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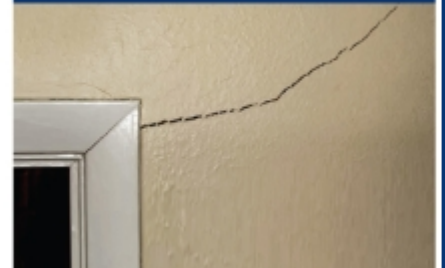
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What would you like to see? If you have content suggestions for future editions, email us at easttown@easttown.org.

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MESSAGE FROM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

When I joined the Easttown Board of Supervisors last year, I did so without any set agenda, prerogative, or ambition. I did not join to speak for any one particular person or group. But what I did have in mind was that at all times I would best represent what I believed to be the best interests of our community. I love the role I get to play in our Township and it has been a blessing to work with a group of like-minded Supervisors as well as an immensely supportive and dedicated Township staff and group of volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure our Township runs as smoothly and efficiently as it can for its community.

There is no doubt in my mind that it is our shared appreciation for our community that has driven all of the Board's accomplishments over

the past year. When the community spoke about its desire for more responsible zoning and land use regulations the Board responded by creating greater protections for historic buildings, clearer guidelines for building standards, and set density limitation standards to prevent unchecked and irresponsible overdevelopment. Similarly, our Board is developing a plan to create and preserve open spaces for the Township and I was happy to initiate and help our Board and Planning Commission work with a developer to create a public pocket park for the benefit of the community. These accomplishments didn't come from any individual's objective but rather the Board's appreciation for our community and the understanding that it is incumbent upon us to help outsiders appreciate our

community's goals, standards, and objectives.

While the Board has had many other accomplishments this past year, there are many challenges ahead and unfinished projects to complete. There will be difficult decisions that need to be made, but with the best interests of our community in mind, I have no doubt the Township, its staff, and volunteers will be resilient enough to meet those challenges head on.

Reflecting back on the past year, to me the best part of our Board, Township staff, authorities, boards, and commissions is the ability to remain constructive and not destructive, progressive and not reactive. This is reflective of a local government that appreciates and understands that the best interests of its



community members come first. That is the most important value our Board can have, and it is one I plan on continuing moving forward.

-Erik Unger

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION NEWS

At the February 21, 2023 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, The Board appointed Don Curley as Township Manager. Don was hired as Public Works Director in 2017, appointed to Assistant Township Manager in 2021, and appointed as Interim Township Manager in December 2022. He replaces Gene Briggs, who resigned in November 2022 to take a position as Manager in East Coventry Township.

FEATURED VOLUNTEER

Name: Anna Sicalides

How are you currently volunteering at Easttown?

I am currently the Chair of the Historic Commission.

What is your profession?

I am a Professional Organizer, specializing in move and wine cellar management.

Are you working on or have you had a project that you have been especially proud of?

I worked on a project in Princeton that involved taking apart a 5k sf house and sending items to three family members in CA, we used art movers, a small shipment mover, a regular mover, a car mover, a wine mover, a piano mover, two auction houses, donation and trash haulers, we completed this in two weeks, without a glitch. The clients were amazing!

What was your first job?

My parents owned a business that we all worked in. I used to prepare orders for the people that did deliveries on Saturdays (we can see how I ended up in retail and then professional organizing)!

What hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? *Taking care of my 200 yo*

house, my gardening, hiking and traveling.

Do you have pets? What are their names?

No pets, we dog sit all of the family dogs, which we love doing.

What do you love about living in Easttown Township?

The lush landscapes and rural feel. The great friends I have made here, the convenient location and a Township that is responsive and provides a high level of service (not BS) to the residents.

What reading material is on your nightstand?

Greece, Biography of a Modern Nation - I had no knowledge of the history between Ancient Greece and WWII! Productivity for How You're Wired, written by a friend. The Checklist Manifesto and Snow by Orhan Pamuk.

Favorite Vacation spot you would recommend?

I love to go to Cape May, Greece, the Outer Banks and Vieques, Puerto Rico or anywhere with my friends.

What positive experience did you have through the pandemic?

A friend and I walked 5 days a week at



Waterloo Mills, we posted photos on social media and people responded so positively to them. We got exercise, girlfriend time, nature/sanity time and we made others happy through our images.

What advice would you give your 20-year-old self?

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requirements, and provide inspection services for all active construction projects to ensure compliance with approved plans, in addition to providing expertise for any miscellaneous Township stormwater issues.

Mr. Flaharty has over 27 years of experience in management, planning, engineering design, and construction of large scale infrastructure improvement projects that entail extensive interaction with and communication among municipal entities, general public, and

regulatory agencies, cost opinion preparation, financial analysis and funding procurement, preparation of construction drawings and specifications, regulatory permitting, coordination and supervision of technical personnel, quality management, and construction management and administration.

Brady was our Township Engineer about three years ago when he formerly worked for ARRO Consulting. For 2023, the Township has now hired Carroll Engineering, and Brady is back.



POLICE NEWS

Pedestrian Safety Tips

Spring is in the air. The temperature is finally starting to warm up, we have more daylight, and we are eager for some outdoor activity after the long winter months. Remember to be safe while out walking, running, or bike riding this spring.

- Be visible wear bright colors while walking during the day, and reflective clothing while walking at night.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk on the side of the road where you are facing oncoming traffic.
- Be sure to look both ways before crossing the street.
- If you are wearing headphones, be sure to have them at a lower volume so you can still hear oncoming traffic, bike bells, or warnings from others.
- Be aware of your surroundings, watch for vehicles and bike riders.
- If walking your furry companion, be sure to have them on a shorter leash to prevent possible dog fights, tripping others, or running out into traffic.

Enjoy the warmer weather! Be aware and stay safe.

Watch For Motorcycles

Look twice — Safe a life!

- **When you see a single headlight or two headlights close together:** slow down and take your time. Motorcycles may be traveling faster than they seem at first glance because of their size.
- **Allow more following distance:** leave at least four seconds when following a motorcycle.
- **Change lanes cautiously:** Make absolutely certain there's no one in your blind spot.
- **Use your turn signals:** You should always communicate your plans to other drivers, but this is particularly important around motorcyclists. Signal to indicate your turns and drive predictably.

To Call Or Not To Call?

911 is a free emergency phone number used to request immediate assistance for emergency services police, fire department, and emergency medical services. We want our residents to feel comfortable to call 911 when needed. Emergency services are available 24/7, and are here to serve the community. If you feel there is an emergency, don't hesitate to call. Medical emergencies, difficulty breathing, crime in

progress, fire, injury, car accidents, suspicious conditions, missing person, or other emergent situations are reason to call 911.

If you are uncomfortable with calling 911, or you feel that your call is not an emergency, but you still need to speak with an officer, you can call the non-emergency dispatch number at: 610-647-1440. These calls will get important information to the emergency service provider, so they respond in a timely manner. This is the quickest way to get in contact with a police officer. Examples of calls would be check fraud, identity theft, mail fraud, animal complaints, lost or found items, noise complaints, wellbeing checks, etc.

If you have a general inquiry you can call the station at 610-341-9780. This is not a 24/7 number, but we are available during the week to answer general questions. Officers are not dispatched from calls coming into the station. If you need an officer dispatched, please call 610-647-1440, the Chester County Radio Room, as they need to get specific information prior to dispatching. Remember — we are here to help, and do not hesitate to call.

WALK THIS WAY

Pedestrian Safety Tips



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<p>Unplug Don't be a distracted walker.</p>	<p>Make eye contact Don't walk until traffic stops.</p>	<p>Be bright Wear reflective clothing at night.</p>	<p>Never Jaywalk Use crosswalks and intersections.</p>	<p>Stay Alert All the way across the intersection.</p>	<p>Watch for turning Vehicles of all kinds.</p>
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

July 4th Victory Run & Bike Parade & Picnic



The Easttown Township Parks & Recreation Board and the Berwyn Veterans will host its 20th Annual "July 4th Victory Run & Bike Parade & Picnic" with all trimmings, events and fun but more than past years.

Kicking off July 4th will be the 20th Annual Berwyn Victory Run/Walk, starting at Johnson Park and leading right into the Kids Race, and then the Bike Parade and Picnic. Registration for the Run starts at 7:30 AM, the Run starts at 8:30 AM, the Kids Races begin about 9:30 AM, the Bike Parade registration begins at 10:15 AM, the Parade begins at 11:00 AM (don't be late), followed by the picnic at 11:30 AM, with Games and Contests at Noon, then the Highlight around 1:00 PM with the Berwyn Fire Company providing a Water Cannon Shot over all the Kids and their Family members who want to be kids again... There is nothing like it on the Main Line.

The Berwyn Victory Run is annually sponsored by the Veterans Association of Easttown and Tredyffrin Townships (but missed 2020). The 5k Run/Walk and the Kids Races help to maintain the Veterans Memorials in Berwyn, Chesterbrook and soon in Devon. The Vets also assist local veteran's families who have come upon difficult times. The Veteran Association is made of local Vets and many Non-Vet members. These folks honor the contributions many men and woman, especially, those who have "given their last full measure of devotion" have made to us and our country, so we can celebrate days like the July 4th.

The Picnic has "traditional" picnic food and beverage, along with two Moon Bounces, Face Painting, Water Balloon Toss, Limbo Contest, Three-Legged Races, Tug-of-War, etc. **More volunteers can only make this day better.** If you have questions or want to volunteer, please call Tom Toscani at 610-647-4901 or 215-840-0294 or speak to any Board member. **A grand time is guaranteed for all!**



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SUSSEX PLACE (Berwyn)
Radha Pyati, Site Captain

GWILYM CIRCLE (Berwyn)
Kate Doms, Site Captain

HILLTOP PARK (Devon)
Cara Rash, Site Captain

To sign up or for more information, including additional cleanup dates/sites throughout the watershed, please visit <https://www.dcva.org/watershed-cleanups>. Email admin@dcva.org with questions.

In 2022, DCVA held 40 cleanup events and collected more than 16,000 pounds of debris from in and around our waterways including more than 2 dozen tires, construction material, metal, plastics, and innumerable single use plastics, soda bottles, cans, and food wrappers. DCVA is indebted to community volunteers, leaders, partners and sponsors; by working together throughout our entire watershed a larger impact was made and with continuing partnerships and combined resources we proved that we can make a difference!

Starting in May 2023, Berwyn will showcase a brand new open-air market! This curated market will feature local farms, producers, and artists in addition to live entertainment. Hosted by Culinary Harvest, who has spent the two years curating and operating a "Best of the Main Line" online farmers market, and sponsored by Eadeh Enterprises, this market is expected to be an outstanding community event. The market will be located in the newly renovated Bronze Plaza in front of Handel's Ice Cream and is slated to run every Sunday from May 7th

through October 29th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Over 20 vendors have signed on already including: Stony Run Farms (Wagyu beef), Wild Fox Farms (organic produce), Kismet Bagels, Taste of Puebla (Mexican dishes), Nutty Novelties, and more. For more details and a full list of vendors, visit www.culinaryharvest.com



Starting Friday, June 2nd and running through Labor Day, Zia Yoga & Wellness Center will be leading **FREE** yoga at 8:00 AM for anyone in the community on the Bronze Plaza, outside of Handel's. Please bring your own mat!

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PARKS & RECREATION

Summer Camp Registration Is Underway

Registration is now **OPEN** for the Parks and Recreation Board's Summer Recreation Program.

Who Is Eligible?

Rising 1st graders through rising 8th graders — children do **NOT** need to be residents of Easttown Township to attend.

The program will be held during the month of July. Registration forms for any and all weeks (with all fees paid) are due by **June 1st**.

This ensures adequate staffing and supplies. To register, visit <https://www.easttown.org/347/Summer-Camp>.

Interested In Being A Camp Counselor or Counselor-in-training?

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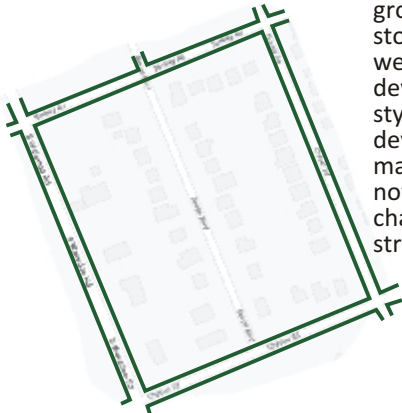


HISTORY MATTERS

The Birthplace of Devon

The neighborhood shown on this map--the parcel bounded by Berkley Rd., Chester Rd., S. Waterloo Rd., and Dorset Rd. has an interesting history. Today it is a pleasant suburban

The Inn operated from 1883 to 1914. For the next 15 years, unsuccessful attempts were made to bring it back as a hotel. It also was home to a short-lived girls' school. In 1928 the newly-formed Valley Forge Military Academy moved in, but the building burned to the ground in early 1929. The land stood vacant until in 1939 plans were announced for a development of 52 colonial-style residences. This development accounts for the majority of the houses there now. Many appear little changed when viewed from the street.



neighborhood occupied by modest pre-war houses, but for almost 50 years before 1929 it was occupied by the Devon Inn.

The Inn was one of the grand hotels of the Victorian period where the well-to-do could spend the summer away from the noise, heat, and smells of the city. In 1881 Lemuel Coffin and Joseph Altemus, Philadelphia merchants, bought almost 500 acres along the railroad east of Berwyn and announced they would build a large hotel in a village to be developed and known as Devon. The Devon Inn is why there is a Devon; it's why the railroad station is where it is and is as large as it is. Early horse shows were on the lawn of the Inn. This was the birthplace of Devon.



Sources: The full story of the Devon Inn can be found in the Winter 2021 issue of the TredyffrinEasttown History Quarterly, published by the TredyffrinEasttown Historical Society.

Map from Google Maps, February 2023

Postcard view of the Devon Inn courtesy of TredyffrinEasttown Historical Society.



Compare the 1940 real estate ad to the 2022 photograph of the mirror image home on Berkley Rd.



A larger model on Devon Blvd., photographed in 2022, is also original in appearance, as can be seen from a 1940 photograph from the Inquirer.



One of the new houses built by J. Robert Lenhart on the site of the old Devon Hotel, Devon.



The house next door has been modified and expanded a little, as have others, but the character of the neighborhood has been maintained.

Real estate advertisement: Philadelphia Inquirer, May 12, 1940

News photo: Philadelphia Inquirer, Dec. 15, 1940.

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A City at War: The British Occupation of Philadelphia during the American Revolution

Tuesday, April 11th, 6:30 PM



On September 26, 1777, the British army marched into Philadelphia, beginning an occupation that lasted until the following spring. Their arrival led patriots to flee and Loyalists to rejoice, although wartime shortages soon led to suffering for those who remained in the city. The occupation led to no concrete gains, and the British abandoned the city the following June, but not before having the most elaborate, expensive party ever held in the American colonies. Join historical reenactor and lecturer Michael Jesberger for this informative discussion.

Passport Fair

Saturday, April 22nd, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Ready to plan your next getaway? Make sure your passport is up-to-date! It's never too early to start the process. Join us at our first annual Passport Fair and find out how to apply, get help with forms and documents, check your renewal eligibility, or apply for your passport. Fees apply, appointments are required, and DS-11 applications only.

Recent Retirement Changes and How they Affect You

Thursday, April 27th, 3:00 PM

Join Greg Crothers, certified financial planner, for an educational retirement class, focused on the Secure ACT 2.0. Learn about the changes to the required minimum distribution age, contribution limits for IRAs, improved access to guaranteed lifetime income products, and more.

Tai Chi 24

Tuesdays at 1 PM on Zoom, April 11th - May 16th

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese practice proven to improve health, balance, and

relaxation. The Tai Chi 24 is the most widely practiced Tai Chi method worldwide, which contains all the techniques of the longer Yang style 108 forms. It is for anyone interested in Tai Chi, maintaining good health, fall prevention, better balance, stress reduction, or chronic pain reduction. This 6-class series will be held on Zoom and taught by Liz Wanner, trained in TC24, and numerous other types of Tai Chi.

Papermaking with the Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation

Wednesday, June 7th, 6:30 PM

Come try your hand at papermaking using a colonial-era method with staff from the Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation (CPP). Following a brief discussion of the industry in colonial times and the inks used, each participant will make a small piece of paper to bring home. Participants will also be able to try quill-writing with quills and several types of ink — handmade on CPP's farm. Short sleeves or sleeves that can easily roll up are recommended.

EVENTS

Saturday, April 15th, 9:00 AM 12:00PM

Secure Paper Shredding sponsored by the Friends of Easttown Library \$5/grocery bag; \$10/box

May 5-7

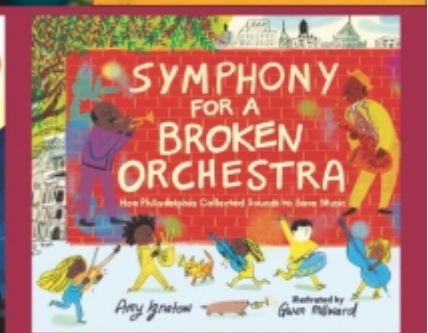
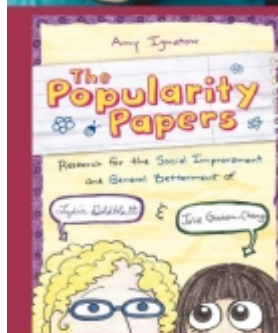
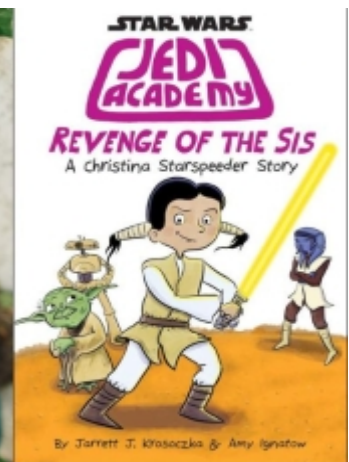
Friends of Easttown Library Book Sale

2023 Barbara Robinson Author Visit with Amy Ignatow

Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 PM

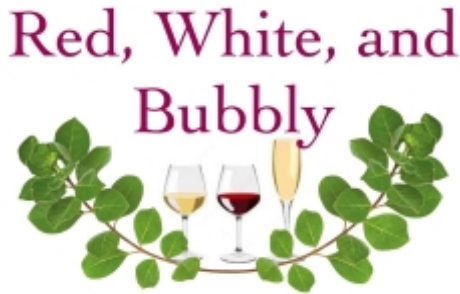
May the 4th be with you when you join Easttown Library Foundation for a fun evening at Easttown Library with Amy Ignatow, our 2023 Barbara Robinson Author. Amy Ignatow is the author and illustrator of The Popularity Papers series, the Odds Trilogy (The Mighty Odds, Against the Odds, Odds and Ends), and is the co-author of Jedi Academy; The Christina Starspeeder stories with Jarrett Krosoczka. She also has written two picture books, The Cutest Thing Ever (with Hsinping Pan) and Symphony for A Broken Orchestra; How Philadelphia Collected Sounds to Save Music (with Gwen Millward). The Popularity Papers is currently in production as a live-action television series. Amy Ignatow will sign her books, which will be available for purchase through Children's Book World in Haverford. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of her books will benefit Easttown Library.

The annual Barbara Robinson Author Visit honors the memory of children's book author Barbara Robinson, who was best known for The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. She was a Trustee of the library from 1973 to 1981 and was named Library Champion in 2008. Her legacy lives on through this annual event and the Story Time Room in our Youth Services room, which bears her name. The Foundation would like to thank the Robinson family and its donors who make it possible to host this annual event. To register for this event and to purchase Amy Ignatow's books, visit easttownlibrary.org.



2023 Barbara Robinson Author Visit with Amy Ignatow

May 4, 2023 | Easttown Library | 6:30 PM



2023 RED, WHITE, & BUBBLY

Thursday, May 18th
at Historic Waynesborough

The Friends of Easttown Library and the Easttown Library Foundation are excited to be hosting the return of **RED, WHITE, & BUBBLY**, a wine tasting event featuring **Moore Brothers wines**, on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at Historic Waynesborough. The purpose of this event is to bring members of the community together to learn about and enjoy a wine tasting while raising funds for Easttown Library, a valued and essential community resource. *The last time this event was held, it sold out!* Space is limited. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit easttownlibrary.org. We hope to see you there!

The Friends of Easttown Library is a group of community members who promote awareness of and provide financial support of the library through an annual membership drive and various fundraising events. In addition to special events like **RED, WHITE, & BUBBLY**, the Friends' other events include the upcoming **Spring Paper Shredding Event on Saturday, April 15**, and **Spring Book Sale from Thursday, May 4, to Sunday, May 7**. Volunteering with the Friends is a wonderful opportunity to meet and join your friends and neighbors while advocating and raising funds for your library. The Friends is also a 501(c)(3) organization under the umbrella of the Pennsylvania Coalition for Better Libraries (PCBL). To find out more about the Friends, visit easttownlibrary.org/friends.

Your Support Of Easttown Library Speaks Volumes

Easttown Library is fortunate to have three affiliated organizations to support it - the Library Board of Trustees, the Easttown Library Foundation, and the Friends of Easttown Library. Each play an important role in the sustainability of the library. The Foundation is the 501(c)(3) supporting organization of the library with the sole mission of:

- raising funds through its Annual Fund for the library's operating budget;
- assisting with grant funding; and
- growing the Endowment Fund to ensure the library's long-term financial stability.

The Foundation would like to extend its gratitude to its supporters and community partners whose ongoing generosity make it possible for Easttown Library to be an invaluable community center. In 2022, \$130,000 was raised for the Annual Fund and the Endowment exceeds \$1.1 million. Thanks to their investment in Easttown Library, it is able to create new programming for all ages, to bring in dynamic speakers and New York Times best-selling authors such as William Kent Krueger, to augment its Library of Things collection with 15 admission passes to regional attractions and portable digital devices, and to meet the demand for more e-books and e-audiobooks as part of its digital collection.

The Foundation also would like to thank those who helped it meet the 2022 Denny Leeper Endowment Challenge match, honoring former Foundation President Dennis P. Leeper and commemorating the establishment of the Endowment Fund in 2011. Denny Leeper was an early proponent of creating an endowment for Easttown Library to serve as a self-sustaining revenue source for the library to provide long-term financial stability. The assets of the



2023 Easttown Library Foundation Board: (seated) Maryann O'Connor, President; Valerie Vitale; Eileen O'Malley Spangler, Secretary; Amber Osborne, Library Director; (standing) Dennis Leeper; Kathryn Lewis; Robert Boland, Vice President; Jane Martin; Michael Miles, Treasurer (not pictured: Andrea Howard, Assistant

Endowment Fund are a long-term investment with up to 5% of its annual year-end value to be used to support the annual operations, programs, and/or capital needs of the library. The goal is to grow the Endowment Fund to \$2 million, providing up to \$100,000 a year in much-needed funds.

To learn more about the Foundation, how to support Easttown Library and happenings at the library, visit easttownlibrary.org.



We are excited to introduce the library's latest collection, the Library of Things!

The Library of Things is a collection of non-traditional materials including gadgets, tools, passes to attractions, games, kits, electronics, and more — all available to check out for free with a library card. While the library has offered museum passes and hot spots before now, this exciting expansion of the Library of Things includes:

- Nintendo Switches, Oculus Virtual Reality Headset, Bee-Bots, and a stop motion kit;
- Adult & child metal detectors and video to digital converter;
 - Circuit machine;
- Projector & screen and conference camera;
 - Roku devices with subscriptions to streaming services;
- Launchpads loaded with educational games and Tonieboxes, a screen free listening experience for children ages 3 and up featuring stories and songs; and
- 15 additional museum passes (for a total of 21!), many of which have a print at home and go option.

Visit www.easttownlibrary.org/library-things to learn more.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Introducing Easttown's Street Tree Planting Project

Street trees are prized for their aesthetic and environmental benefits. Planting more of them in our Township will have many positive impacts. Accordingly, Easttown has initiated a long-term street tree planting program.

Street trees in developed areas have many benefits, including:

1. Improved air quality:

Trees help to filter pollutants from the air, improving the air quality for people living and working nearby. Trees on streets absorb many more pollutants than more distant trees. They add oxygen to the air, remove carbon dioxide, and cool the air around them.¹

2. Stormwater management:

In light rains, leaves and branches capture water on their surfaces, where it can evaporate rather than end-up in a storm drain. In heavier rains, water runs down branches, bark, and roots, channeling it to surrounding soil where can infiltrate back into the soil.

3. Noise reduction:

Trees act as natural sound barriers, helping to reduce noise pollution in more developed areas.

4. Improved physical and mental health:

Where outdoor space is beautiful, shaded, and green, people are more likely to be active. Spending time in nature has been shown to improve mental health and well-being. A leafy, tree-lined street whispers to our senses, restores our capacity to focus, lessens stress, and boosts our mood.

5. Increased property values:

Properties with well-landscaped yards, including trees, produce higher property values.²

6. Easttown Identity:

Certain municipalities exude a strong pride of place among their residents. Often this pride is anchored in signature and unique characteristics, whether man-made or natural. Easttown's identity as a great place to live and work will be enhanced by a signature street tree program, building upon its already abundant green-scape.

Easttown's Street Tree Planting Program, Year One

The Township's 2023 budget includes funds for a demonstration street tree planting program. This year that will include the installation of 20 native street trees within the Old Berwyn village residential neighborhood. The current intent is to

place the trees within a concentrated area along adjoining streets to maximize visual impact and demonstrate the value of this program to residents and visitors to the township. Concurrently with this initial effort, the Environmental Advisory Council will develop and propose a long term, Township-wide plan for this program, in tandem with and parallel to the Township's Recreation, Open Space and Environmental Resources Planning initiative. While potential grant funding opportunities will be explored to augment funding for the street tree planting program in subsequent years, the Township's budget will cover the full cost of the trees, delivery, and installation in 2023.

The EAC and volunteers involved with this initiative are excited to work with Old Berwyn village homeowners willing to volunteer their street-side lands as a home for a street tree and nurture it in the years to come. Stay tuned for additional details. Let's work together to continue to make Easttown the amazing—and greener—place it is!

¹For example, see David Nowak et. al., *Air Pollution Removal by Urban Trees and Shrubs in the United States, Urban Forestry and Urban Greenery*, April 2006.

²For example, E. Gregory McPherson, *Structure, Function and Value of Street Trees in California, Urban Forestry and Urban Greenery*, April 2016.

Easttown's Recreation, Open Space And Environmental Resources Planning Process, April 13th Public Workshop

Easttown Township has embarked upon an ambitious project to update its recreation, open space, and environmental resources plan. The Township has retained Thomas Comitta Associates, Inc., a West Chester based town planning firm, to prepare the plan. On April 13th, 6:30 PM, at Hilltop House, Tom and his associate, Erin Gross, will summarize their progress. Hilltop House is at 570 Beaumont Road, next to the Township Offices. This workshop will be the second in a series of four.

The first workshop, held this past November 16th, was a high energy happening. Its primary purpose was to solicit Easttown citizens' views. Roughly seventy townspeople attended and enthusiastically shared their ideas, which also totaled seventy separate suggestions. One dominant theme was a desire for public green space and outdoor gathering areas in the Berwyn and Devon hamlet neighborhoods. Another prominently expressed topic was the need for more and improved biking or walking trails (including sidewalks), along with connections among them. Several people stressed the importance of making better use of existing Township assets. Others wanted more community center space. Environmental management concepts were mentioned. Apart from physical assets, some residents were interested in more, especially outdoor, Township sponsored events.

What are your views? Are you comfortable with these ideas or would you add something else? As examples:

- Do you think Easttown should have additional dedicated parkland?
- Are you comfortable that Easttown's environmental resources already are adequately protected?
- What about our tree canopy?

The April 13th workshop will provide an opportunity for Easttown residents to state their thoughts and get involved with the planning process. The currently in-force version of this plan is thirty years old. Easttown residents share an investment in our Township's future. Upcoming workshop, in its way, will be a collective investment management seminar. By attending, you can help with managing your investment in Easttown.



Planning Consultant Tom Comitta immersed among Easttown residents and their ideas, November 16th 2022
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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater Education

Illicit Discharge Reporting

- If you see any discharge into a storm drain system or waterway that is not composed entirely of stormwater, please alert the Township by calling 610-687-3000.

Spring Stormwater Reminders

- Keep yard waste and debris out of the street to prevent clogging of nearby drainage systems.
- Please remember to pick up after your pets to keep waste from entering our stormwater systems and creeks.
- Make sure to follow proper pesticide and fertilizer application procedures and do not apply in areas near storm drains, swales, or basins to prevent chemicals from reaching waterways.

BMP Maintenance/Inspection

- The Township will be contacting property owners that are required to submit tri-annual stormwater BMP inspection and maintenance reports. If you have a question about a stormwater facility on your property and what type of maintenance and reporting is required, please contact the Township office.

More information

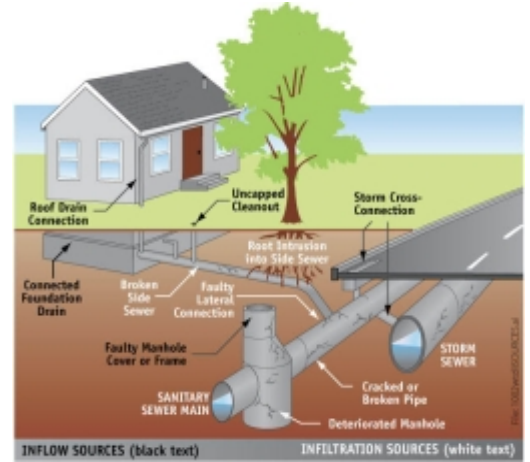
- For more information on stormwater management practices and maintenance visit the Township's stormwater webpage at <https://www.easttown.org/342/MS4---Municipal-Separate-Storm-Systems>.

THREE I'S IN SEWER (Infiltration, Inflow, Intervention)

Sewer systems consist of miles of pipes and manholes. Old systems are subject to infiltration and inflow. Infiltration involves storm water and groundwater entering pipes and manholes thru cracks and leaky joints, etc. Inflow involves storm water and groundwater entering pipes and manholes via direct connection from sump pumps, roof drains, foundation drains, etc. Infiltration and inflow (I&I), while common, are problematic. I&I adds cost to system operation and contributes to Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs). Local governments dedicate significant resources to reduce I&I.

Easttown has approximately 1,700 manholes and 327,000 linear feet of sewer pipe. In a typical month, it will process around 1,000,000 gallons per day of waste water. In a typical year, Easttown's pumping cost is around \$100,000, its transmission cost is around \$700,000, and it's treatment cost is around \$720,000. Obviously, it is in everyone's best interest that Easttown reduce I&I to reduce costs and to reduce the likelihood of an SSO.

The Easttown Municipal Authority (EMA) has spent around \$180,000 in the last few years to identify leaks, fill cracks, and patch holes. This intervention is helpful to reduce infiltration, but inflow remains, and it can be especially significant. A single sump



pump connection may pump as much as 10,000 gallons per day into the sewer system. Additionally; connecting a sump pump, yard drain, or foundation drain to the sewer system is illegal.

A prospective intervention for inflow is homeowner-self inspection. If your sump or drain is connected to the sewer system then best to disconnect it (it is the law, it saves money, and it is good for the environment). If you are not sure if your system is connected then feel free to contact the Township. It will help you understand your potential for illegal connection and guide you thru potential remedies.

SEWER BILLS

Sanitary Sewer bills are based upon water usage from the prior quarter. The next Sewer bill will be mailed at the end of April. Payment is due at the end of May. **Online Bill Payment Coming Soon!**

DID YOU KNOW? Sewer fees should **NOT** be mailed to or dropped off directly to the Township Building.

Mail your check to:

Easttown Township Sewer Rental
P.O. Box 33
Ithaca, NY 14851

Or pay in person to:

Tompkins Bank
600 W. Lancaster Avenue
Wayne, PA 19087

Outside water usage meter reading notices will be mailed April 1st and are due no later than April 15th.

2023 Quarterly Sewer Rates (based on water consumption as supplied by Aqua PA)

Base Residential (10,000 gallons per quarter): \$145.71

Additional usage: \$12.99 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons per quarter

Base Non-Residential (10,000 gallons per quarter): \$161.31

Additional usage: \$14.03 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons per quarter

Unmetered Water Usage (Well Users): \$219.59 per quarter (flat rate)

TRASH & RECYCLING BILLS (AKA SOLID WASTE)

Solid Waste is billed quarterly in advance. The next Solid Waste bill will be mailed at the beginning of April. Payment is due April 30th. **Online Bill Payment Coming Soon!**

DID YOU KNOW?

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Ithaca, NY 14851

Pay in person to:

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2023 Quarterly Rates:
Basic Curbside Service: **\$99.90**

Rear Yard with Driveway less than 100 feet: **163.63**

Rear Yard with Driveway over 100 feet: **\$232.8**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Events are free of charge to Chester County residents, but registration is required.

To Register and for information on acceptable & non-acceptable items, visit the Chester County Solid Waste Authority (<https://www.chestercountyswa.org/121/Upcoming-Household-Hazardous-Waste-Event>).

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Technical College High School

(Pickering Campus)
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville

Friday, June 23, 2023

Coatesville Learning Center

1635 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville



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