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LATE FALL 2024/WINTER 2025



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RESIDENT FYI

TRASH AND SEWER PAYMENT INFO

TRASH AND RECYCLING PAYMENTS

Trash payments & questions can be remitted by:

Phone at: 877-589-8640

Online at:

<https://EasttownTownshipTrash.secure.munibilling.com>

Check - mailed to:

Easttown Township Trash Disposal
P.O. Box 271
Ithaca, NY 14851

In-Person at: Tompkins Bank (Wayne Location)

SEWER PAYMENTS

Sewer payments can be remitted by:

Phone at: 833-591-7204

Online at:

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Check - mailed to:

Easttown Township Sewer Rental
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In-Person at: Tompkins Bank (Wayne Location)

Township Contact:
Sherry D'orazio, Accounts Administrator
Sdorazio@easttown.org | 610-687-3000 X116

TAX PAYMENT INFO

TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY TAXES

Township and County taxes are maintained and collected by the Chester County Treasurer's Office.

Chester County Treasurer's Office

313 West Market Street, Suite 3202
West Chester, PA 19380
610-344-6370
treasurerdept@chesco.org

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES

School District taxes are collected by the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Business/Tax Office through Keystone Collections Group.

For questions or more information:
Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Business/Tax Office
940 West Valley Road, Suite 1700
Wayne, PA 19087
610-240-1940

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED

November 28/29

December 24/25

January 1, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 20

Historic Waynesborough Speaker Series:
7:00 PM

Gary Ecelbarger speaks at Historic Waynesborough for a new and fascinating look at the Battle of the Clouds

December 15

Historic Waynesborough Open House and Candlelight Tour: 3:00 5:00 PM

January 18

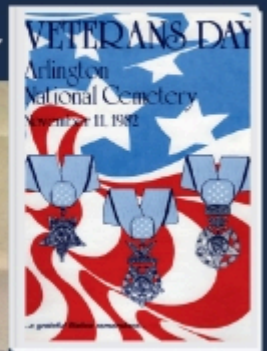
Repair Café: 10:00 AM 12:00 PM at Trinity Presbyterian Church

April 1

Historic Waynesborough Speaker Series:
7:00 PM

Rick Schoenfield speaks at Historic Waynesborough for a talk on the Battle of the Wabash

A Brief History of Veterans Day



ORIGINALLY CALLED ARMISTICE DAY...

The First World War ended at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month), which is why it was entitled Armistice Day (a truce between opposing sides). Memorial gestures across the globe universally honored that date when countries held burial ceremonies for unknown WWI soldiers.

In 1926, a Congressional resolution was made in the United States of America to officially call November 11th Armistice Day. By 1938, Congress deemed Armistice Day a national holiday - hopeful that the 'Great War' would be the last global conflict. Just a few years later, this hope proved to have been misplaced as World War II ravaged Europe.

With another devastating loss of life (more than 400,000 Americans died in service during that time), Armistice Day seemed wholly inaccurate and didn't reflect the same message as before.

And then one day in 1947, a World War II veteran named Raymond Weeks organized 'National Veterans Day' in Birmingham, Alabama to honor all veterans with a parade - he chose November 11th due to its previous importance. Word spread quickly around the nation and other states held similar events. In 1954, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed the bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day and Congress passed the bill with President Eisenhower signing it into law.





In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act to change the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October, which was intended to give federal employees three-day weekends by moving holidays to Mondays. Travel and tourism lobbyists had pushed hard for this change, stating that it would stimulate the economy. Veterans groups opposed this change for the next several years and finally won in 1975, when Congress amended the law.

A Note from Main Line Veterans

Our nonprofit organization is working with Easttown and Tredyffrin Townships on a project to install veteran flag banners in local parks to honor Main Line veterans. Projected for 2025-2026.

Thank You



Contact Us:  contact@mainlineveterans.org  www.mainlineveterans.org

Murals on the Main Line

OBJECTIVE:

To create unique art experiences in the Main Line that bring joy, thought and encourage conversation within the community while supporting and advocating for artists.

The Mural Arts Commission (MAC) of the Main Line shall encourage and curate artistic expression on building surfaces within the community. Funded through private donations, artists will apply and submit prospective mural images; selected artists will be paid for their works.



THE PROCESS

Building facades shall be identified as potential sites for the Mural Arts Program. The MAC Board would contact building owners for permission to use these surfaces for a potential mural. Approved sites would be put into a database. Each year, 1-5 sites would be selected by the MAC Board and a call for mural applications would be advertised throughout the region. The Board would then select the murals based upon a set of criteria both subjective and objective. The selected murals would be awarded, scheduled and funded for the season.

Annual Fundraising would be initiated to support the artist's stipend for the mural, materials and other requirements to complete the mural. The MAC Board would work on grant writing, solicit private donations and business sponsorships.

MURAL SELECTION

- These Murals are not meant to be signage for a business or building, however, they can identify a town, theme, or saying.
- Murals shall not be political or inappropriate in nature as interpreted by the MAC Board.
- The MAC Board's decision shall be final on all mural images that are approved.
- Applications shall be reviewed annually.

WHY A MURAL ARTS PROGRAM IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Philadelphia has been renowned as the Mural Capital of the World. For 40 years, the Mural Arts Program in Philadelphia has united artists and communities through their collaborative process producing over 4,000 murals throughout the city. This process can yield unique project-based learning opportunities for youth and adults within our community. Each year 15,000 residents and visitors tour the Philadelphia Mural Arts Outdoor Gallery. More and more communities support the arts and become distinctive through murals - Austin, TX, Miami Fl, Nashville Tn, Cincinnati, Oh to name a few.

So why not make a Mural Arts Program right here in our community - Murals could become "A Berwyn Thing!" - Murals beautify buildings, encourage conversation, support artists and offer inspiration. Our community has taken great pride in our Berwyn Mural and we feel that additional murals add interest to the community - bringing interested visitors who then shop and dine here. We can create a walking tour through the community -highlighting different murals, their stories, the history of the artists and our community. It changes the landscape of Berwyn from being like every other town to becoming something unique and special.





TIS' THE SEASON!

HAPPENINGS IN BERWYN
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Nov
01

Holiday Lights Turn On

Let's light it up! Holiday lights turn on all along the Main Line bringing a holiday glow to the community!

Nov
15

Letters to Santa Drop off at **Easttown Library**

Get a personalized response from THE Santa Claus to you kids wishlist. Drop off the letter at the Easttown Library!

Dec
06

Holiday House Judging Who will be the most festive?

Get your houses ready for the Holiday House judging! Houses will be reviewed on Dec 6th and winners will be announced at the tree lighting.

Dec
07

Artisan Holiday Market 1 - 5 pm, **The Bronze Plaza**

Exceptional hand picked artisan vendors! Perfect place to do some holiday gift shopping!

Dec
08

Berwyn Tree Lighting - 5:30 pm, **Berwyn Train Station**

Enjoy fun festivities such as an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest, appearances from Mr. & Mrs. Claus, hot chocolate and treats, performances from the Betsy Daily Dancers & local choirs, and of course the ceremonial lighting of the tree! Emcee by Alyana Gomez, co-anchor for 6abc's 10am newscast!



BEAUMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LAUNCHES COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Beaumont Elementary in Easttown Township launched a cafeteria composting program at the beginning of this school year as a pilot that has proved highly successful after only four weeks.

The program was initiated by Cara Rash, parent of a 2nd and 5th grader, who also volunteers on Easttown Township's Environmental Advisory Council. In 2019, Rash noticed the school had a garden that was not being tended. After learning that soils and compost are part of the 2nd grade curriculum, she volunteered to bring it back to life, and now the garden is completely managed by the 2nd grade class. Since getting it up and running in 2021 the garden has produced over 800 lbs. of vegetables for the Chester County Food Bank. The garden needs compost to keep the soil healthy, and the school had a 2-barrel composter that filled up quickly and didn't have the right mix of "ingredients" to produce quality compost, so the school began looking at other options for composting.

Cara and her family use a composting service for food scraps generated in their home, so she reached out to their composting company, Mother Compost, who also collects food scraps from other local schools in addition to residences. With support and data from Mother Compost, Rash pitched a cafeteria composting program to the school's Home and School Association (HSA) and

school principal. With the approval of the HSA, Rash applied for a Zero Waste grant from the Chester County Solid Waste Authority and was awarded \$3,927 which will fund two years of food scraps pick-ups by Mother Compost.

Patti Lynn, Chester County's Recycling Resources Manager who runs the Solid Waste Authority's Zero Waste grant program remarked, "This is the first Zero Waste grant presented to a school for food waste composting. Having engagement of the Beaumont School staff, parent association, and young students is integral to the program's success, and not an easy task. But education and waste reduction together can change behaviors."

Four weeks in the program is already a success: the school generates 300-350 lbs. of compostable material each week and has reduced the amount of cafeteria waste by about half. Because the school switched from plastic to compostable lunch trays, they added an additional compost bin just to collect the trays. Non-compostable materials entering the bins was an issue at first, though with student education and vigilant lunch monitors, contamination has been significantly reduced.

"Elementary aged children can do this. They are excited by it," commented Rash. She noted that many children have told their

parents about the program who then signed up for home composting service. Since starting the program, the middle school and the Tredyffrin-Easttown school district have already expressed interest in learning how Beaumont's composting program is going. Rash hopes that because of the significant amount of waste being diverted away from the school's dumpsters, the school will be able to negotiate a reduced rate for trash hauling and be able to pay for continued composting service through these cost savings.

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RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS: RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

Corrugated Paper • Mixed Paper (including high-grade office paper)

Clear & Colored Glass Containers • Aluminum Containers • Steel & Bimetallic Containers

Plastics #1-#7 • Leaf Waste

| RECYCLABLE | Accepted Items | How to Identify/Prepare | NOT ACCEPTED |
|-------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Corrugated Paper (Cardboard) | Corrugated boxes (with alternating ridges/groves) | Break down cardboard boxes falt to 2'x2' pieces | Soiled containers, such as greasy pizza boxes |
| Mixed Paper | Broad-e.g. food or beverage cartons, newsprint, discarded mail, telephone books, paperboard, magazines and catalogs | Clean, dry paper | Wet or soiled paper |
| High-Grade Office Paper | Letterhead, copier paper, envelopes, printer scrap | | Heavily soiled papers, or papers with bindings or clips attached |
| Glass | Glass bottles, jars and containers | Clear and colored glass | Broken glass, glassware, window panes, mirrors, light bulbs |
| Aluminum | Aluminum Cans | Aluminum items will not stick to a magnet | Scrap metal, car parts, appliances |
| Steel & Bimetallic Containers | All cans other than aluminum | Steel and bimetal Items will stick to a magnet | Scrap metal, car parts, appliances |
| Plastics | #1 - #7 rigid plastic containers | Looking for recycling triangle with plastic # on bottom of container | Plastic bags, shrint-wrap packaging, unnumbered plastic, toys, packing peanuts, Styrofoam, bubble wrap |

REDUCE HOLIDAY WASTE & RECYCLING



OH, THE HOLIDAYS! DECORATE, TASTE — WATCH YOUR WASTE!

**By Patti Lynn
Recycling Resources Manager**

Quick — what time of year generates the most trash for landfills? That's right, it's the holiday season. Online shopping and shipping, wrapping paper, more uneaten food, toys, and electronics being replaced. You get the idea. Household waste increases about 25% this time of year!



Can you be more TrashSmart? Try these ideas (or even just one!):

- ❖ Downsize — Smaller gathering, less decorations, careful gifting* so you create less waste
- ❖ Reusable, durable plates and silverware, cups, napkins, tablecloths (ask about renting)
- ❖ Shop (and wrap!) with reusable bags!
- ❖ Plan for guests to bring a dish in their own containers they can take back home, OR
- ❖ Have guests bring reusable containers for leftovers they may take home
- ❖ Cleaning the house — old socks for dusting rags; microfiber fleece cloths are washable
- ❖ Vinegar for glass surfaces
- ❖ Electronic invitations — Evite®, Greenvelope, Punchbowl®
- ❖ Online resources like “Guset-imator” can help you plan how much food you need
- ❖ Gifts for experiences — tickets to an event, museum or zoo membership, cooking class or trip
- ❖ Gifts of your time — Babysitting, pet sitting, gardening help, lessons for a new hobby, teach someone a new skill
- ❖ Gift cards for services, not goods — gas stations, car washes, hair/nail salon, massage, lawn service, audio books, pet services
- ❖ Homemade food and gifts show your creativity, time, and effort
- ❖ Wrap gifts in reusable, useful containers — such as cookies in a flowerpot, or wine bottle in a new dishtowel

RECYCLING BIN: Non-metallic wrapping paper and greeting cards without batteries

COMPOST: Evergreens, tea bags, coffee grounds, leaves, twigs, fresh cranberries

GARBAGE CAN: Cellophane, tissue paper, musical greeting cards, plastic ware

BATTERIES are special: To find out what to do with them visit:

[https://www.chestercountyswa.org/DocumentCenter/View/2379/Battery-chart-for-web-page-RepairedHere's what to do with them](https://www.chestercountyswa.org/DocumentCenter/View/2379/Battery-chart-for-web-page-RepairedHere's%20what%20to%20do%20with%20them)

So, this year...celebrate how mindful you are with sustainable consumption and disposal practices. What GOOD behaviors and habits can YOU start on your way to being TrashSmart? And New Year's resolutions are just around the corner...

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YARD WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR*

*FULL COLLECTION CALENDAR AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE OR BY CALLING THE TOWNSHIP.

Yard Waste Zones 1 & 3

Yard Waste Zones 2 & 4

Holiday - No Collection

Alternate recycling/trash collection due to a holiday

DECEMBER 2024

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EASTTOWN SERVICE ZONES & DAYS

* 1 - Recycling & Trash - Monday 3 - Recycling & Trash - Thursday Rear Yard Trash - Monday
 2 - Recycling & Trash - Tuesday 4 - Recycling & Trash - Friday Rear Yard Recycling - Tuesday & Wednesday

Preparation of Yard Waste Materials for Collection

- Collection occurs once a month January - September and twice a month October - December.
- Yard waste must be placed into manageable bundles and tied with string, or may be put in an open-end trash can, as long as limbs are not protruding above the can. Limbs that are loose on the ground will not be picked up.
- Limbs and branches must not exceed 6 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter.
- Grass clippings are considered trash, not yard waste.
- While there is NO LIMIT to the number of bagged leaves/yard waste collected, there is a max weight of 300 lbs. of brush and/or bagged leaves/yard waste from a single residence.
- Leaves/yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags or open-ended trash cans. Leaves/yard waste in plastic bags will NOT be collected.
- **REAR-YARD CUSTOMERS:** yard waste must be placed at the curb for collection — check the QR code below to determine your service zone.

Use QR Code To View All Street Service Zones & Days



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Christmas trees will be collected during January collection.

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Zones 1 and 3 have collection on Wednesday, January 8, and Zones 2 and 4 have collection on Wednesday, January 15.



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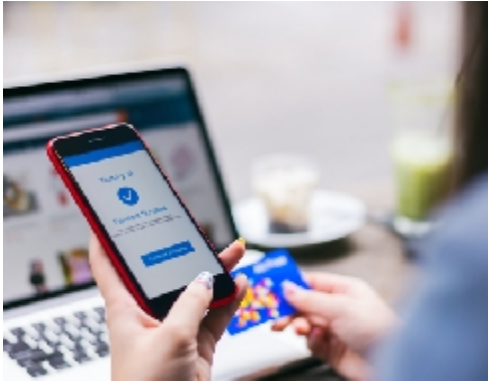
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SHOP SAFELY ON SOCIAL MEDIA by Lisa Lee Freeman

Not All The Deals In Your Feed Are Legitimate.



You're scrolling through facebook or instagram, and an ad pops up for the perfect holiday gift or maybe a little present for yourself: a sweater in your favorite color or a great gadget for making your beloved sugar cookies. It's uncanny how social media sites know you so well but it is no accident. They customize ads by tracking your online activity.

The problem is that what you see isn't always what you get. The federal trade commission says 45 percent of the social media scams it recorded in 2021 involved online shopping. Nearly 70 percent of the victims ordered items that never showed up. And 9 out of 10 said they were reeled in by something they saw on facebook or instagram.

It's easy to fall for these scams. Some ads impersonate legitimate online retailers and drive you to look-alike websites. Often the pictures and descriptions are bogus. That's how one of my friends fell in love with a dress she saw in a tempting instagram ad, ended up with a cheap-looking, child-size night gown. And it's how another friend got scammed when she ordered two camping chairs from a facebook ad. She waited so

long that she thought they weren't coming at all and when they finally did arrive, they turned out to be suited more for a doll than for an adult.

I'm often tempted by instagram ads, but when I click through for more info, red flags always seem to pop up. Recently, I spotted a cool-looking gold marker on instagram, but I decided to skip it. Why? I looked for reviews and could find them only on the seller's website, which displayed nothing but 5-star ratings.

The only other mention I found was a warning on a scam-alert site. No physical address was posted, though the company's facebook page listed france, Benin and Mauritius. That raised suspicions that, at the very least, I have to wait a long time for delivery. The fine print was filled with off-putting language, including a section about canceling subscriptions even though here were no mention of subscriptions elsewhere on the site.

I ended up checking for the product on my go-to art-supply websites and found several similar markers that seemed like a better bet.

Taking the following steps can help you shop more safely on social media sites.

- **Look for a physical address and phone number.** If there is no address on the company's website or if the seller is based overseas, think twice about buying. You risk not only a long wait to receive your purchase but also high shipping fees for any returns.
- **Read the fine print.** Look for spelling errors and odd disclaimers. Also, make sure there are privacy and return policies. Check all fees, including return shipping

and restocking charges, and make sure you have at least 30 days to make a return.

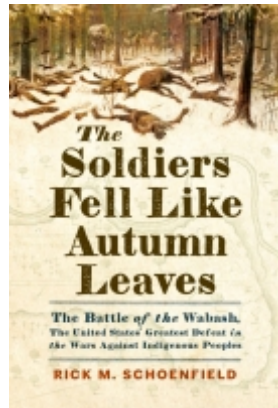
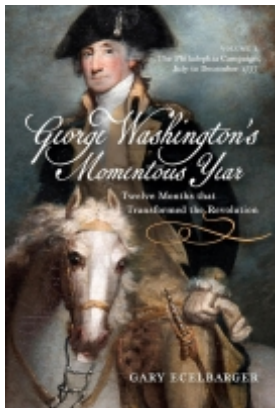
- **Hunt for signs of trouble.** Do an online search for the company's name and "reviews," "complaints" and "scam." Also check the better business bureau, at bbb.org, and review sites such as trustpilot.com. The problem of fake reviews is so rampant that the FTC is considering updating its guidelines.
- **Consider another seller.** Look for the product, or a similar one, on a website you trust. Check reviews and think about buying the product on that site if you have concerns.
- **Pay with a credit card.** You can dispute charges and get money back if the item never comes or you're unsatisfied and the company doesn't help you resolve your issue. The FTC warns consumers never to buy anything from an online retailer that requires payment with gift cards, money transfers (such as via western union) or cryptocurrency. Such a demand is a huge red flag.

Bonus tip!

It's also a good idea to lock down your own social media sites so you're less likely to be targeted by scammers. Change your privacy settings to limit who can see your activity, and see if you can opt out of targeted advertising. On facebook, click on account, then go to privacy center, then select ads, go to ad settings, then under "manage data used to show you ads," choose "data about your activity from partners," and deselect options for facebook and instagram. Both are owned by the same parent company, meta.

Historic Waynesborough Speaker Series

Events are held at 7:00 PM at Historic Waynesborough
2049 Waynesborough Road, Paoli, PA
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NOVEMBER 20: The Battle of the Clouds with Gary Ecelbarger

Join historian and author Gary Ecelbarger for a new and fascinating look at the Revolutionary War battle that nobody won and which hardly happened at all.

This tale of wet gunpowder, muddy roads, and missed chances still fascinates military scholars and history buffs alike. What really happened the day the Continental Army and the British redcoats stared each other down from two opposing hillsides outside of Paoli?

Ecelbarger has written 10 books and dozens of essays and articles on the American Revolution, the American Civil War, and a host of 18th- and 19th-century personalities and events. His latest book, *George Washington's Momentous Year: Twelve Months that*

Transformed the Revolution, features the Philadelphia Campaign, the months-long push by the British Army to take over the colonial capital.

APRIL 1: Battle of the Wabash with Rick Schoenfield

Join Rick Schoenfield, author of *The Soldiers Fell Like Autumn Leaves*, for a talk on the Battle of the Wabash, a little-known but critical encounter in which indigenous forces dealt a crushing defeat to US troops in 1791 along the Wabash River in what is now Ohio.

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EASTTOWN HISTORIC MARKER PROGRAM By Historical Commission

Easttown Township has been incorporated for over 300 years, and includes much of Berwyn and Devon. The Township experienced population growth, along with many businesses and residences in the late 19th century as the Pennsylvania Railroad encouraged development along its route west from Philadelphia. Many wealthy Philadelphia residents seeking space and respite from the noise, smells and summer heat of the city were encouraged to buy properties along the railroad since they could now easily commute to businesses in the city. This gave rise to the string of suburbs that became known as the Main Line.

Last year the Easttown Historical Commission (EHC) began a *Historic Marker Program* to build on efforts to preserve this rich history and educate the public about our Township and the people who lived here. The markers will highlight significant areas, properties, people, and historical events that helped shape our Township. The markers will also help residents connect with the past in a tangible way and feel more a part of the Township while they're "out and about." The first two markers have been installed.

Historic Marker Design

The historic markers are large cast aluminum signs with yellow letters on a green background. Each also has the Easttown Township seal at the top. The text will be unique for each sign to highlight significant facts for that area or site. You've seen similar signs erected by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission - one is across Lancaster Avenue across from the Devon Horse Show grounds.

Devon Inn Historic Marker

The marker commemorates the site of the long-vanished Devon Inn, which in fact gave the area its name. The Inn brought many wealthy patrons to the area for summer holidays. One of the grand suburban summer resorts that flourished along rail lines in the latter part of the 19th century, it operated from 1882 to 1913. After that, unsuccessful attempts were made to reopen it as a hotel. It also housed the short-lived

Devon Manor School for Girls, and, finally, in 1928 Valley Forge Military Academy opened in the old hotel. That too did not last long - the building was destroyed by fire in January, 1929. Fortunately, no lives were lost.

The marker is located on the northwest corner of Berkley Rd. and Devon Blvd., directly across Berkley from what was once the entrance to the Inn.

The official unveiling on May 18 was attended by Historical Commission members, Township supervisors, and authors of two recent publications featuring the Devon Inn: Margaret DePiano and Stephen DiAddezio, co-authors of the 2007 book "Devon," and Meg Wiederseim, Joyce DeYoung, and John Senior, authors of the winter 2021 issue of the Tredeffrin Easttown History Quarterly, "The Devon Inn." Margaret spoke about growing up in the environs of the Inn. She often heard from her father stories of this great facility that served as the center of the resort style community. These stories planted the seed for the book. Her partnership with Stephen brought his extensive picture collection to the book. John, as president of the Tredeffrin Easttown Historical Society, spoke briefly about the work that went into that publication and how he was glad to see this memorial in place.

Berwyn Village Historic Marker

The other sign approved by the Board of Supervisors describes the Village of Berwyn. The Village has many architectural styles, especially numerous examples of vernacular Victorian style houses built in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Many of the early residents founded local businesses or were laborers as the area flourished. A previous article included local builder and resident, W.H. Burns, who helped construct Trinity Presbyterian church seen in the background, many homes in the Village of Berwyn and many of the train stations along the Main Line.

Future Easttown Historic Markers

The Historic Commission expects to add one or two Markers each year as the program develops further. We often discuss potential



topics and sites for additional historic markers at the monthly open public meeting. The Historic Commission meets at the Township Building at Hilltop at 7PM on the second Wednesday each month. There is a remote viewing option as well, details are on the Township website. We welcome input from Township residents to recommend future topics and local sites that deserve a Historical Marker.

The Historic Commission specifically thanks the Easttown Board of Supervisors for their support of this program, Jon Ewald, and Township personnel for logistical support in ordering and installing historic markers.

Village of Berwyn marker at the corner of Berwyn Avenue and Main Avenue. (Photo L. DeYoung)



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Birds of Easttown

The Environmental Advisory Council and the Upper Main Line YMCA (UMLY) jointly sponsored a bird walk at UMLY on September 21, 2024. This was the second 2024 bird walk led by Phil Witmer, vice president of Bird Town Pennsylvania. The first 2024 bird walk was held at the Easttown Library in the spring. Easttown's birds clearly appreciate the variety of habitats, including forest and meadows, on the UMLY campus.

A flock of about a dozen bluebirds swooped in to feast on insects in the meadow. Then they cavorted around the bird houses on the edge of the meadow, posing on the roofs and providing us with a magnificent view of their splendid blue color. They were probably checking out and claiming the housing stock for the 2025 nesting season. Blue jays shrieked and darted about high in the trees. Blue jays love acorns. They may have aided the repopulation of oak trees in northern latitudes after the last ice age by spreading acorns as the ice melted away. The jays were mimicking hawk calls- a trick that birders believe scares smaller birds away from food desired by the jays. A turkey vulture circled above, riding the wind currents. They use their keen sense of smell to find the carcasses on which they dine, thereby

providing an "ecosystem service" by cleaning up the environment.

A pillared woodpecker was an exciting sighting- these huge (16-20 inches tall) woodpeckers hammer away on trees to dine on carpenter ants. The nest cavities they excavate in trees provide nesting spots for wood ducks or owls, or shelter to bats.

We saw, of course, house sparrows and starlings aplenty- two of the most common bird species introduced to the US from Europe. An oft told tale is that starlings were part of an effort to introduce every type of bird mentioned by Shakespeare to North America in the late 1800s. We now know that introduced species can become overly abundant because they do not bring with them the predators, competitors, and diseases that keep them in check in their homeland. They can outcompete native species. Starlings are recognizable by the tiny white feather tips on newly grown feathers. The white tips wear away and leave their entire bodies glossy black by summer.

Robins and gray catbirds were everywhere on our walk. Catbirds, so named for their meow-like call, are gray with a red rump, eat insects and fruit.



Photo by John Pizniur

They live year-round in our area, but some migrate as far as Colombia and Venezuela for the winter. These are just some of the avian residents of Easttown Township. Join us on our next bird walk!

Reference: www.birds.cornell.edu

Mussel Memory: Discoveries in Darby Creek

Most streams in Easttown Township are part of the Darby Creek Watershed which flows south through Delaware County to the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge and under I-95 into the Delaware River. In 1919, naturalist and zoologist Arnold Ortmann, in connection with his taxonomic studies of freshwater mussels (Unionidae), recorded approximately eight species of mussels in Darby Creek. As of a decade ago, surveys of more than sixty stream reaches in Southeastern Pennsylvania yielded only about six relic populations of a single mussel species, the eastern elliptio (*Ellipticomplanata*).



One eastern elliptio (*Ellipticomplanata*) in Darby Creek. The exterior shell is brown-black and the interior is pearly pinkish-white; in the past the shells were used to make jewelry and buttons.
Photo Credit: Lauren McGrath

Freshwater mussels are the most at-risk animal group in the United States due to pollutants, poor water quality, and habitat loss, yet mussels provide a valuable service filtering stream water. The generally inedible eastern elliptio remains a common freshwater mussel in the tri-state area. However, among the local scientific community, it was believed that historic pollutants had eradicated freshwater mussel populations in Darby Creek; discovering a mussel shell (eastern elliptios can live up to 80 years) was merely an artifact of what once was. That is, until now.

The Darby and Cobbs Creek Community Science Monitoring Program (DCCCS), a collaborative project among Willistown Conservation Trust (WCT), Darby Creek Valley Association (DCVA), and Stroud Water Research Center, was established in the spring of 2021. In 2022 and 2023, a DCCCS volunteer, after previously coming across many mussel shells, discovered several live mussel beds. At the request of DCCCS, in May, 2024, Dr. Erik Silldorff, Restoration Director & Senior Scientist at Delaware Riverkeeper Network, led a survey effort in Darby Creek to gain a better understanding of the health of these special mussel beds. The participating team of mussel enthusiasts included staff from WCT, DCVA, and Brandywine Conservancy, Easttown Township residents, educators, and Township officials eager to learn more about these fascinating stream residents.

After two days of careful inspection of the stream bed through goggles and snorkels and using clear-bottomed trays, over 850 mussels were documented in Darby Creek, a population large enough to be a remnant that survived the colonization of North America four hundred years ago. The majority of mussels found were eastern elliptio, but two live Alewife floater mussels (*Utterbackiana implicata*) were also found in the waterway. Alewife floaters use a broad variety of habitats, including ponds and lakes, as well as streams, rivers, and tidewaters; their presence in Darby Creek suggests that there may be additional populations somewhere upstream!

The most exciting discovery of the survey was two juvenile mussels, less than one inch long, that were found perched on the edge of two separate fish nests. Juvenile mussels, indicative of a healthy, reproducing mussel bed, bury themselves in the sediment and are difficult to find without the use of specialized survey techniques.

Freshwater mussels are top-tier bioindicators of water quality, as they are sensitive to pollutants, including road salt (chloride), and water temperature. They are also integral to healthy stream ecosystems. Despite Darby Creek's status as an impaired watershed, the presence of these amazing organisms tells an important story about

the resilience of natural systems. However, this resilience cannot be taken for granted. Every township resident can play an important role in protecting this ancient and sensitive Darby Creek mussel population. Minimizing the use of road salt; reducing, not applying within 24 hours before a rain event, or eliminating herbicides, pesticides, and lawn fertilizers; and engaging in stormwater mitigation efforts, such as rain gardens and tree planting, can all serve to protect the waterway and the Darby Creek freshwater mussel population of Easttown Township. The Easttown Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) offers educational programs and assistance to Easttown residents in many of these best management practices. Protecting these most delicate and sensitive stream creatures translates into safer, healthier water for all residents who live in, alongside, and nearby Darby Creek.

To find out more about or participate in the Easttown Township EAC activities, go to <https://www.easttown.org/425/Environmental-Advisory-Council>

To find out more about the DCCCS program, including interactive site maps and data sets, go to <https://www.darbycreekcommunityscience.com>



Juvenile eastern elliptio (*Ellipticomplanata*) approximately 1-2 years old. It is illegal to remove live freshwater mussel from any waterway.
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The Township is working with the Local Climate Action Program (LCAP) of Penn State University. Penn State faculty work with a

pair of students who will conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory, with assistance from Township staff and the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). The students will present their completed inventory to the EAC at the end of the fall semester. For the spring semester, the students and Easttown will work together to advance climate action in the community.

Understanding the Township's greenhouse gas emissions lays the foundation for reducing those emissions and building resilience to a changing climate. The Township has already taken energy-saving measures like LED streetlights, and the outcomes of the LCAP program can point the

way toward other initiatives that will have an impact.

Also, participation in this program helps Pennsylvania's municipalities apply for grants to help fund infrastructure improvements that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Uwchlan Township and the City of Scranton are among the almost 30 municipalities that have benefited from this program in the past 3 years.

So, if you're interested in how our Township can reduce its carbon footprint and build resilience to our changing climate, please stay tuned to the Township Facebook page for news of the Local Climate Action Program.

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building the climate action network.

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If you are a third- or fourth-year undergraduate or graduate student or a county or municipal official who wants to support a net zero future, contact:

Peter Buck, Co-Director of the Local Climate Action Program (PeterBuck@psu.edu)

Brandi Robinson, Co-Director of the Local Climate Action Program (brobinson@psu.edu)

Learn more at: <https://sustainability.psu.edu/programs/lcap/>

EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP ACQUIRES OPEN SPACE

At their board meeting in September, the Board of Supervisors accepted the land transfer for Sharp's Woods Preserve. Per the agreement with Natural Lands Trust, the Township will provide — in perpetuity — public access for outdoor recreation, preserving the passive nature of the walking trails.

The 28-acre Sharp's Woods Preserve is an island of nature surrounded by the suburban development of the Township. The headwaters of the Darby Creek run through the woods, surrounded by a mix of meadows and marshlands, with two miles of unpaved hiking trails from easy to moderate.



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Impersonation Scam

A common form of impersonation scam is where you will receive a call supposedly from a government agency. This could be Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Social Security Administration, U.S. Marshals, FBI, Department of Homeland Security, or local law enforcement such as Police or Sheriffs Office. The scammer will tell you that you are in trouble, missed jury duty, etc and are about to be arrested, or that you are connected with criminal activity and you need to help them clear your name/SSN. These scams always end up with the victim taking cash out of their bank, and putting it into a "government kiosk", which is really a Bitcoin ATM. They will often have another scammer call you pretending to be a different person to "confirm" the situation. The callers are usually very forceful and aggressive.

IRS Scam

Some government scams take the form of demands from the IRS to pay debts owed. The scammer can contact the victim through

any communication method, including phone calls. This type of scam can be very costly for the victims, including high risk for stealing sensitive personal information. The scammer may threaten you and will sometimes provide detail to pay via bitcoin. The IRS will not call to collect any past due amounts. The government does not accept bitcoin as payment. Never pay supposed IRS debts via an ATM.

Grandparent Scam

Caller will impersonate the victim's friend or relative, often a grandchild, cousin, niece, or nephew who needs bail money or is otherwise in urgent trouble. After briefly describing the problem or situation the scammer cuts off communication except for payment instructions, intending to panic the victim. This scam particular impacts the elderly. We suggest taking your time and verifying the story with other relatives before sending any money.

Romance/Relationship Scam

Scammer will often steal someone's identity or create a fake profile on a dating and social media app. Victim believes they are in a relationship with said person they either rarely meet, never meet, and often never physically speak to and is often in another country. After gaining the trust of the victim, they may ask you to buy them something or send money to help pay for urgent expenses such as medical bills, or cost of travel to come visit the victim. Many romance scams start with a private message on social media or dating apps.

Utility Impersonation Scam

Scammer will call victim pretending to be from your utility company, stating that you have a past due or late on bill, threaten to shut off electricity, or other utility service if you do not pay immediately in bitcoin. Scammers count on their victims to be panicked and willing to following directions without questions. Don't talk to them and don't call any number they give you. Just **HANG UP**, take a breath, and find the actual number for your utility company who you can call for the real status of your account.

Tech Support & Bank Impersonation Scam

Pop-up message will appear on your computer, telling you that it has been hacked and you need to call Microsoft/Apple/Google customer support number for assistance. **DO NOT** call any number that appears in a pop-up! They will ask the victim to download remote access software that can potentially view and access anything on your device. The goal is you make the victim think there is something wrong with their bank account and ask the victim to withdraw physical cash, to "secure it" through a Bitcoin ATM. There are often multiple scammers involved in each incident impersonating the tech company and an agent from your bank. How to avoid this scam? Always call your bank using the number on your bank statement or visit a branch of your bank in person to verify the situation. Bank personnel will never call and ask you to pull out cash. Seek professional computer repair services to remove any malware on your PC, tablet, or phone.

Letter/Email Scam

Victim will receive a letter or email stating the scammer has information, pictures, or videos of the victim in a compromising situation. They will demand payment via gift cards or bitcoin in order to not release said information to all of the victim's contacts, family, friends, and colleagues. The correspondence usually has some identifying information in it, such as the victims address and or phone number, name, and a google map image of the victims property/home.

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A promotional banner for the "Zoom in to Make History!" series. It features images of people and an American flag. The text reads: "Zoom in to Make History! In 2026, America celebrates the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation. Join us for a free virtual meeting series to get involved in our nation's upcoming 250th! Noon, 4th Friday of Every Month". It includes the logo for America250PA Chester County and the website america250chesco.org with phone number 610.696.8211.

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) was established by the legislature and Governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present, and future.

America250PA hopes to engage all citizens of the Commonwealth, from all 67 counties, bring the Commonwealth's history into the

conversation so Pennsylvanians can better understand the origins and multiple perspectives of issues facing our Commonwealth & nation today, use history to encourage and inspire future leaders, celebrate the contributions of Pennsylvanians to our Commonwealth's history but also to our Nation's history, leave a lasting impact on the next generation and to spark an interest in which will ignite the drive for them to appreciate all the triumphs, trials and tribulations to which contributed to the Commonwealth for which they are now writing their own history.

INJURY PREVENTION

WHAT IS CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME?

BY THE PHILADELPHIA HAND TO SHOULDER CENTER PHYSICIANS

Carpal tunnel syndrome is a common condition that causes pain, numbness, and tingling in the hand and arm. The condition occurs when one of the major nerves to the hand, the median nerve, is squeezed or compressed as it travels through the wrist.

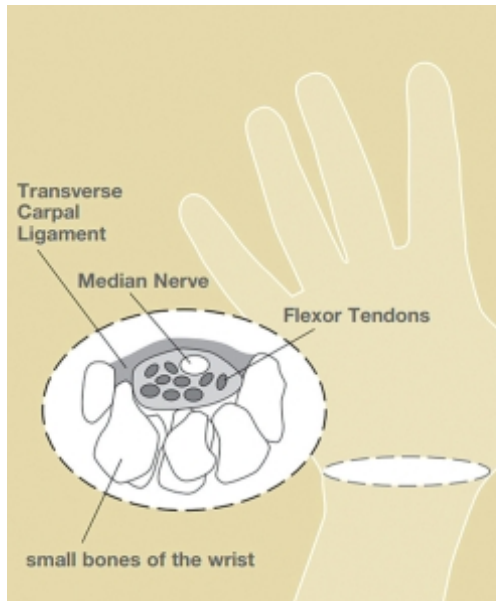
In addition to numbness and tingling, carpal tunnel syndrome can cause swelling, weakness, and night time pain. Patients sometimes describe dropping things unexpectedly and may have difficulty with buttoning shirts, tying shoelaces, or handling loose change.



What causes carpal tunnel syndrome?

Carpal tunnel syndrome is frequently seen in individuals who develop swelling or inflammation in their hands. People who smoke, as well as those with connective tissue diseases, diabetes mellitus, and hypothyroidism, may be at greater risk. Repetitive work activities can also cause carpal tunnel syndrome.

The median nerve acts as an electrical wire between the spinal cord and the hand. The nerve passes through the carpal tunnel in the wrist along with nine tendons that bend the fingers. When the tendons in the



wrist become swollen and inflamed, the median nerve can become compressed by the transverse carpal ligament (see figure), leading to carpal tunnel symptoms.

Early on, symptoms commonly occur during sleeping hours. In more advanced cases, the symptoms can become problematic during waking hours. Many sufferers describe symptoms with benign activities, like reading the newspaper or driving a car.

What can a hand surgeon do to help?

A hand surgeon can order special nerve tests to verify the extent of the problem. Custom wrist splints are helpful for early stages of carpal tunnel syndrome. These splints are worn at nighttime to relieve pressure on the median nerve and to prevent the wrists from bending during sleep.



Cortisone injections often provide excellent relief from symptoms. Unfortunately, symptomatic relief is only temporary, and most people experience a recurrence of symptoms after 3-4 months.

For chronic or more advanced cases, carpal tunnel surgery is often recommended as the best course of treatment.

What can I expect from surgery?

Surgery provides more space for the median nerve and relieves pressure on the median nerve and tendons. This procedure is typically done under light sedation and local anesthesia and usually takes only minutes to complete.

While there are several different approaches to performing carpal tunnel surgery, usually a 1/2 inch incision is made near the wrist and use of a camera to release the tunnel under direct visualization. This minimally invasive approach minimizes discomfort following surgery and allows patients to return to activities more quickly. Over 95 percent of patients improve dramatically following surgical intervention, with most returning to daily activities within days. Many patients can resume heavier job-related activities after 2-4 weeks.

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Music of the West African Kora

Sunday, November 3rd, 2 PM

Join us for a captivating musical experience with Sean Gaskell as he performs on the kora, a 21-stringed West African harp. Traditionally played by Griots, the oral historians of West Africa, the kora's songs preserve an 800-year history.

Brain Health Basics

Saturday, November 9th, 10:15 AM

Kate Turner, Project Manager at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, will discuss what contributes to the health of our brain, what changes occur over our lifespan, and steps we can take to support the health of our brain. This program is held in partnership with the AAUW.

Trivia Game Night

Monday, November 11th, 6:30 PM

Get ready for a fun general trivia competition! Register to attend as an individual or a group. For adults and teens, ages 14+.

Prescription Cost Savings Tips

Thursday, November 14th, 10 AM

This program will provide tips on the use of prescription drug savings cards, accessing grants from drug manufacturers, explanation of Medicare drug stages and costs, and use of online pharmacies. Presented by Dana Matkovic, licensed health insurance broker.

One-on-one Medicare Assistance

Saturday, November 16th between 10 AM - 4 PM

Call 610-344-5234 for an appointment with a PA MEDI health insurance counselor.

Salt Rising Bread: Make the Bread That Fed the Early Pioneers

Sunday, December 8th, 2-3:30 PM

Join cookbook author, Jenny Bardwell, in a hands-on workshop walking you through the history of salt-rising bread as it was prepared in the mountains of Appalachia. This program includes a presentation, hands-on dough making, and bread tasting. All participants get a mini-loaf to bake at home. Sponsored by the Roughwood Center for Heirloom Seedways. Guardians will need to stay with children attending to help make the bread dough. For children, teens, and adults, ages 6+. Please register all the people in your group.

Winter Blood Drive

Thursday, December 12th, 1-6 PM

Give a gift that will make a real difference - Register at www.redcrossblood.org/give

Changing Minds: Stories Over Stigma Friday, December 13th, 6:30 PM



Join us for an inspiring presentation by Minding Your Mind's speaker, Jordan. A dynamic public speaker and survivor of a high school suicide attempt, Jordan shares his powerful story of battling depression and finding recovery. The talk will include educational components on recognizing mental health symptoms, the treatability of these issues, the parallels between physical and mental health, and positive coping skills. Learn how to ask for help for yourself or a friend in this empowering event. This program is for adults and teens.

Human Services Assistance is Now Available In Person at Easttown Library

On the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

connect with a Chester County Human Needs Network Information & Referral Mobile Navigator, who can help you find the right human resources for your needs. The Navigator can assist you with services such as housing programs, rental payment assistance, utility payment assistance, food pantries, legal aid, mental healthcare, and more. No appointment is necessary.

Youth Services Programming

The Youth Services team is happy to announce brand-new programs along with the return of some old favorites. Check out our featured programs below, but be sure to visit our website for a full listing. Whether *you* are a new or returning friend, we can't wait to see you at the library!

NOTE: Please check our website for registration requirements. Registration for the upcoming session opened on October 21st at 7am.

Special Storytimes: Bilingual Storytime
Wednesdays, Oct. 30, Nov. 13, Dec. 4, 18 6:00pm (All ages)
Enjoy stories, songs, and more in English and Spanish

Crafty Storytime
Thursdays at 1:00 pm (Ages 3-6)
Join us for storytime followed by hands-on art activities that explore a variety of mediums.

For the whole family: Caring Creators Cardmaking
Friday, Dec. 6 2:00 pm (All ages)
Create special cards to be given to community workers throughout the area as a thank you for their dedication to our community! All participants 6 and under must have an adult present.

For Grades K-5:

Jurassic Kids
Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 20 6:00 pm (Grades K-5)
Help us celebrate Dinovember with timed challenges, crafts, and more!

Graphic Novel Book Club
Wednesday, Dec. 11 6:00 pm (Grades 3-5)

Join us for an immersive discussion of Magic Treehouse: Knights at Dawn. Copies of the book will be available for check out starting Nov. 25th. Participants are welcome to dress up for our magic trip to the Middle Ages!

For Tween & Teens:

Dungeons and Dragons
Saturday, Nov. 2, Dec. 14 10:30 am (Ages 12-18)
D&D is back! Bring a made character (or pick from a set of pre-made ones) and go on a short adventure with other courageous companions. Registration is required.

Teen Cafe
Tuesday, Nov. 12, Dec. 17 3:00 pm (Ages 12-18)
Stop by to get some schoolwork done, play some video games, enjoy some snacks, or just hang out!

For the Burgeoning Young Artists:

Drawing Anime and Comic Characters
Learn how to draw anime and comic characters with local artist and art instructor, Jason Rodriguez! We will cover drawing faces & poses so you can create your favorite characters.
SESSION 1: (Ages 12-18)
Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
SESSION 2: (Ages 12-18)
Saturday, Nov. 23, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
SESSION 3: (Grades 3-5)
Saturday, Dec. 7, 11:00 am -12:30 pm

LIBRARY NEWS

Patricia and Donald Littlewood Named 2024 Library Champions

Easttown Library Foundation is pleased to announce that Patricia ("Pattie") and Donald Littlewood have been named its 2024 Library Champions. The Littlewoods have been a part of Berwyn for 55 years, raising two sons, both of whom are Conestoga High School alums. They have been supporters of Easttown Library for over 30 years. Pattie currently volunteers as the coordinator of the library's English as a Second Language (ESL) program, an invaluable resource for individuals to connect and learn conversational English, and is an active Friends of Easttown Library member. Many in the community may remember Pattie as the Coordinator of Community and

Volunteer Services for the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District. She held this position for over 25 years before retiring and volunteering at the library in 2015. Donald continues to work as a financial advisor.

The Littlewoods along with the Foundation's Annual Fund and endowment donors and Elsie Jardine Legacy Society members will be celebrated during the annual Donor Appreciation Reception on Friday, November 15, at Easttown Library. The Reception is generously sponsored by First Bank. To commemorate this special award, you may send gifts in honor of the Littlewoods to the Easttown Library Foundation, 720 First Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312 or visit easttownlibrary.org.



"Patricia and Donald Littlewood"



"Patricia Littlewood and ESL attendees enjoying holiday lunch in 2023"

HONOR A SPECIAL PERSON THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Easttown Library is an integral part of the community. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the library has been able to be a vibrant community center for information, literacy, creativity, and discovery. This holiday season, we invite you to make an Annual Fund gift that carries a special meaning. Please consider a contribution in honor of someone who has made a difference in your life, turning your donation into a heartwarming holiday gift. You will know your gift will be helping countless members of our community to connect, learn, and grow. What a wonderful tribute and unique holiday gesture! Please visit easttownlibrary.org for more information.

FALL DRIVING TIPS

Autumn brings an increase in deer activity. Drivers are reminded to watch carefully for deer darting across and along roadways.

Fall marks the deer's breeding season, and the deer pay less attention to their surroundings and become bolder as they move around more and travel greater distances seeking mates. Deer are nocturnal feeders, and are most active between sunset and sunrise.

By following these safety tips, motorists can help reduce the possibility of being involved in a crash with a deer:

- Slow down and use caution, especially where deer crossing signs are posted, and increase following distance between vehicles.
- Be sure to make sure younger drivers are aware of increased deer movement.
- Be extra vigilant during morning and evening hours when wildlife is most active.
- Exercise caution when one deer crosses a roadway. Since deer often travel in small herds, one deer will usually be followed by others.
- Always wear your seatbelt, and be sure you passengers are doing the same.
- Never drive impaired.
- Turn your headlights on if your wipers are on- it's the law

WATCH OUT FOR DEER

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PET HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Understanding Dog Ear Infections: A Comprehensive Guide For Pet Owners

By: Katherine Backel, DVM, DACVD

Dog ear infections are a common concern for many pet owners. Being aware of the symptoms, treatment options, and preventive measures can significantly contribute to maintaining your furry friend's health and happiness. Ear infections in dogs can cause considerable discomfort and, if not treated, can result in more serious health problems. We aim to provide a detailed overview of dog ear infections, equipping you with the knowledge to recognize, treat, and prevent these infections effectively.

Symptoms

Recognizing the signs of an ear infection early can make a significant difference in your dog's comfort and recovery time. Here are some common symptoms to watch for:

Frequent scratching or pawing at the ear:

Dogs with ear infections often scratch their ears due to itching and discomfort.

Head shaking or tilting: If your dog is persistently shaking their head or tilting it to one side, it could indicate an ear issue.



Redness and swelling: Infected ears often appear red and swollen. *Be sure to check under the ear flap.

Unusual odor: A strong, unpleasant smell from the ear is usually a sign of infection.

Discharge: You may notice a white, yellow, brown, or bloody discharge from the ear.

Behavioral changes: Dogs in pain may become irritable, lethargic, or less interested in playing and eating.

Balance problems: Severe infections can affect your dog's balance, causing them to tilt their head to one side, stumble or seem disoriented. Some dogs may be less willing to jump or walk up/downstairs.

Treatment

Treating ear infections promptly is crucial to prevent complications. Here are some home care tips and veterinary treatments to consider:

Home Care Tips

Cleaning the ears: Use a vet-recommended ear cleaner to gently flush your dog's ears. Excess cleaner can be wiped away with a cotton ball. Avoid using cotton swabs as they can push debris further into the ear canal.

Monitoring and prevention: Keep an eye on your dog's ears and clean them regularly, especially after swimming or bathing.

Avoiding irritants: Keep your dog away from potential allergens and irritants that could trigger an infection.

Veterinary Treatments

If home care does not improve the condition, it's essential to seek veterinary assistance. Treatments your vet might recommend include:

Thorough examination: Your vet will inspect the ear canal using an otoscope to assess the extent of the infection. Your vet will also take a swab sample from your dog's ear to determine the type and severity of infection.

Ear cleaning: A professional cleaning may be necessary to remove debris and discharge.

Medications: Typically topical antibiotics, antifungals, and/or anti-inflammatory medications are prescribed, depending on the cause.

Follow-up care: Length of treatment will depend on the severity and chronicity of infection. Regular check-ups may be required to ensure the infection is fully resolved and to prevent recurrence.

Medicine

Understanding the medications used to treat ear infections can help you better care for your pet.

Over-the-Counter Options

Ear cleaners: Available at pet stores, these can help maintain ear hygiene and prevent infections.

Medicated ear drops: Some OTC ear drops can provide relief for mild infections, but it's crucial to consult your vet before using them.

Prescription Medications

Antibiotics: If the infection is bacterial, your vet may prescribe antibiotic ear drops or oral antibiotics.

Antifungals: Fungal infections require specific antifungal treatments.

Anti-inflammatories: These can help reduce swelling and pain, improving your dog's comfort.

Pain relievers: In some cases, pain relief medication may be necessary to help your dog cope with discomfort.

Contagiousness

One common concern among pet owners is whether dog ear infections can spread to other pets or humans. Typically, ear infections in dogs are not contagious. They are usually caused by factors such as allergies, moisture, foreign bodies, or ear mites. However, if the underlying cause is an infectious agent like mites, it could potentially spread to other pets. Always practice good hygiene and consult your vet if you have multiple pets showing similar symptoms.

Prevention

Preventing ear infections is often easier than treating them. Here are some tips to help keep your dog's ears healthy:

Regular ear cleaning: Clean your dog's ears weekly with a vet-approved cleaner, especially if they are prone to infections.

Drying ears thoroughly: After swimming or bathing, make sure to dry your dog's ears to prevent moisture buildup.

Monitoring for allergies: If your dog has allergies, work with your veterinarian to manage them. In many dogs, recurrent ear infections may be the *only* sign of allergies.

Routine check-ups: Regular veterinary visits can help catch and address potential ear problems early.

Proper grooming: Keeping the hair around your dog's ears trimmed can improve air circulation and reduce the risk of infection. Avoid plucking ear hair unless deemed necessary by your veterinarian.

Conclusion

Dog ear infections are a common but manageable issue. By recognizing the symptoms, seeking appropriate treatment, and taking preventive measures, you can help ensure your dog stays comfortable and healthy. If you suspect your dog has an ear infection, don't hesitate to consult your veterinarian for professional advice and treatment. Your vet can provide personalized care tailored to your dog's specific needs, ensuring the best possible outcome.

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Watch Out For Investment Scams

When you invest, you'll find that knowledge is power. The more you know about your investment choices, and who is offering them, the better prepared you'll be to make good decisions. And this diligence can also help protect you against investment scams.

How widespread is this activity? Consider this: Investment fraud losses totaled more than \$4.5 billion in 2023, according to the FBI's *Internet Crime Report*.

Here are some common types of scams:

Cryptocurrency: Not all cryptocurrency offers are scams, but many are. The scammers will contact you via social media, claiming they've made a lot of money in crypto and are willing to help you do the same. They may direct you to a website or app to invest, but the "company" taking your money may not even exist, and, after taking your money, may disappear.

Investment programs: These programs claim to have "proven" strategies that can enable you to get rich by investing in financial products. But these strategies are dubious at best and can cost you thousands of dollars that could otherwise go into an investment plan based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Real estate: Typically, a real estate scam tries to get you to invest in a "world-class" or "luxury" property development, but these properties may take years to build, if they're built at all. Also, various real estate "seminars" claim they can teach you how to get wealthy by buying and selling real estate, but these programs are expensive and usually worthless.

Gold and other precious metals: Scammers who call themselves "rare coins" merchants may try to sell you gold coins, bullion or other types of precious metals, claiming that these assets will always go up in value (which isn't true) and that "now is the best time to act." You can find legitimate ways to invest in precious metals, possibly through mutual funds, but you'll need to determine whether these assets can be an appropriate part of your investment portfolio.

So, how can you avoid these scams?

Here are some suggestions from the Federal Trade Commission:

Don't be pushed into snap decisions. Scammers will pressure you to act quickly because "space is limited" in an investment offering or a "special deal" won't last long. If someone won't give you time to consider an offer, it's not worth considering.

Be suspicious of "risk-free" claims. All investments carry risk, and no variable investments can claim to provide

"guaranteed returns." If an individual or organization downplays the risk of an investment and doesn't want to provide risk disclosures, just walk away.

Ask about licensing or registration. Legitimate investment professionals must be registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and be licensed by your state's securities regulator before they can sell you any investment product. You can check the status of an individual or firm by using FINRA's *BrokerCheck tool at brokercheck.fina.org*.

Do some research. You can search online for the name of the company or individual offering you an investment opportunity. By entering terms such as "review," "scam," "fraud" or "complaint," you may well find that other people have experienced problems or been victimized.

To achieve your financial goals, you'll likely need to invest for decades — so, be wary of scammers who claim to offer a shortcut to success.

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REMAIN SAFE AND INDEPENDENT AT HOME

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Make an Entryway Accessible

Install a modular ramp for entry to a front, back, or side door. This will eliminate stairs for individuals who have mobility challenges or are in a wheelchair or scooter. A modular steel ramp can be assembled in one day, is removable and reusable, fireproof, slip resistant, and has handrails.

Install a Stair Lift

When stairs become challenging, a stair lift offers a great solution. Stair lifts take you from one floor to the next with ease and are mounted with minimal changes to the stairs. Stair lifts come in varying indoor and outdoor models with an array of features such as remote control, swivel seats, battery back up, and more.

Use Portable Ramps and Threshold Ramps

Sometimes one, two steps, or an uneven surface can become troublesome. These small areas of raised surfaces are often the biggest causes of a trip and fall accident. There are many styles of aluminum and rubber ramps that can provide a smooth transition for you to maneuver.

Make a Bathroom Accessible

Many falls and slips happen in the bathroom. A few easy modifications will allow you to avoid hazards that could cause accidents. Install an ADA compliant shower, sink, or toilet. Strategically place grab bars in the shower or next to a toilet for stability in a wet and slippery environment. Widen the doorways and hallways to accommodate walkers, scooters or wheelchairs. Add lever handles to doors, cabinets and faucets for easier opening.

When you are ready to start a project, look for a company with accessibility experience, who is familiar with the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines and local zoning laws. A Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS) has been trained by the National Association of Home Builders on remodeling existing homes to age-in-place. Take advantage of a FREE evaluation to review your needs.

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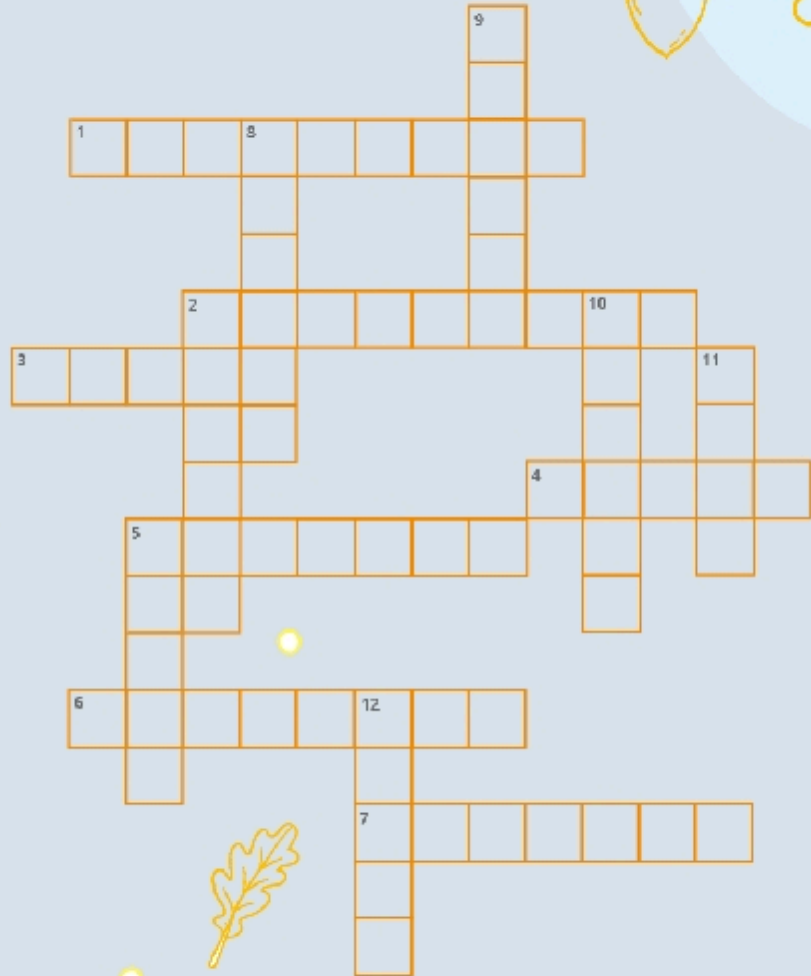
All Down words are compostable.

- 2. Pucker up
_____ Rinds
- 5. Cotton, but disposable
_____ Napkins
- 8. "Would you like fries with that?"
_____ Peels
- 9. Redhead
_____ Tops
- 10. Cheaper than a salary
_____ Leaves
- 11. Perfect movie food, but before it's cooked
_____ Cobs
- 12. Juice, jam, pie, sauce
_____ Cores

ACROSS

All Across words are recyclable.

- 1. Vestibule containing dry stuffing mix
_____ Boxes
- 2. A hearty spot for everyone at the table
_____ Place Cards
- 3. Pies galore!
_____ Boxes
- 4. Straw or blue or marion
_____ Cartons
- 5. Charlie Brown would recycle, but he grew it.
_____ Cans
- 6. Apple cider toast
_____ Bottles
- 7. Individual cold drink orders
_____ Cups



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