

EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP

ONLINE NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2011/SPRING 2012

REORGANIZATION: At the Board of Supervisors' Organizational meeting of January 3, 2012, the Board elected Richard T. Frazier as Chairman and James W. Oram, Jr. as the Vice-Chairman. The remaining three Supervisors are Marc J. Heppe, Christopher D. Polites and Fred Pioggia.



Left to right: Chris Polites, Fred Pioggia, Rich Frazier, Jim Oram, Marc Heppe

The Board of Supervisors meet on the first Monday and the third Monday of the month. In the event the Monday of their meeting is a holiday, the Board will meet on the following Tuesday. Agendas are normally on the Township website: www.easttown.org

The Supervisors' work session begins at 7 PM and the meeting begins at 7:30 PM. All Township meetings of the various Boards and Commissions are public meetings, so feel free to come.

A lot has changed since our last newsletter.... Ed Stroger retired from the Board of Supervisors; Fred Pioggia was elected as a Supervisor; Gene Williams retired; Officer Roy LaRue was promoted to the rank of Sergeant; and, Michael Brown was appointed Township Manager

Edward M. Stroger, Jr. did not run for election this past November, so after 18 years with the Easttown Township Board of Supervisors, he is back to being a concerned resident. Ed was presented with a Resolution of Appreciation from Rich Frazier at Ed's last meeting, which took place on December 19, 2011. He was also presented with a framed historic map of the Township from the Supervisors. Enjoy your time on the other side of the table, Ed!



Left to right: Ed Strogon and Rich Frazier

Fred Pioggia is the newly elected Supervisor serving on the Board. Fred and Kathy, his wife of 34 years, are 25-year residents of the Township currently living in Devon. Fred is the owner of a design/build company since 1982. He is also active in St. Monica Church. He was administered the Oath of Office by District Justice Thomas Tartaglio at the Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2012.



Left to right: Fred Pioggia, Kathy Pioggia, District Justice Thomas Tartaglio

Judge Tartaglio also administered the Oath of Office to Rich Frazier. Rich ran for re-election in November. Rich's current term as a Supervisor expires December 31, 2017.

Benson S. Goldberg was elected in November to serve on the Board of Auditors for the next 6 years. He, too, was given the Oath of Office by Judge Tartaglio.



Left to right: Richard T. Frazier, District Justice Tartaglio



Left to right: Ben Goldberg, Susan Goldberg, District Justice Tartaglio

The Board of Supervisors hosted a retirement party for Gene Williams and it was attended by many friends and business associates. Over 150 people came out on November 11, 2011 to wish him well upon his retirement after 40+ years with the Township. Duane Milne, State Representative stopped in to present Gene with a Citation and a State flag which was flown over the Capitol on September 20, 2011. Stephen Aichele, General Counsel to the Commonwealth, represented Governor Tom Corbett's office and offered his regards, while Citations were read from Senator Erickson's office and the Chester County Commissioners. Ed Strogon presented Gene with his gift from all the attendants, which were Cragar wheels for his "brand new" 83 El Camino, which definitely is a classic! Happy trails to Gene, and may he enjoy a happy and healthy retirement!



POLICE BUSINESS

The first order of business at the December 5, 2011 meeting of the Board of Supervisors was the appointment of Officer Roy LaRue, Jr., to the rank of Sergeant. Motion made by Mr. Heppe, seconded by Mr. Oram, to promote Officer LaRue to Sergeant. All were in favor of the promotion.

After the Supervisors presented a Proclamation, and badge presented by Chief Obzud, Sergeant LaRue's wife, Stacey did the honors of pinning the badge onto his uniform. His children Kayla, David and Daniel all

played an important part in the ceremony by presenting their Dad with his rank insignias and identification card, while Sergeant LaRue's parents, family, friends and fellow officers looked on. Congratulations Sergeant LaRue!



Left to right: The LaRue Family: Kayla, Stacey, Daniel, Sergeant Roy LaRue, David

And so, as 2011 ends, and 2012 begins, the Township extends best wishes to Mr. Michael J. Brown, who was appointed at the Organizational Meeting, as Township Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, Zoning Officer & Open Records Officer.

Other Appointments that night included:

- Janet Lee McNeill, Assistant Township Secretary
- David J. Obzud, Chief of Police
- Andrew D. H. Rau, Esquire, Township Solicitor
- The ARRO Group, Township Consulting Engineer

And please thank your neighbors, who are among the many people who volunteer for positions on the various Boards and Commissions. The following were appointed or re-appointed on January 3, 2012:

Historical Commission

- Kathleen Weiss, *3-year term (exp. December 31, 2014)*
- Hans Jensen, *3-year term (exp. December 31, 2014)*

Library Board

- Karl A. Romberger, *3-year term (exp. December 31, 2014)*
- Dennis P. Leeper, *3-year term (exp. December 31, 2014)*
- Jill Schuck-Brown, *3-year term (exp. December 31, 2014)*

Park and Recreation Board

- Joan Stillwell, *5-year term (exp. December 31, 2016)*

Planning Commission

- Michael J. Cappelletti, *4-year term (exp. December 31, 2015)*

Uniform Construction Code, Joint Board of Appeals
(With Malvern Borough & East Whiteland Township)

- Scott Borzell, *5-year term (exp. January 5, 2017)*

Zoning Hearing Board

William F. Connor, III, 3-year term (exp. December 31, 2014 (vacancy left by DH Huggler)

Michael J. Tierney, Alternate 1-year term

Roman J. Koropecy, Alternate 1-year term

Vacancy Board

Kim A. Reynolds, 1-year term

OTHER IMPORTANT TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

Tax Millage for 2012

The Easttown Township Real Estate tax for 2012 is 3.979 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of 3.979 dollars on each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation. 2011 was 3.919.

Sewer Rate Increase

Sewer Rate Increase effective January 16, 2012

Base Residential \$120.08 per quarter

10,000+ \$10.71 per 1000 gallons per quarter

Base nonresidential \$132.94 per quarter

10,000+ \$11.56 per 1000 gallons per quarter

Well users \$180.97 per quarter

If you have an outside meter, even if you had no usage for that quarter, you are asked to send the Quarterly Meter Reading sheet anyway.

Solid Waste Rate Increase

Solid Waste Increase effective with the 1st quarter billing for 2012

Basic (curbside) \$82.73

Rear yard <100 ft \$135.51

Rear yard >100 ft \$192.80

YARD WASTE PICK UP DATES THROUGH JUNE 2012

Zones 1 and 3 February 1, March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6

Zones 2 and 4 February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9 and June 13

Brush must be placed into manageable bundles and tied with string.

Limbs and branches must not be greater than 6 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter.

There is no limit to the number of bagged leaves, although no more than 300 lbs of brush and/or leaves will be removed from any residence.

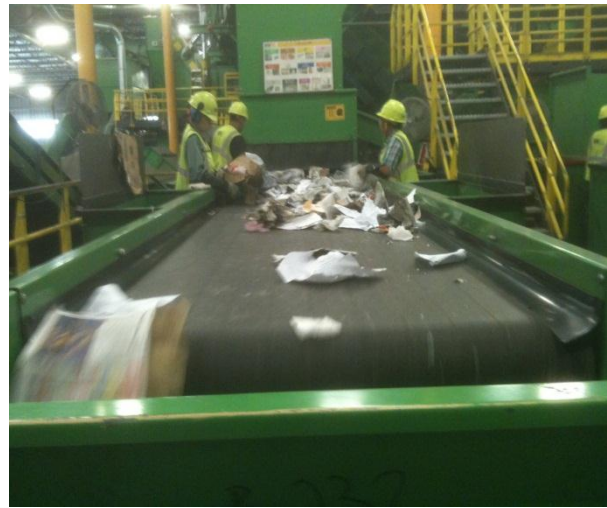
Leaves **MUST** be in biodegradable paper bags. If they are in plastic bags, they will not be picked up.

All materials must be placed curbside prior to 6:00 A.M.

The next holiday observed by WASTE MANAGEMENT is Memorial Day 5/28/12 – Your trash and Recycles will be picked up on the Wednesday **after** the holiday which will be May 30th.

Another schedule will be issued by the solid waste contractor for future dates beginning July 1, 2012.

Okay... since we are talking trash - when you put all your recyclables into the green toter with the yellow lid, and take it to the curb, do you wonder what happens after your contractor picks it up? The Supervisors wondered, so on November 21st, they went to visit Waste Management's state of the art facility on Bleigh Avenue in Philadelphia. WMI facility is Leed Silver Certified & Green Roof Approved. Prior to WMI opening their facility, 40 tons of Easttown recycles were processed per month. Now they are recycling 80 to 90 tons per month on our behalf. Waste Management brings in 500 tons per day from their Philadelphia customers. Certainly makes one feel like they are doing something for the environment. WMI has free tours if you are looking for something interesting to do. Please call Chuck Raudenbush at 267-580-2833.



Two views of the conveyor/separation system



Rollers used in the separation. Made in Sweden



Paper being extruded out of the baler.



“Waiting to be recycled”

Left to right: Fred Pioggia, Chris Polites, Jim Oram, Ed Strogon & Chuck Raudenbush of Waste Management. Behind the scene and taking the pictures is Marc Heppe.

2012 CHESCO TENTATIVE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS START AT 9:00 AM AND CLOSE AT 3:00 PM SHARP

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012	CAT PICKERING CAMPUS 1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville 19460 E-WASTE ACCEPTED
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012	OWEN J. ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown 19465 <u>NO E-WASTE ACCEPTED</u>
<u>FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2012</u>	COATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS 1425-45 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville 19320 E-WASTE ACCEPTED
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012 *Proof of Residency Required*	NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE BUILDING 8934 Gap Newport Road, Landenberg 19350 <u>NO E-WASTE ACCEPTED</u>
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2012	GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER 601 Westtown Road, West Chester 19380 E-WASTE ACCEPTED

E-Waste: CPU's/Laptop Computers, computer monitors, peripherals, printers, copiers (desktop & Stand-alone), CRT televisions, non-CRT televisions, answering machines, camcorders, cell phones, docking stations, electric typewriters, microwaves, fax/copy machines, duplicators, pagers, radios, rechargeable batteries, remote controls,

stereo/tape/CD/vcr/dvd players, telephones & equipment, testing equipment, toner/ink cartridges, gaming consoles/controllers. *Smoke Detectors can be thrown in the trash.

On Saturday, January 7th, Tredyffrin/Easttown held a joint electronics recycling event at Wilson Farm Park in Tredyffrin Township. The event was a huge success and Easttown Township is credited with recycling 6 tons of electronics and 1 ton of air conditioning units and microwaves.

SNOW

Reminder to Residents: Easttown Township Snow Ordinance will be enforced, with penalties ranging from \$50.00 to \$300.00 for each offense. A complete copy of the Policy is available at www.easttown.org. Please be aware of the following:

Parking of vehicles on public roadways is prohibited during a snow emergency (a snowfall of 2 inches+) or otherwise declared by the Township Manager. Property owners and tenants with insufficient off-street parking must apply for parking permits through the Easttown Police Department.

Sidewalks must be cleared of snow to a width of two feet within 24 hours and safe traction for pedestrians must be maintained. Residents are prohibited from depositing snow on any public highway.

Please be advised that Easttown Township does not maintain undedicated roadways or private lanes. PennDOT, not Easttown Township, maintains the following State roads:

Waterloo Road (from Old Lancaster to Newtown), Conestoga Road, Darby Road, Darby Paoli Road (SR 252), Lancaster Avenue (SR 30), Devon State Road, Sugartown Road.

The priority for snow removal/salt & cinder efforts is:

1. State Roads;
2. Township Roads;
3. Dead-end streets and cul-de-sacs.

Cars must not be parked on cul-de-sacs. Snowplow operators can't control the accumulation of snow in front of your driveway during snowplowing efforts. If you intend to clear your driveway prior to the street being plowed, minimize the accumulation of snow at the end of your driveway once the street is plowed.

Plowed snow may damage mailboxes. To reduce the potential for damage, please make sure your mailbox is secured tightly on a sturdy post. Residents are reminded that damage occurring from plowed snow is the property owner's responsibility. If your mailbox is damaged as a result of actually being hit by a plow truck, the Township will inspect the mailbox, verify that it was hit by one of our plow trucks, and compensate the resident in an amount not to exceed \$150.00. Please report the damage to the Township as soon as you become aware of it and please do not discard the mailbox before the Township has had an opportunity to inspect it.

Remember also, that it is a law in Pennsylvania that you remove snow and ice from your vehicle before traveling. Heavy fines for incidents causing injury or death from snow falling off of your vehicle will be imposed. And, if your windshield wipers are operating, your headlights must be on.

EASTTOWN SUMMER CAMP

Tentative start date for the summer camp is June 18th through July 27, 2012. As always, bus service will be provided from the Easttown Library, 720 First Avenue, Berwyn to Hilltop Park, and return to the Library after camp dismissal.

Realizing that sometimes the full six week session or the first or second three week session doesn't always fit with family vacations, we will be charging weekly. We ask that you check your schedule and decide upon registration what weeks your child will be attending, and pay for those weeks in advance.

When the date and fees have been finalized, it will be placed on our website www.easttown.org and as always, applications will be available online, at the Township building and at Easttown Library.

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL?

We are still collecting email addresses to be able to send publications like this newsletter. Please email lmcneill@easttown.org and she will be happy to include your address to our list of concerned citizens.

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2012 TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS

Presidents' Day	Monday, February 20, 2012
Good Friday	Friday, April 6, 2012
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2012
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4, 2012
Labor Day:	Monday, September 3, 2012
Veterans Day:	Monday, November 12, 2012
Thanksgiving:	Thursday, November 22, 201
Day after Thanksgiving:	Friday, November 23, 2012
Christmas:	Tuesday, December 25, 2012
New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1, 2013

AND LASTLY.....

In the very near future, the website will be under construction in an effort to update and improve the site.

We ask that you please be patient.