM

Halloween in the Park

Bring all your little ghosts and goblins for a fun filled event!
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Put Rainwater to Work for You



Harvesting rainwater is a simple way to make your household green and help your gardens prosper. Using rainwater instead of the tap to water your gardens will reduce your water bill. It also keeps water from running off of your property and carrying pollutants into our streams.

The two most common ways to put rainwater to work for you are rain barrels and rain gardens.

to the barrel or use it to fill watering cans. Rain barrels are available commercially at home improvement stores or you can build a do-it-yourself rain barrel at little cost; see www.diynetwork.com/how-to/how-to-create-a-rain-barrel for simple instructions. Most barrels hold 55 gallons of water and will fill quickly during a storm. Make sure to include an overflow pipe to transport excess water away from your house. Also, a screen or filter on top is essential to prevent mosquitoes.

NOT SIGNED UP to receive information and updates from the Township automatically? Then please go to www.eastcalntownship.com and sign up for alerts **TODAY!**



A RAIN BARREL collects water from your roof and stores it for future use. You can connect a hose

A RAIN GARDEN is a collection of water-loving plants in a slight depression in the ground. Running a downspout towards a sunken garden will capture rainwater and allow it to slowly sink into the ground over the next day. Rain gardens should be located at least 10 feet away from your foundation. Their size varies based on how much roof area is draining to the garden. Resources on building your rain garden can be found many places online, including www.raingardensforthebays.org and www.stormwaterpa.org/raingarden. Pick the right spot on your property, create a design using your favorite plants, and start using rainwater to beautify your yard.

FALL LEAF PICK-UP DAYS

November 5th, November 19th and December 10th

If you have leaves that are on your property, please **DO NOT** blow or rake them into the Township's right of way (along the edges of the road). This is an extreme problem along Whitford Hills Road and other heavily wooded streets. The leaves can wash down the curb and block storm drains. They would have to be cleared more frequently by the Township which ends up spending your tax dollars.

BRANCH & TWIG MONTHLY DISPOSAL SCHEDULE

The Township will have a chipper working the fourth Wednesday of every month (weather permitting) and if there are a lot of branches they will pick up the next day! Just a note: The Township will have a Christmas Tree pick up in January the date to be determined.

“Don’t Wait – Check the Date!”

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15, 2016 Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms. Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

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| <p>1 Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.</p> | <p>2 Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.</p> |
| <p>3 Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.</p> | <p>4 Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.</p> |

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| <p>A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.</p> | <p>Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.</p> | <p>If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.</p> |
| <p>Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.</p> | <p>Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.</p> | |

For more information about smoke alarms, visit usfa.fema.gov and firepreventionweek.org.

U.S. Fire Administration | FEMA | NFPA

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait—Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," represents the final year of our three-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.

that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced.

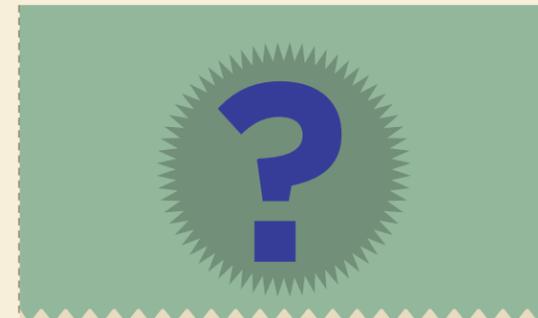
Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? Because NFPA's survey data shows

As a result of these and related findings, we're addressing smoke alarm

replacement this year with a focus on these key messages:

- **Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.**
- **Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.**
- **To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.**

See www.fpw.org for more info.



PARK WATER FEATURE QUESTION?

We are hoping to gather information about how many of our residents use the water feature at the park. If you use the water feature, please send an email to bkelly@eastcalntownship.com.

The water feature is now over 16 years old and has been functionally inconsistently due to it's age. The Township is looking into whether it is feasible to keep it as a water feature or add more playground equipment. Please forward your suggestions.



Pipeline Safety



We have several natural gas pipe lines that run through the Township. Be aware of where these are located as they are buried in areas called right-of-ways. Pipeline markers are used to designate the general route of the pipeline. They can also be found where they cross the street, railroad, waterways, or wherever they emerge from the ground.

Below are the three signs of pipe line release:

- **Sight.** Do you see blowing dirt or a sheen on a water's surface or bubbles in a creek, pond, or standing water. When a decrease in pressure occurs, a vapor cloud will likely form and will appear as fog covering the ground.
- **Smell.** If you smell an oily or chemical odor. Some compare the smell to that of rotten eggs, a skunk's

release, or sulfur smell. But remember unless an additive has been injected, natural gas won't always emit an odor.

- **Sound.** If you hear a hissing, whistle, or roaring sound or if you hear an explosion.

Pipeline right-of-ways. If the pipeline has a right-of-way through your property you must not place any items, sheds, garages, or any object that would prevent the company from accessing the line. The Pipeline companies will maintain the areas to keep them free of trees, brush, and extraneous vegetation. It is imperative that the operators have unobstructed access to their facilities in order to keep them properly maintained. You can help by remembering to keep the right-of-way areas clear.

Land Development



Hari Om Yoga is completed and open for business. It is located at 348 Boot Rd.

Anstine Property—Located at 250 W. Uwchlan Ave. The developer received final land development approval and is in the process of securing all necessary documents prior to recording the plan.

Home2 Hotel was opened on July 15th. When you have relatives come to visit, they now have accommodations close by.

On the Go Kids—The Micken family is now in the process of Land Development. The property is located on South Chestnut Street. This process allows the engineers and the Township to review the plans and to be sure they are in compliance with the zoning ordinance

and subdivision & land development regulations. The plans are reviewed by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors prior to approval.

Patient First has received final land development approval and is moving forward. The appropriate documents are being prepared for the development to proceed. It will be located within the Ashbridge Square Shopping Center at the southeastern corner of the Home Depot parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS —Urban Air Trampoline and Warrior Obstacle Course is located at 981 E. Lancaster Avenue near the Bowling Palace and is now open for fun!

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE
Dial 911

NON-EMERGENCY POLICE After Midnight & Weekends
(610) 383-7000 (Dispatched through the Chester County Police Radio)

POLICE ADMINISTRATION
8:00am to Midnight, Monday – Friday (610) 269-0263

REMEMBER if you call 9-1-1 by mistake Don't Hang Up! When someone answers tell them you made a mistake. The operators don't know if it was a wrong number call or whether is it someone who needs help and hung up or was forced by an intruder to hang up. Most likely a police officer will show up at your door to make sure all is okay. Please be considerate as this wastes precious time in the officers' day getting to a real emergency!

CONGRATULATIONS

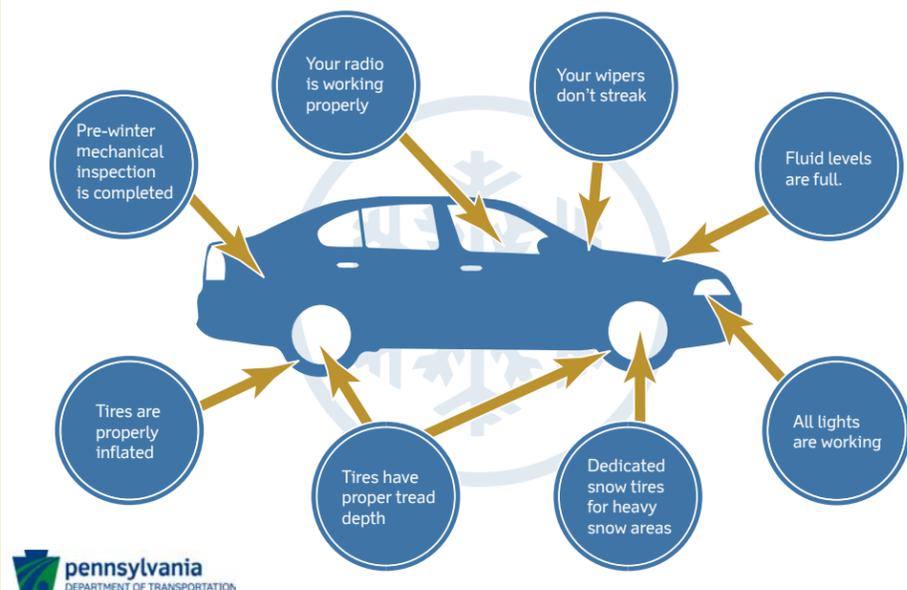
Congratulations to Lt. Howard Holland who has been promoted to Police Chief for the Downingtown/ East Caln Police Department. The Township wishes him the best.



Getting Ready for Winter

Getting Your Vehicle Ready for Winter

Motorists should ensure that...



Regardless of whether there's snow on the ground yet or not, you can take steps to prepare yourself for winter and all that it brings. Use the information above to help you prepare yourself for winter travel.

Preparation is key to successfully navigating winter roads. Winter weather can bring unexpected conditions, so make sure that your vehicle is ready for ice and snow.

For the majority of Pennsylvania, all-season radial tires that are mud and snow rated are appropriate for winter driving. In areas of the state that experience more snow, motorists may choose to install dedicated winter tires or carry a set of tire chains or cables.

In addition to preparing your vehicle, carrying an emergency kit in your car is an easy but important way to make sure you're ready for the season.

EMERGENCY TRAVEL KIT

- Warm clothing
- Gloves
- Blanket
- Ice scraper
- Shovel
- Sand
- Water
- Non-perishable food
- Cell phone
- First aid kit
- Jumper cables
- Flashlight
- Anything else you may need to accommodate family traveling with you (special medication, baby supplies, pet food, etc.).



SEWER BILL PAYMENTS

ELECTRONIC DEBIT PROGRAM

Never forget to pay your sewer bill again—sign up for our free Electronic Debit program! Once you are enrolled in this program, your quarterly sewer payment will be automatically deducted from your bank account. No more late fees! If you have any questions, please call the Township at (610) 269-1989 and ask to speak with Rose Werner.

IS YOUR MAILBOX READY FOR WINTER?

PennDOT allows property owners to place mailboxes within the limits of the legal right-of-way, out of respect for the U.S. Postal Service's need to deliver customers' mail. But because those boxes are within the right-of-way, damages are the responsibility of the property owner.

Be sure your mailbox has a strong support. You may also wish to use reflective tape or other material to make it easier to see during storms or during dark hours.

Check your box and support often, clearing snow from it and depositing the snow properly and in a manner to allow you and motorists proper sight distances (and never on the roadway).



FOOD DRIVE

Just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday, East Caln Township will be hosting a Food Drive to benefit the Chester County Food Cupboard, a nonprofit, equal opportunity organization.

From November 1st - November 18th, Monday - Friday between 8 am and 4 pm, bring in your **nonperishable** food item to the East Caln Township Office at 110 Bell Tavern Road in Downingtown.

Most needed food items are:

- Pasta
- Canned fruit & vegetables
- Canned tuna
- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Instant potatoes
- Jelly
- Rice
- Beans
- Stuffing mix
- Canned soup
- Macaroni & cheese

We cannot accept:

- Open packages
- Homemade food
- Expired items
- Items in glass jars

When visiting the Township building on November 8th to vote, be sure to bring that nonperishable item with you.

DARC

THE DOWNINGTOWN AREA RECREATION CONSORTIUM

The Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium (DARC) is offering many activities for the fall session. Some of the programs offered during the fall will include: After School Drawing & Cartooning programs, Aquatics programs, Online Education Courses, Computer Courses at Springhouse Computer School, Culinary Workshops, Financial Management, Medicare Workshops, Social Security Workshops, Crochet, Digital Photography, Dance, Yoga, various Health & Fitness classes, First Aid & CPR workshops, as well as numerous youth sports programs (basketball, bowling, soccer, t-ball, ice skating and ice hockey). For a complete listing of our offerings visit the website www.darc.info.

BUS TRIPS

New York City on Your Own Bus Trips

Saturday, September 17
or Saturday, December 3
or Saturday, December 10

Jersey Boys on Broadway

Wednesday, September 21

Aladdin on Broadway—The Hit Broadway Musical

Saturday, November 5

9/11 Memorial Museum and Statue of Liberty Bus Trip

Saturday, November 19

Radio City Christmas Show

Thursday, December 1
or Saturday, December 3

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT EAST WARD ELEMENTARY

DARC will be offering after school Bricks4Kidz LEGO® programs and after school Drawing & Cartooning programs at East Ward Elementary in the fall. These programs are for ages 5 to 12.

HEALTH & FITNESS PROGRAMS

DARC offers a variety of Health & Fitness programs for all levels and abilities: Powertone, Pilates, Tai Chi, Body Sculpting, Upper & Lower Body Strengthen & Tone, Zumba, and Aquatic Exercise programs (Aqua Aerobics, Aqua Spinning, Aqua Zumba, Water Walking, and Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Programs). Various Yoga & Meditation courses are also offered.

ADULT SOFTBALL & BASKETBALL

This fall, DARC is offering an adult Men's & Women's Basketball program, an adult Volleyball program, an Adult Corn Hole League and an Adult Coed and Men's Softball Leagues.

COMPUTER COURSES WITH SPRINGHOUSE EDUCATION

DARC is partnering with Springhouse Education and Consulting Services to offer computer courses at their facility in Exton (707 Eagleview Blvd., Suite 207, Exton, PA) . Windows 8, Access, InDesign, Word, HTML, CSS, Quickbooks, Dreamweaver, Outlook, Photoshop, PowerPoint, Excel & more!

DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS

DARC offers Discount Movie Tickets to Regal Theater! Tickets are \$9.50 each and are honored at all Regal Entertainment Group locations (Regal Cinemas, United Artists Theatres, and Edwards Theatres). Now offering Discount Movie Tickets to the Movie Tavern in Exton for \$9.00 each.



Disposing of Leftover Paint



Preventing waste in the first place is the best, least expensive method of disposal. For paint, we recommend you follow disposal options in this order:

- **Reduce**—Buy only what you need and return unopened cans. If you are at the end of a job and realize you only need a small amount to finish, exchange the unopened can for a quart.
- **Reuse**—Use leftovers for second coats, touch-ups, and painting fences, birdhouses, and basements. Give it to a friend, neighbor, or small business owner. Or, donate leftovers to community groups, schools, local theater groups, recreation departments, sign painters, farmers for fences, etc.
- **Recycle**—Old latex paints can be blended together to produce beige and gray. Oil-based paints may also be mixed together. Do not mix oil-based paint with latex paint. Mixed latex paints can be used for fences, basements, sheds, etc.

Latex Paint

Latex paint is not hazardous waste! Latex paints are water-based and are a safer substitute for oil-based paints. They

may be solidified (allowed to harden), absorbed, and then placed in the trash. Take the top off the paint can and place it outside, away from pets and children. Allow it to harden. If the can is very full, absorb the material by mixing it with sawdust, clay-based cat litter, or rags. Stir with a stick until all the paint is absorbed. When the paint is solidified, it can be placed in the trash leaving the lid off.

Oil-Based Paint

Save oil-based paint for a household hazardous waste collection day. If none are scheduled, you can mix it with an absorbent material like sawdust, clay-based cat litter, or rags. Small quantities can be mixed in the can. Larger quantities can be mixed in a box with a plastic bag lining. Stir with a stick until all the paint is absorbed. Mix outside away from pets and children and be sure to wear gloves. Avoid this procedure if you have chronic respiratory problems. Once the paint is completely dry, put it in your trash.

Source: Chester County Solid Waste Authority



RECYCLING NOTES

BE A CONSCIENTIOUS RECYCLER!

Don't put items in the recycle bin that do not belong. Properly prepared recyclables are valued commodities sold on the global market. When too many non-recyclables (trash) are mixed in with the recyclables it all becomes "trash". It is then too costly to separate and then requires disposal at a landfill.

Scrap metal, pieces of wood, yard waste and children's toys are just a few of the items that "contaminate" the recyclables. The scrap metals should be taken to a scrap dealer, yard waste should be composted and reusable children's toys may be donated or thrown away if broken. **DO NOT** put them in recycle bin.

Other items that are **NOT** accepted for recycling:

- Light bulbs
- Oil cans/bottles
- Plate glass/window glass/mirrors
- Caps or lids
- Drinking glasses/Crystal
- Food wrappers
- Ceramic cups and plates
- Plastic bags
- Flower pots
- Tyvek plastic envelopes
- Ovenware
- Tissues/paper towels/napkins
- Paint cans
- Metallic wrapping paper

Recyclables should not be placed in plastic bags, as they jam the separating equipment at the recycle facility. Plastic bags can be returned to your local store. Plastic trash bags should be used for trash only.

WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR TRASH INPUT

Currently, in the United States, about 26 percent of the waste generated is recycled or composted, eight percent is burned at incinerators, and the remaining 66 percent is disposed of in landfills.

- Buy products in bulk or larger containers rather than multiple small containers
- Use a sponge rather than disposable towels
- Buy concentrates
- Buy fresh fruits and vegetables without packaging
- Avoid products with excessive packaging
- Repair, rather than replace, broken items
- Donate unwanted materials to charity

Source: PA Department of Environmental Protection
www.dep.pa.gov

Cold & Flu Season



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN: THE SEASON FOR SNIFFLES.

"The most important [mistake] is people don't stay home and rest," he said. "A lot of people go into work sick—there's a lot of pressure from employers to be productive and go in, but it really hurts everybody if people go into work sick."

Not only are you not going to get better, but also you're likely to spread your cold around the office, Joseph Rubino, director of Microbiology at RB, the makers of Lysol, told weather.com. In one study he conducted, individuals who stayed in a hotel room overnight left the cold virus on 35 percent of the surfaces they touched. Because the virus can live for 24 hours (or more) outside of the human body, your home or office can get germier—fast.

Your mom's old recipe for fluids and rest when you're ill is spot on, too. "Drinking water helps the immune system, but

particularly helps keep the mucus thin, so it will keep running and not plug sinuses and lungs," he said.

Believe it or not, regular exercise fortifies your immune system, making you less likely to catch a cold in the first place. "Our bodies have been designed to prevent infection," Rubino said. "Keep up your exercise routine, make sure you sleep plenty. If you're overall healthy, you'll be able to resist the infection better."

During cold and flu season, proper cold care begins before you fall ill. "You can be spreading the virus before you start to feel sick and have symptoms," Rubino said. "Even if you are working or are at home with your family, be aware that someone could be just in the early stages of infection. Practicing good hygiene, disinfecting surfaces that might be touched regularly can help prevent the spreads of these viruses to other family members."

Source: Annie Hauser, weather.com



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* Dates & Meetings *

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 | Parks & Recreation Board Meeting | 7:00pm |
| 5 | Labor Day | Townships Offices Closed |
| 7 | Board of Supervisors Meeting | 1:30pm |
| 12 | Planning Commission | 7:00pm |
| 15 | Bulk Trash Pick-Up | 5:00am |
| 19 | Zoning Hearing Board (As Required) | 7:30pm |
| 21 | Board of Supervisors Meeting | 6:00pm |
| 28 | Branch Pick-Up Curbside | 6:00am |

OCTOBER

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| 3 | Planning Commission | 7:00pm |
| 5 | Board of Supervisors Meeting | 1:30pm |
| 6 | Parks & Recreation Board Meeting | 7:00pm |
| 17 | Zoning Hearing Board (As Required) | 7:30pm |
| 19 | Board of Supervisors Meeting | 6:00pm |
| 20 | Bulk Trash Pick-Up | 5:00am |
| 26 | Branch Pick-Up Curbside | 6:00am |

NOVEMBER

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| 2 | Board of Supervisors Meeting | 1:30pm |
| 3 | Parks & Recreation Board Meeting | 7:00pm |
| 5 | Leaf Bag Pick-Up | 6:00am |
| 8 | Election Day | VOTE |
| 14 | Planning Commission | 7:00pm |
| 16 | Board of Supervisors Meeting | 6:00pm |
| 17 | Bulk Trash Pick-Up | 5:00am |
| 19 | Leaf Bag Pick-Up | 6:00am |
| 21 | Zoning Hearing Board (As Required) | 7:30pm |
| 23 | Branch Pick-Up Curbside | 6:00am |
| 24-25 | Thanksgiving Holiday | Townships Offices Closed |

DECEMBER

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| 5 | Planning Commission | 7:00pm |
| 7 | Board of Supervisors Meeting | 1:30pm |
| 8 | Parks & Recreation Board Meeting | 7:00pm |
| 10 | Leaf Bag Pick-Up | 6:00am |
| 19 | Zoning Hearing Board (As Required) | 7:30pm |
| 21 | Board of Supervisors Meeting | 6:00pm |
| 22 | Bulk Trash Pick-Up | 5:00am |
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NOTE: All Meetings are held in the Township Building located at 110 Bell Tavern Road.

Township Office Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm Monday through Friday