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TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER WINTER • SPRING 2020

Upcoming Events:

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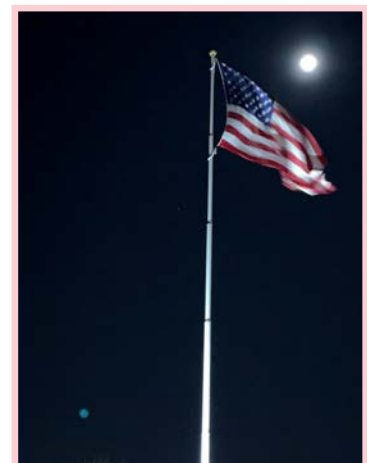
"Movie Night in the Park"

September 12

Kids Day in the Park

New American Flag and Pole at Park

If you haven't seen the new flag at the Park, please take a moment to drive by. As a result of litigation and the persistence of the Board of Supervisors, the cell tower company has provided the new flagpole and flag. Some hardscaping will be added in the spring to further enhance the beauty of the area.



Whether it be day or night the new flag is a beautiful sight.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

January 15th

REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS
AND LIGHTS

BRANCH PICK-UP

The Township will continue the monthly branch pick-ups on the fourth Wednesday of each month (and may carry over to a Thursday), weather permitting. Please do not set out anything with a root ball attached. Whole branches are acceptable but nothing larger than 4 inches in diameter.

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

For the first week in January the THURSDAY PICK UP will be FRIDAY, January 3rd.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHEDULE

Just a reminder the Township offices work on the same schedule as the County Government Offices. If County Offices are closed due to inclement weather the Township will be closed also.

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!**



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



PAVILION RENTALS

Residents: \$75 with a separate \$50 refundable deposit

Non-Resident: \$150 with a separate \$50 refundable deposit

The reservations must be paid in cash or by separate checks for the fee and deposit. **All rentals are rain or shine. NO REFUNDS.**

To ensure the return of your deposit, be sure that you clean up all trash so that the next rental has a clean pavilion. And remember not to place any tape on the pillars at the pavilions.

The Board of Supervisors wishes all of you a

Happy New Year!

No Tax or Sewer Rate Increase for 2020!

The East Caln Township Board of Supervisors adopted the 2020 Budget with no increase to Real Estate taxes or sewer fees. Through careful management of Township operations, 2020 will be the **twelfth straight year** with no property tax increase. The Real Estate tax rate for East Caln Township will remain at 1.25 mills for each \$1,000 of assessed property with no reduction of services to the Community.

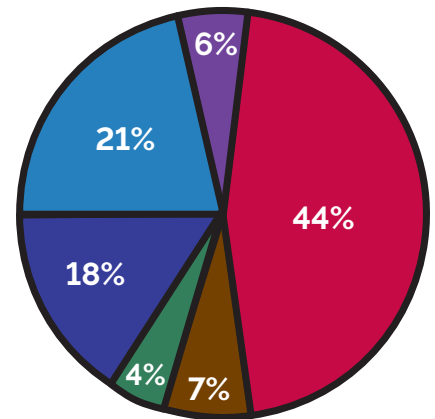
Less than 4% of your annual real estate taxes are paid to the Township. East Caln Township is fortunate to host a strong commercial tax base which helps generate Earned Income taxes, representing 44% of our General Fund revenue.

The General Fund is the operating fund for the Township. The majority of the costs of services to maintain the quality of life in East Caln Township come from the General Fund. Expenses that benefit our community include police and fire protection, snow removal, road maintenance, trash and recycling, monthly branch pickup, park events and activities, and seasonal leaf collections.

The charts shown below illustrate where Township Revenue is generated and where Expenditures are directed.

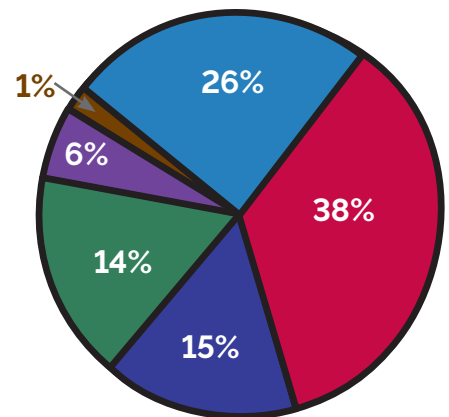
REVENUE SOURCES - 2020 BUDGET

- Earned Income Tax
- Real Estate Property Tax
- Other Revenue
- Local Service Tax
- Real Estate Transfer
- Licenses & Permits



EXPENDITURES - 2020 BUDGET

- Public Safety
- General Government
- Sanitation & Refuse
- Highways & Stormwater
- Recreation & Culture
- Insurance & Transfers



Recycling Basics

Recycling is the process of collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away as trash and turning them into new products. Recycling can benefit your community and the environment.

BENEFITS OF RECYCLING

- Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water and minerals
- Increases economic security by tapping a domestic source of materials
- Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials
- Saves energy
- Supports American manufacturing and conserves valuable resources
- Helps create jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries in the United States



STEPS TO RECYCLING MATERIALS

Recycling includes the three steps below, which create a continuous loop, represented by the familiar recycling symbol.

STEP 1: COLLECTION AND PROCESSING

There are several methods for collecting recyclables, including curbside collection, drop-off centers, and deposit or refund programs. After collection, recyclables are sent to a recovery facility to be sorted, cleaned and processed into materials that can be used in manufacturing. Recyclables are bought and sold just like raw materials would be, and prices go up and down depending on supply and demand in the United States and the world.

STEP 2: MANUFACTURING

More and more of today's products are being manufactured with recycled content.

Common household items that contain recycled materials include the following:

- Newspapers and paper towels
- Aluminum, plastic, and glass soft drink containers
- Steel cans
- Plastic laundry detergent bottles

Recycled materials are also used in new ways such as recovered glass in asphalt to pave roads or recovered plastic in carpeting and park benches.

STEP 3: PURCHASING NEW PRODUCTS MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS

You help close the recycling loop by buying new products made from recycled materials. There are thousands of products that contain recycled content.

When you go shopping, look for the following:

- Products that can be easily recycled
- Products that contain recycled content

Below are some of the terms used:

- Recycled-content product - The product was manufactured with recycled materials either collected from a recycling program or from waste recovered during the normal manufacturing process. The label will sometimes include how much of the content was from recycled materials.
- Post-consumer content - Very similar to recycled content, but the material comes only from recyclables collected from consumers or businesses through a recycling program.
- Recyclable product - Products

that can be collected, processed and manufactured into new products after they have been used. These products do not necessarily contain recycled materials. Remember not all kinds of recyclables may be collected in your community so be sure to check with your local recycling program before you buy.

Some of the common products you can find that can be made with recycled content include the following:

- Aluminum cans
- Car bumpers
- Carpeting
- Cereal boxes
- Comic books
- Egg cartons
- Glass containers
- Laundry detergent bottles
- Motor oil
- Nails
- Newspapers
- Paper towels
- Steel products
- Trash bags

Source: EPA.gov



Quarterly Sewer Bills Payment Options

PROTECT YOUR HOME WHILE ON VACATION.

Many think vacation is only for summertime, but many of our retired residents or just us folks who don't like the cold like to get away to a warmer climate for a short while.

Tips:

- Unplug your automatic garage opener to prevent robbers from using a universal remote to gain access.
- Lock the garage door that connects to your home.
- Secure a sliding glass door with metal rod or piece of wood into the track.
- Make sure all windows are locked, even on the second floor.
- If you store a ladder outside, lock it with a chain or cable.
- Bring in that hide-away key.
- Make sure no valuables are visible from the windows.
- Be careful what you share on social media. Share posts with friends only.
- Hold all mail and newspapers.
- If it snows have someone clear walkways and such as if you were there.
- Don't leave any clues that you're not home!

Quarterly sewer bills are mailed at the beginning of February, May, August, and November. Please be aware that payments not received by the due date are subject to a 10% penalty in addition to interest on unpaid balances. Properties that are more than 2 quarters in arrears on sewer payments may be subject to a municipal lien or water shutoff.



EASY PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE:

Automatic Payment: An authorization form can be obtained on our website at www.eastcalntownship.com or by calling or visiting the Township building. With this option, the Township will automatically deduct the quarterly bill from your account on time. Submit the signed authorization form along with a voided check and we will take care of the rest!

Mail: Mail your payment with your remittance stub. You should make the check payable to *East Caln Township Sewer Account* and mail it to: DNB First Bank, PO Box 1004, Downingtown, PA 19335. The payment is posted to your account on the date that the bank receives the payment, not the date of mailing.

Your Bank Account: If paying through your bank's online bill pay, please remember to include your sewer account number on your check and mail directly to DNB First, PO Box 1004, Downingtown, PA 19335. If you use your online bill pay option, you should know that the payment is *NOT* electronic; your bank mails a paper check. This method will take between 5 – 7 business days, so please plan accordingly.

Credit Card: Visit our website at www.eastcalntownship.com and choose the Online Bill Pay option. A processing fee of approximately 2.5% applies to all credit card payments and will be added to the total payment.

In Person: You can make the payment at any branch of DNB Bank, providing you include a remittance stub, or visit the Township building and pay by cash or check. If you don't have time to stop in, you may leave your non-cash payment in the black mailbox. The mail is gathered from the box by 8am each week-day morning. **Note: payments mailed or delivered directly to the Township Building may experience a delay in posting.**

Questions? Please call Rose at (610) 269-1989.

New Account Numbers: No matter what method of payment you choose, please be sure you have your new sewer account number on all forms of payment!

Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium

A Message from DARC 's Executive Director Nicole Luecker



on Sunday, February 16, starting at 7:15 PM. Whether you're looking for something to do solo, a date night with your significant other, a chance to introduce the kids, or just trying to freshen up your skills, this is your chance. Rental skates are limited, so sign-up early.

DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS

At just \$10/\$11 per ticket, these will make for a great family outing, date night, and the perfect stocking stuffer! Tickets are valid for all films and show times at Regal and Movie Tavern and they don't have an expiration date. ***All ticket sales are cash only***

DISCOUNT PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW TICKETS

Adults: \$34, Ages 18-29: \$22
Child Ages 5-17: \$17

DISCOUNT SKI TICKETS

Available for purchase at the DARC Office beginning in December and will include Bear Creek, Jack Frost/Big Boulder, Blue Mountain and more! These are not coupons; they are vouchers that can be turned in for a lift ticket at each destination. The vouchers are valid for the 2019-2020 ski season. Call 610-269-9260 for more information and availability.

Don't forget to like us on Facebook (@dtownrec) and follow us on Instagram (@downingtownrec) and Twitter (@DowningtownRec).

If you have questions about any of our programs, please visit our website (www.darc.info) or feel free to contact us by email (downingtownrec@gmail.com) or phone (610-269-9260). We are happy to help you and your family get out there and be active!

DARC is looking forward to another great year of programming for all ages. We continuously strive to provide fun, safe, family-oriented recreational activities and programs that promote wellness while building community ties. The Winter 2020 brochure will be arriving soon in your mailboxes!

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR SOME OF THESE NEW PROGRAMS:

- Photography Classes
- What is your Social Security Strategy?
- Paint & Sip
- WIZE Computing Concepts (programming, web design, robotics & animation)
- Adult Dodgeball League
- Yoga with Pearl
- Evening Yoga Stretch
- Preschool Yoga and many more!

BUS TRIPS:

- Ski Trip to Jack Frost/Big Boulder - February 17
- "Wicked" on Broadway or New York City On Your Own - March 14
- Washington DC/Cherry Blossom Festival On Your Own - April 4
- Cape May Winery Tour - May 9

FREE NIGHT OF ICE SKATING

Power Play Ice Rink has graciously volunteered to host a FREE night of ice skating for the DARC community



LAND DEVELOPMENT

RESIDENTIAL

Anstine Property located at 250 W. Uwchlan Avenue – The first group of four townhouses are currently completed and listed for sale.

600 Boot Road – This is located to the west of the Devereux Learning Center. This project will be starting in the near future. It will consist of 110 townhouse units.

"Downingtown Walk" townhouse development is located along Rt. 30 west of Ashbridge Square.

Please Note: The construction on Woodbine Avenue and Rt. 30 near Bishop Shanahan High School IS NOT located in East Caln Township. It is located in Downingtown Borough.

COMMERCIAL

Chick-fil-A – Has received Land Development approval to add a second drive through lane and some renovations to the pick-up windows to improve efficiency and help traffic flow.

901 Skelp Level Road – Marc Guerra has received final Land Development approval to construct a 50,000 square ft. warehouse on the 6.1 acre site.

NEW RESTAURANTS

Located in Brandywine Square

Mod Pizza, Melt Shop and Five Guys restaurants are now open.

All three are new eateries in our area, so stop by and give them a try.



Getting Your Vehicle Ready For Winter

WHEN THE SNOWFLAKES START TO FALL...

1. Remove vehicles from roadways until the plows have cleared the roadways. Remember all main travel areas are cleared of snow first as required by Emergency Services. Then the secondary roads are cleared.
2. If you have a fire hydrant located on your property please keep it clear at all times. The fire personnel need quick access to them and the time saved could be the time needed to save your home and family.
3. Also, if there is a storm drain located near the edge of your property it would be appreciated if you can clear it off as well then when the snow starts to melt it will go into the drain.
4. If possible, wait till the snow stops and plowing is complete so the snow plow does not reload your driveway.
5. Be careful! Don't overdue the shoveling, and be considerate of the snow plows as well as the mail personnel that are trying to get their jobs done. Do not shovel any snow into the streets. The resident is responsible for clearing out the snow around their mailbox.
6. Be sure to keep your house numbers free of snow and visible from the street.

Report any power outages to PECO. The number is 800-841-4141. (The Township does not supply the electric service). PECO has an automated system that allows you to check for estimated time of power recovery to the area.



As the weather gets cooler and cooler, make sure your vehicle stays well maintained. You never know when you could break down and you especially don't want it to happen when it's freezing outside.

It's never too early to get your car serviced, start the colder seasons off by getting a full service check on your car. This could include checking various parts in the car such as:

- The Battery
- The Cooling System
- Tires
 - » Know how old your tires are - integrity of tires can lessen over a long period of time
 - » Check tire pressure and make sure they are filled to the manufacture's recommended inflation pressure
- Windshield washer fluid
- Windshield wipers and defrosters

Travel Preparation for those long holiday season drives to see family and friends:

- ALWAYS check the weather forecast before leaving for a trip
- Give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination
- Do not go out in bad weather conditions, wait for the roads to be clear
- Stock your vehicle in case of an unexpected emergency!
 - » Snow shovel and ice scraper
 - » Sand or kitty litter in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow.
 - » Jumper cables
 - » Flashlights
 - » Blankets to help stay warm if you're stranded
 - » Cell phone charger
 - » Food, water any necessary medicine
 - » First Aid Kit

Source: safercar.gov

Winter Storm Water Pollution Solutions

With the cold weather upon us, water pollution prevention is still critical. Winter brings with it unique and significant pollution concerns to our streams and ponds. Because the ground will be frozen over the next few months, it acts like a hard surface similar to asphalt or concrete. It no longer has the ability to act like a natural filter.

Pollutants accumulate in snow banks and ice all winter long. Once the snow melts, all the grime, grit, dirt, road salt, and other pollutants are washed into our storm water systems, rivers, and lakes. It's important that we take steps to reduce the amount of potential pollution sources during the winter months.

Be good to the environment and remember these suggestions for reducing your winter impact on our streams and ponds:

- **Be stingy with your salt application and consider alternative salting methods. Road salt can be harmful to plants, aquatic life and drinking water supplies.**
 - » Shovel early. The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be.
 - » More salt does not mean more melting. Apply appropriately, salt takes time to work. Consider purchasing a hand-held spreader to help you apply a consistent amount.
 - » Fifteen degrees Fahrenheit is too cold for salt. Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use a traction agent as needed, but remember they do not melt ice.
 - » Salt alternatives like potassium acetate (KA), calcium magnesium acetate (CMA), or sand are less damaging to homes and landscaping and can be used to de-ice and improve traction on a walkway or driveway.
 - » Sweep up excess. Salt or sand on dry pavement is no longer doing any work, sweep it up before it is washed away and apply less the next time.
- **Rethink rinsing your garage floor.** While it's tempting to take out the hose and wash that ugly, gray sludge and salt off your car and out of your garage on a mild winter day- please stop! Residue left from road salt, oil, gas, and other road pollutants drips from your car and ends up on the garage floor. The water will end up into our streams. Take your car to a commercial car wash. A clean car means a cleaner garage!
- **Watch your waste.** Picking up pet waste is just as important in the wintertime as it is in the warmer months. Animal waste can be a significant source of harmful bacteria and disease.



2020 CENSUS:

An Important Way to Support Your Community

There will be people working for the Census Bureau in 2020 that will go door to door to get a proper count of people living in your home. Please give them an accurate number this includes all adults and children of all ages.

The results of the census have a real impact for communities across the country. From determining the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives to planning for roads, schools, and hospitals, an accurate count is crucial. Which in turn allows more funding available to complete the road repairs and other items listed above.

The Census Bureau is still accepting workers and they will make sure you have everything you need. To learn more and to obtain materials please visit www.census.gov/regions for information. You can also apply on line visit 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

Help to keep our streams wonderful even in the winter! To report an illicit discharge to the storm water collection system or to a stream, creek or pond, call East Caln Township at (610) 269-1989.



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Dates & Meetings

January

1	New Year's Day	Township Offices Closed
6	Board of Supervisors Meeting	1:30pm
13	Planning Commission	7:00pm
15	Christmas Tree & Branch Pick-Up	5:00am
16	Bulk Trash Pick-Up	5:00am
20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Township Offices Closed
21	Zoning Hearing Board (As Required)	7:30pm
22	Board of Supervisors Meeting	6:00pm

February

3	Planning Commission	7:00pm
5	Board of Supervisors Meeting	1:30pm
17	President's Day	Township Offices Closed
18	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

March

2	Planning Commission	7:00pm
4	Board of Supervisors Meeting	1:30pm
16	Zoning Hearing Board (As Required)	7:30pm
18	Board of Supervisors Meeting	6:00pm
19	Bulk Trash Pick-Up	5:00am
25	Branch Pick-Up Curbside	6:00am

April

1	Board of Supervisors Meeting	1:30pm
6	Planning Commission	7:00pm
10	Good Friday	Township Offices Closed
15	Board of Supervisors Meeting	6:00pm
16	Bulk Trash Pick-Up	5:00am
20	Zoning Hearing Board (As Required)	7:30pm
22	Branch Pick-Up Curbside	6:00am

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. Telephone: (610) 269-1989