



# REPORT

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## Recreation Corner

The Recreation Board is very excited to announce some fun events we have planned for 2007. Hopefully you were able to attend our First Annual Egg Hunt held on March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you missed that event, our next event is our First Ever Kids Day at Lowe's. We will be holding this event in the Lowe's parking lot on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. In conjunction with the staff at Lowe's there will be big trucks on display for the kids to enjoy, kids build and grow clinics, and refreshments for everyone. (In case of rain on May 12<sup>th</sup>, the new date will be May 19, 2007). That same week is a fundraiser at Max & Erma's. If you dine at Max & Erma's on either Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, East Caln Parks & Recreation will receive 15% of your check total. Since all of our events are free to the community, we can use the money raised to put toward our events. Please use the coupon enclosed in this newsletter if dining at Max & Erma's on those nights to ensure credit to the Recreation Board.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Day in the Park will be held Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. As usual, some great fun is planned for everyone.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Holiday in the Park will be held on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you are interested in volunteering to help at any of the events or to be on the Recreation Board, please contact Barb at the Township building (610) 269-1989. The Board is always looking for energetic people to join. If you are interested, contact the Township.

## Land Development

- The Villages of Bell Tavern. As noted in the last newsletter, we had encountered an issue with the developer that had not permitted final paving of the streets. We have maintained that all the sanitary sewer lines and stormwater lines should be internally inspected by camera (videotaped) to ensure that the lines are in good condition for dedication to the Township or the homeowners association. This was recently agreed to by the developer. Once this is completed, our inspectors will review the videos and written reports. When everything is in good order with the piping under the streets, the developer will place the final asphalt wearing course.
- Tall Trees. The 75 townhouse plan along Rt. 113 has progressed. A number of buyers have now moved into their new residence. We welcome them to the Township.

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- **Sonoco paper mill site.** The joint task force between the Township and Borough of Downingtown has recently made quite a bit of headway with the developer over the proposed concept plans for the site. The parcels are spread between the Township and the Borough along the Boot Road and Brandywine Avenue corridors (Rt.322). What is proposed will require re-zoning to allow a light industrial, commercial, and residential mix. The developer (The Percheron Group) has recently made presentations to the Board of Supervisors and the Borough Council based on recommendations and discussions with the joint task force.
- **DiStefano Landscaping Company across from Silvi Concrete in the Trestle Bridge Business Center.** This is the last undeveloped lot in the center and has received final land development approval. This building will provide an expanded area for the firm, but will not include any retail sales.

## You Can Help East Caln Township Detect Stream Pollution

**East Caln Township**, as well as many other communities in the Southeastern Pennsylvania region, recently was required to obtain a permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for its storm drainage system.

This permit required the Township to locate and map all storm water piping and drainage ditch systems owned and maintained by the Township. The permit also requires the Township to inspect these drainage systems periodically to detect any "illicit discharges" from the systems.

What in the world is an illicit discharge? Simply stated, an illicit discharge is something that is exiting a storm drainage pipe or drainage ditch that is not storm water and potentially could pollute our streams. Examples of illicit discharges that would be typical for a community like ours are septic system overflows, sanitary wastewater, chlorinated pool water, paints, oil or other vehicle fluids, etc.

While the Township has inspected its drainage system thoroughly once since the permit was issued, our inspectors can not be everywhere all the time. If you happen to see something exiting a storm pipe or ditch that looks, smells or feels like something other than storm water, please contact the Township so we can track it to its source and keep our streams as clean and pure as possible. To report illicit discharges call the Township Office at (610) 269-1989 or send an email to [manager@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:manager@eastcalntownship.com).

### Police Contact Numbers

**Emergency: Police, Fire, Ambulance - Dial 911**

**Police (Non-Emergency) - 610-383-7000** (Chester County Police Radio)

**Police Administration (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 mid-night, M-F) - 610-269-0263**

**Reminder: Please note that there are numerous "NO PARKING" areas marked in the Township for everyone's safety. A particular concern is getting emergency vehicles through an area where violators are parked. Enforcement will result in tickets.**

## Manager's Minute

- **Inoperative Traffic Signals.** Included in this newsletter is a little blurb on Traffic Signals, please read it and help educate others that you are required by law to stop when a signal is not working.
- **Recycling Bins.** Replacement bins for \$5 are available at the Township building should your bin come up missing. Please place your street address on the bin using indelible ink as this would help return it to you if it is blown away by the wind. Remember, bins like trash totes, stay with the property.
- **Bell Tavern Park flagpole.** The new flagpole (which actually contains a cellular communications tower) in the overflow parking area of the park is operational and visually quite striking with Old Glory proudly flying.

## What do I do when a traffic signal is not operating?

### STOP!

During storm events, power outages may at times affect many traffic signals throughout Chester County. According to the PA Vehicle Code, Chapter 31, if a traffic signal is out of operation or not functioning properly, vehicular traffic "shall stop in the same manner as at a stop sign, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign." In other words, a non-functioning signalized intersection becomes a 4-Way STOP, with or without STOP signs in place. So the next time you come across a traffic signal that is not operating; **STOP!** It could save your life.

If you have questions, please contact the Downingtown Police Department at 610-269-0263

## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

East Caln Township has a web page at  
[www.eastcalntownship.com](http://www.eastcalntownship.com)

*E-mail may be sent to the following addresses:*

Board of Supervisors:  
[supervisors@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:supervisors@eastcalntownship.com)

Township Manager:  
[manager@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:manager@eastcalntownship.com)

Administrative Assistant  
[admin@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:admin@eastcalntownship.com)

Building & Zoning Officer  
[codes@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:codes@eastcalntownship.com)

## Primary Election Reminder:

- 8 May Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots
  - 11 May Last Day for Absentee Ballots to be Received at Voter Services
  - 15 May Primary at the Township Building (Polls open 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.)
- Remember: If you don't vote you shouldn't complain!*

## Thank You for . . .

This section offers the Board of Supervisors to extend a public thank you to individuals or groups for their efforts in the Township. On our list this time is:

**Beau Crowding:** Beau is a resident of the Township who is our volunteer webmaster for our website. Beau is employed by the Chester County Dept. of Emergency Services and was recently promoted. He also finds time to volunteer his services with the Downingtown Fire Dept. Thanks Beau!

## "For Your Information"

**Williams/Transco Pipeline Expansion:** The Board of Supervisors continues to monitor the proposed additional pipeline developments closely. This concerns an expansion of the pipeline facilities in the existing right-of-way (ROW) and selected areas proposed for new ROW. Control of an interstate pipeline operator such as Williams falls under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The operator is required to obtain a federal Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Williams has delayed their filing until May as we understand them. Construction work within the Township is to be started and completed in 2008.

**Sewage Rate Change** – This past February due to the increased costs for disposal of sewage at the wastewater treatment plant, the charge for sewage has increased. However, East Caln Township retains the lowest cost charge of any of the following surrounding municipalities, who also belong to the Downingtown Area Regional Authority (DARA) for treating wastewater.

As a comparison, the following rates are charged for sewage:

**Caln Township:** Sewer Rate \$67.50 per quarter **flat rate.**

**West Whiteland Township:** Sewer Rate \$51.00 per quarter **flat rate.**

**Uwchlan Township:** Sewer Rate \$68.00 per quarter **flat rate.**

**Downingtown Borough:** Sewer Rate \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons, based on 19,000 gallons that = \$104.50 per quarter.

**East Caln Township:** New Sewer Rate \$37.50 per quarter for 18,750 gallons and \$3.00 per additional 1,000 gallons.

Another nearby township not in DARA, increased their rates to \$83.16 per quarter for the first 10,000 gallons and \$7.42 per additional 1,000 gallons. This has an equivalent cost of \$149.94 to East Caln Township's charge of \$37.50.

## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Dates



**Saturday, May 19, 2007 – Material ONLY:**

### Household Hazardous

Owen J. Roberts High School  
981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA

**Saturday, September 15, 2007 – Material ONLY:**

### Household Hazardous

New Garden Twp. Bldg.  
8934 Gap Newport Rd., Landenberg, PA

**Saturday, October 6, 2007**

### Household Hazardous & Computers

Government Services Center  
601 Westtown Rd., West Chester, PA

Bring unwanted hazardous household automotive products, home maintenance, oil based paint/stains, lawn, and pest control products.

Please note the new web page address for recycling and household hazardous waste information at [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org).

These words on packaging help identify Household Hazardous Waste (HHW):

<b>CAUTION</b>	<b>POISONOUS</b>	<b>FLAMMABLE</b>
<b>EXPLOSIVE</b>	<b>WARNING</b>	<b>DANGER</b>
<b>TOXIC</b>	<b>HAZARDOUS</b>	<b>CORROSIVE</b>
<b>REACTIVE</b>	<b>COMBUSTIBLE</b>	

## Creating a Tick Free Zone

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The Chester County Health Department also emphasizes adopting individual precautions to protect against Lyme Disease such as:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants tucked into socks; ticks cannot bite through clothing but they will crawl under it if given the opportunity.
- Wear light colored clothing, so ticks can be seen more easily and brushed off before they can attach themselves to your skin.
- Apply a tick repellent to clothing and exposed skin other than the face when in tick habitats. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Walk in the center of trails to avoid contact with overgrown grass and brush near the edge of paths where ticks are readily found.
- Check yourself, family members and your pets thoroughly and routinely for the presence of ticks. This is especially important after being outdoors for any length of time.
- When laundering clothing, remember that the high heat of the dryer kills most ticks.
- The safest way to remove an attached tick is by using clean, fine point tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and gently but firmly pulling straight out.

# Preparing for Spring:

## Creating a Tick Safe Zone

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection spread by the bite of an infected deer tick. With the advent of Spring, the Chester County Health Department reminds residents that ticks become active once the temperature stays above freezing. In 2006, there were 630 confirmed cases of Lyme Disease. The Chester County Health Department reminds residents to take preventative precautions to protect against Lyme Disease and to create a tick safe zone on your property. If left untreated, Lyme disease can damage the central nervous system, heart and other major organ systems.

Public Health Educator, Katie Kuffner explains that practicing tick-management strategies will not eliminate all ticks but can reduce the number of ticks surrounding your home and yard. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offer the following tick management strategies:

- Keep grass mowed
- Remove brush and leaves around stone-walls and wood piles.
- Consider using decking, tile, gravel and border or container plantings in areas surrounding the house.
- Border your property with a fence to discourage deer from entering or use plantings that discourage deer.
- Trim tree branches and shrubs around the lawn edge to let in more sunlight. Sun lit areas may make the area less conducive to ticks.
- Move children's swing sets and sand boxes away from the woodland edge and place them on a wood chip or mulch foundation.
- Create a three-foot wide or broader woodchip barrier between the edge of your yard and wooded areas. This has been shown to reduce the amount of ticks on lawns.
- If you are considering a pesticide application around your lawn and bushy areas, consult with a professional and always follow label directions. Treatments can be expensive and often need to be repeated.

Rodents, specifically the white-footed mouse, small mammals such as chipmunks and birds are also common hosts that can transport deer ticks to your property. Deter these animals by sealing foundations and small openings around the home, move firewood away from the house to avoid nesting sites and place bird feeders away from the house. Rodent-targeted products are available for around your yard but consult your local gardening before use.

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# Calendar

### MAY

2	Board of Supervisors .....	1:30 p.m.
2	Parks & Recreation Board.....	7:00 p.m.
7	Planning Commission.....	7:00 p.m.
12	Rec. Board Event "Kids Day at Lowe's .....	11:00 a.m.
14-15	Rec. Board Fundraiser @ Max & Erma's .....	Bring Coupon
16	Board of Supervisors .....	7:00 p.m.
17	Bulk Trash Pick-up.....	5:30 a.m.
21	Zoning Hearing Board (If Required) .....	7:30 p.m.

### JUNE

4	Planning Commission.....	7:00 p.m.
6	Board of Supervisors .....	1:30 p.m.
6	Recreation Board.....	7:00 p.m.
18	Zoning Hearing Board (If Required).....	7:30 p.m.
20	Board of Supervisors .....	7:00 p.m.
21	Bulk Trash Pick-up.....	5:30 a.m.

### JULY

5	Board of Supervisors.....	1:30 p.m.
7	Planning Commission.....	7:00 p.m.
11	Recreation Board.....	7:00 p.m.
16	Board of Supervisors.....	7:00 p.m.
17	Bulk Trash Pick-up.....	5:30 a.m.
21	Zoning Hearing Board (If Required).....	7:30 p.m.

### AUGUST

1	Board of Supervisors.....	1:30 p.m.
1	Recreation Board.....	7:00 p.m.
6	Planning Commission.....	7:00 p.m.
15	Board of Supervisors.....	7:00 p.m.
16	Bulk Trash Pick-up .....	5:30 a.m.
20	Zoning Hearing Board (If Required).....	7:30 p.m.

**Regular trash pick-up every Monday and Thursday and recycling pick-up is also on Thursday. Pick-ups scheduled on a holiday WILL STILL BE MADE. All material for pick-up should be at curbside by 5:00 AM**

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING  
110 BELL TAVERN ROAD**

(Bell Tavern Road intersects with East Lancaster Avenue)  
Please contact the Township Office, 269-1989 for any further details.  
**Township Office Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.**

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