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EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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*Goodbye Alan...Hello Amber.
Changes at the Easttown Library*

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We hope you enjoy the newsletter and find it useful.

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(Standing, L-R)
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



2022 is off to a great start at Easttown Township. Our residents and staff have persevered over the past two years showing great patience and positivity in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, and dare I say we are finally feeling a bit of a reprieve as we begin to return to normal. I am grateful to all in the Township as we have weathered this challenging time.

We welcomed two new supervisors this year: Alex Bosco and Erik Unger. Both have been a welcome addition to the Board of Supervisors. Accomplished professionals in their own right, they have brought a fresh new perspective in helping move forward the creation of a Storm Water Management Advisory Committee, renewed energy in revisiting the priority initiatives of our Planning Commission and helping to spearhead the continuation of our Township Space Study in collaboration with the Easttown Citizen's Advisory Committee. We look forward to their continued contributions and involvement in our many upcoming projects and community events.

It has been wonderful welcoming back residents to Township meetings, and we have been especially glad to have the opportunity to be mask free and

share a smile, handshake and chat with all of our friends and neighbors. We are still very fortunate to have the ability to share our meetings in a virtual format, and hope that one of the silver linings of the pandemic has been the ability of our community and staff to be flexible and adaptable in times of uncertainty and change.

We look forward to more events this year, where we can reconnect in person, and share the joy and healing after this very difficult time. I am thankful to be part of such a passionate and committed community and am optimistic that we can begin to refocus on our aspirational vision for our Township.

Beth D'Antonio - Chair

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Library Staff bid Farewell to Alan Silverman

Township Employees

Over the past three months, the Township has bid farewell to 3 key employees. In December, the Township said goodbye to our longtime Receptionist, Building Clerk and go-to person, Linda Navarro, who retired after 13 years. In January 2022, Bill DeFeo, the Township's Finance Manager for the past 5 years, left the Township to take a position as the Aston Township Manager. This Spring, Library Director, Alan Silverman, has retired after 16 years of leadership at the Library. Alan was a dedicated employee and took great pride in making the Easttown Library the gem that it is today. We wish Bill best of luck in his new position, and send Linda and Alan best wishes in their retirement.

As we said goodbye to some, the Township welcomed Susan Greene who joined the staff in late January as the new Receptionist and Building Clerk. In February, we welcomed David Fiorenza to the Township staff as the Finance Director. In March, Amber Osborne joined the Township as the new Director of the Easttown Library. Read more about Amber on page 14. Susan can be reached at sgreene@easttown.org (610-687-3000 ext. 110) and David can be reached at dfiorenza@easttown.org (610-687-3000 ext. 112).



New employees, Susan Greene and David Fiorenza

Volunteers Recognized

At their recent meeting, the Board of Supervisors recognized several volunteers for their dedicated service to the Township. They were Bill Friedrich of the Historical Commission, Marla Musman of the Historical Commission and Buck Buchanan of the Easttown Citizen's Advisory Committee. Their combined tenure represents over 25 years of volunteer service to Easttown Township.



Marla Musman accepts her certificate from Beth D'Antonio.



Bill Friedrich accepts his certificate from Beth D'Antonio.



Buck Buchanan accepting his certificate from Beth D'Antonio.

PARKS & RECREATION



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY.

Camp is available to children who have completed kindergarten through 8th grade. Visit the website or stop by the Township office for registration forms. Camp will be held during the month of July. We hope to see you and your kids this summer!

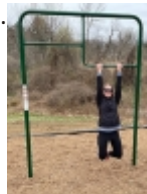
New Exercise Stations

Five new exercise stations were just installed in Hilltop Park. The stations include a push-up and sit-up station, a chin-up and leg lift station, and a climbing station. Improve your physical fitness and have fun at the same time. The Parks and Recreation Board, along with Marc Hepepe, a former member of the Board of Supervisors, were instrumental in bringing this idea to fruition. The stations are located along the park trail.

We hope you come and check them out soon.



Working out on the new equipment in Hilltop Park



Upcoming Events:

Get ready for another fun July 4th celebration hosted by the PRB.

Festivities will include a Victory run, bike parade, and BBQ picnic.

All proceeds from the run benefit the Berwyn Vets.

Also, scheduled for July, look for the basketball courts at Johnson Park to be resurfaced.



Event Recap

On April 2nd, the PRB hosted their annual spring egg hunt at Johnson Park. Mother Nature cooperated and the kids had a great time.



Stacey Ballard (the Spring bunny), PRB member Cathy Stead and Carrot.

HISTORY MATTERS

BY THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Congressional Gold Medal Recipient in Easttown Township



Images of front and back of medal, courtesy of www.medalsandtokens.com

Did you know that Easttown Township is home to a Congressional Gold Medal recipient - Major General "Mad" Anthony Wayne? Awarded to military members and civilians, being granted this medal is one of the highest civilian awards in the United States; only seven were issued during the American Revolution. Nearly 250 years later, only 173 medals have been awarded. While the original medal is stored in the Philadelphia Mint, two copies are on display at Historic Waynesborough, so guests can see the front and back.

Wayne's medal was awarded for his victory at Stony Point on June 16, 1779, a turning point in the American Revolution. In 1791, President George Washington promoted Wayne to Major General and appointed him Commander-in-Chief of the newly formed U.S. Army, then the Legion of the United States.

Visitors to Historic Waynesborough, the Wayne family ancestral home, owned by Easttown Township, can see the replicas of the medal on display. To schedule a tour of the mansion at 2049 Waynesborough Road, Paoli, PA 19301, call (610) 647-1779.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Easttown Neighborhood Watch Wants You to BE ALERT AND AVOID UTILITY SCAMS

Many companies, including utilities, contact customers in person or via phone for various reasons. A real utility customer service representative will have the account information they need when they call.



Never open your door to someone you do not recognize. Always ask to see photo ID through the door before allowing any worker into your home. All employers and contractors carry company issued ID badges showing their name and identification number. If you suspect the ID is fake, keep the door closed and notify the police as well as the company with whom the individual claims to be associated.

Do not pay scammers. A utility representative will never request a bill payment in cash or prepaid credit cards. Customers with a past due balance will receive multiple shut off notifications.

They will never receive only one notification before disconnection. Scammers will contact customers to tell them that their account is delinquent and their service will be shut off unless they purchase a reloadable debit card for a specific amount of money from a local retail store. Then, victims are instructed to call the scammer's telephone number with their debit card account number and unique serial number. Once the scammer obtains the card's identifying information, the value is then downloaded, swept, and stolen without a trace. Utility representatives will never ask or require a customer to purchase a prepaid debit card to avoid disconnection.

If you suspect that a phone call is a scam, hang up. If you have any doubt about the validity of a person's claim to represent a utility, contact that company immediately and speak to a legitimate representative.

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- INSTALL ANTI-THEFT DEVICE

BALLISTIC VEST DRIVE

The Easttown Township Police Department participated in a county-wide ballistic vest drive. We collected used ballistic vests to help with the war effort in the Ukraine. Chester County collected a total of 268 vests for the cause! These were added to the total of 1,500 vests donated from across the state of Pennsylvania.



ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY LAWNS BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

This spring as you prepare your yard to be the envy of your neighbors, consider the animal and insect populations who also call your yard home. In the United States, "turfgrass has replaced diverse native plant communities across the country in more than 40 million acres, an area the size of New England, and we are adding 500 square miles of lawn to the United States each year" (Tallamy, 2021). In replacing native plant communities with turfgrass, we are severely limiting the food and shelter native insects, birds and animals rely on to survive, thus destabilizing local food webs. By limiting food webs, we put pollinators at risk. "Pollinators are essential to life as we know it on planet Earth. In addition to pollinating a third of our crops, animals (bees, bats, hummingbirds, and others, but mostly bees) are responsible for pollinating 87 percent of all plants and 90 percent of all angiosperms (flowering plants). So if pollinators were to disappear, 87 to 90 percent of the plants on planet Earth would also disappear. Not only would such a loss be a fatal blow to humans, it would take most other multicellular species with it as well" (Tallamy, 2021).

Additionally, while turfgrass is the social norm due to its aesthetically pleasing and durable nature, it is relatively impervious, making it difficult for rainwater to infiltrate through. Thus, rainwater runs off lawns, picking up soil, road-based salts and pollution as it flows depositing these

pollutants into surrounding waterways. Excess minerals and pollutants can lead to excessive algae growth, lower aquatic oxygen levels, fish kills and impaired waters.

What can you do to aid both pollinators and local waterways? Shrink your lawn! Doug Tallamy, local professor, and best-selling author suggests homeowners half their yard's turfgrass. Easy ways to do this include planting groundcover or beneficial plants around existing trees, "connecting the dots" between existing plant beds with a larger continuous plant bed, hedging the edge of a property with native bushes, shrubs or trees or returning a corner of your lawn to the wild. In exchange for turfgrass, landscape with native plants and trees preferred by local pollinators such as native oaks and willows, perennial sunflowers, blueberry bushes, goldenrod, and asters. Additional native plants can be located by zip code on the National Wildlife Federation's Native Plant Finder and the Audubon Society's Plants for Birds. Many local nurseries now carry native plants and employees are happy to help you locate sources for ones you cannot readily find.

You can also make your remaining lawn more low maintenance and environmentally-friendly! Raise the blade height of your mower to 2.5-3" to allow the grass roots to penetrate farther into

the soil and thus retain more water and shade out any weeds. Don't bag up grass clippings, let them lay and feed nutrients back into the soil (wet clippings should be picked up) and add in clover for a sweet smelling, bee friendly, nitrogen fixing, always green turfgrass alternative!

For more information please check out: <https://www.cuyahogaswcd.org/blog/2015/09/01/shrink-your-lawn>

<https://www.gardeners.com/how-to/smaller-lawns/5164.html>

and Doug Tallamy's latest book, Nature's Best Hope.



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FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC)

The EAC continues to present educational opportunities for residents to be more environmentally aware and proactive. Recently, they sponsored a Native Plant Workshop highlighting native perennials and trees for the home garden that are especially beneficial for pollinators. The EAC publishes an e-newsletter in conjunction with the Tredyffrin EAC, available through the Environmental Advisory Council page on the Township website or by subscribing to Township email notifications. To subscribe, submit your email to easttown@easttown.org.

Upcoming Events hosted by the EAC:

The Darby Creek Cleanup Saturday, April 23rd from 9AM - 12 PM

Each spring since 1984, the Darby Creek Valley Association hosts a watershed-wide clean up event focusing on removing trash, tires, and other debris from regional waterways. During this event, volunteers work together to clean up sites located throughout the watershed. Cleanup in Easttown Township will take place at the following locations. Visit the Township website or dcva.org/watershed-cleanup to register:

- Devon - Hilltop House
- Berwyn - Gwilym Circle
- Berwyn - Sussex Place
- Paoli - Historic Waynesborough

“Recycling 101”

“Recycling 101” is a workshop on recycling best practices and an overview of local recycling efforts, presented by Republic Services, the Township's current trash and recycling hauler.

The workshop will be held at the Easttown Library on May 4th from 7 PM - 8 PM.

This event is in person or on Zoom. RSVP to easttown@easttown.org.



Did You Know???

Supervisor Michael Wacey and EAC member, Heather Hill toured the Total Recycle Plant in Birdsboro, PA. The Plant is a 75,000 SF state-of-the-art, single-stream recycling facility located on 14 acres in Berks County. The facility is open 24 hours a day/6 days a week. It is capable of processing between 650 - 800 tons of recycling daily. Accepted recycling includes but not limited to flexible packaging, plastics # 1-7, cardboard, aluminum, newspaper, colored glass, steel, tin, e-waste, aseptics, cartons & electronics. The operation and sorting process are quite impressive. Even though Tredyffrin & Easttown recycling* does NOT go to the Total Recycle facility, here are a few takeaways that apply to ALL recycling facilities:

Flatten cardboard boxes
No Plastic Bags - Recycling placed in plastic bags end up in the trash.
No Styrofoam
No Shredded Paper
No Batteries or Propane tanks - They are known to cause fires, therefore, hazardous to the workers & recycling facility.

Only 30% of residents recycle correctly. Visit Republic's website for a list of what is and is not accepted: www.republicservices.com/recycling-guide.

*Tredyffrin & Easttown Recycling is taken to Chester County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA).

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS:



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Welcome Amber M. Osborne as New Easttown Library Director

Amber Osborne joined Easttown Library as Director on March 21, 2022, succeeding longtime Library Director Alan Silverman who retired. Amber comes to us from the Swarthmore Public Library in Delaware County where she has been the Director since 2015. Amber also worked at the Springfield Township Library for several years, eventually attaining the position of Youth Services Librarian. Amber is a graduate of Kutztown University and received her Master of Science degree in Library and Information Sciences from Clarion University.

10th Anniversary of Easttown Library Foundation's Endowment Fund



Easttown Library Foundation is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of its Endowment Fund. To commemorate this milestone, the Foundation will be hosting a reception on April 22, 2022, at the library. This event also provides an opportunity to honor Dennis ("Denny") P. Leeper for his enduring dedication to Easttown Library and for his longtime advocacy for dedicated local, county, and state funding for Pennsylvania's public libraries. Among his many accomplishments, Denny Leeper initiated the creation of the Endowment Fund and the Foundation as the §501(c)(3) charitable organization of the library. Denny understood early on that a fully funded endowment offers the library a self-sustaining revenue source to support current operations as well as future needs. The

endowment is now valued at over \$1.2 million! If you would like to help us reach our \$2 million goal, please consider making an Endowment Fund gift in honor of Denny Leeper at www.easttownlibrary.org.

\$8,000 EITC Grant from Waste Management



Waste Management, the Township's previous waste and recycling hauler, again generously rewarded Easttown Library Foundation with an \$8,000 Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Education Improvement Tax Credit ("EITC") Program grant. EITC is a Pennsylvania state program that enables eligible participating businesses to make donations to Education Improvement Organizations, such as the Foundation, in support of educational programming for kindergarten students. For eight (8) years, Waste Management has supported Easttown Library's STEM programs for its youth programming. Its ongoing commitment to the library is vital and enables the library to offer high-quality experiential STEM programs from such organizations as The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Adventure Aquarium, Engineering for Kids, among others. To learn more about how to support the library through EITC funding, please visit www.easttownlibrary.org/Foundation.

Friends of Easttown Library Spring Events

The Friends' spring Shredding Event is on Saturday, April 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the library parking lot. Fees are \$5/grocery bag, \$10/box. Securely dispose of your tax receipts and other documents and help the library at the same time.

In May, the Friends, in conjunction with the Easttown Library Foundation, present an Art Auction and Sale featuring prominent local artists as well as rising stars from the Conestoga National Art Honor

Society. The juried artwork will be on display starting May 1 in the library, with an opportunity to make purchases at a Wine and Cheese Preview Party on Friday, May 13. The online auction of the remaining artwork will continue through May 26. Tickets for the Preview Party are just \$10 and will be available at the library website, easttownlibrary.org. All proceeds from these events directly benefit Easttown Library.

Easttown Library Adult Programs, Spring 2022

All programs are on Zoom unless otherwise noted. Register at: www.ccls.libcal.com/calendar/βEasttown

Magical Stories of Mid-Atlantic Trees

Thursday, April 14th, 2 p.m.
Longwood Gardens has chosen The Songs of Trees for its 2022 Community Reads book. In connection with their choice, we are hosting a special program with the Delaware Nature Society.

Join a Delaware Nature Society Naturalist to hear the stories of the trees near us. What is their role in nature? What animals depend on them? How do we depend on them? What threats do our neighbors, the trees, face? Our focus will sway from the abundant to the rare including the stars of the forest as well as the under-appreciated and lesser-known trees in our midst. Hear their stories and how they all fit into nature's grand scheme and be inspired to go find them all in a park or forest near you. Those who attend the program have a chance to win a free pass to Longwood Gardens.

SEPTA Key Card Event

Wednesday, April 20th 1 - 3 p.m.

Senator Tim Kearney and Representative Kristine Howard's staff will be at Easttown Library from 1-3 PM to help seniors 65+ sign up for free SEPTA senior key cards and provide information on state services. Please note that SEPTA senior keys will *not* be issued on site. SEPTA will mail senior keys to applicants in 2-3 weeks. Registration is not required, just stop by! *Rescheduled from a previous date.*

Chinese Medicine Series

Tuesdays, May 3rd - June 14th (no class on May 24th)

Chinese medicine is based on energy (Chi) flowing through channels called meridians. These meridians flow through the internal organs in yin/yang organ pairs affecting health on all levels. The 5 yin/yang organ pairs are kidney/bladder, liver/gallbladder, heart/small intestine, spleen/stomach, and lung/large intestine. In these classes presented by Liz Wanner, you will learn how to optimize, energize, and harmonize the chi flow through the organ pair meridians by using Qigong, yoga, meditation, and affirmations. Participants should be able to attend all six classes.

Should You Get a Colonoscopy After 75?

Thursday, May 12th at 2 p.m.
Join us to learn the importance of considering a colonoscopy after the age of 75. Many factors should be considered and discussed with your primary care provider or your gastroenterologist to determine the value of continuing the surveillance of colon-rectal cancer or to understand the significant risks involved should a colonoscopy be deemed necessary for diagnostic purposes. Age should *not* be the sole factor in determining your fate. Increase your knowledge to determine if having a colonoscopy after 75 is the correct choice for you. Presented by Julia Sharpe, RN, BSN, CGRN, from the Paoli Hospital Endoscopy Unit.

Pieces and Patterns: Quilt History and Chester County

Tuesday, May 17th, 7 p.m.

How are 19th-century quilts made in Chester County similar to or different from quilts made elsewhere or at different times in history? This illustrated slide lecture, presented by staff from Chester County History Center, explores materials, construction, and styles of Chester County quilts and their place in the history of quilted handiwork. It also describes a 2003-2004 county-wide quilt documentation initiative.



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