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## EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



# VOLUNTEER

## WITH THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

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## RESIDENT FYI • TRASH AND SEWER PAYMENT INFORMATION

### 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:

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

**Check** - mailed to:

Easttown Township Sewer Rental  
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## TAX INFORMATION

### TOWNSHIP TAXES

In August of 2024, the Township instituted an Earned Income Tax (EIT). That tax became effective on January 1, 2025. Important information about the EIT is on the Township's website - navigate to "Government" at the top, and under the "Tax Collector" category, select "Earned Income Tax (EIT)" - this page contains key summaries, FAQs, a link to the EIT collection entity, and a link to the enabling ordinance.

- Earned Income Tax (EIT) is collected by **Keystone Collections Group**.
- Real Estate taxes continue to be billed, maintained and collected by the Chester County Treasurer's Office.

### COUNTY TAXES

County taxes are also billed, maintained and collected by the Chester County Treasurer's Office.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES

School District taxes are billed, maintained and collected by the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Business/Tax Office through **Keystone Collections Group**.

#### Keystone Collections Group

Taxpayer Services Department • 724-978-0300 or  
Toll-Free: 866-539-1100 • <https://keystonecollects.com/contact/>

#### Chester County Treasurer's Office

313 W. Market Street, Suite 3202, West Chester, PA 19380  
610-344-6370 • [treasurerdept@chesco.org](mailto:treasurerdept@chesco.org)

#### Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Business/Tax Office

940 W. Valley Road, Suite 1700, Wayne, PA 19087  
610-510-1940

## COUNSELORS NEEDED

Easttown Township is hiring Counselors for the annual Summer Recreation Program at Hilltop Park. The program runs Mondays through Fridays from June 30th to August 1st until noon. To apply, visit the Summer Camp page on the Township's website.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Interested in working with children ages 5-13
- 15 years or older
- Must have Clearances

# PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE\*

Held in the Township Building Meeting Room and Open to the Public

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

7:00 PM: third Monday of the month, (first Monday October - January)

## EASTTOWN CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6:15 PM: second Monday of the month

## EASTTOWN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7:00 PM: fourth Wednesday of the month at the Easttown Library

## EASTTOWN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

7:15 PM: second Tuesday of the month

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

7:15 PM: third Tuesday of the month

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

7:00 PM: second Wednesday of the month

## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

6:00 PM: third Tuesday of the month

## PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 PM: first Tuesday of the month

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
6:15 PM: second Tuesday of the month

## ZONING HEARING BOARD

7:00 PM: third Thursday of the month

Agendas and Minutes ✦✦



\*Some meeting dates are shifted due to holidays. Alternate meeting dates are available on the Township Public Meeting Calendar at [www.easttown.org](http://www.easttown.org)

# EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

## Summer Safety: House Check Program

Summer is coming and many of you are planning your vacations or putting your home up for sale. The police department has a House/Vacation Check Form you can complete for any time your house will be vacant. It lets the police know when you're leaving, when you're returning, and who is allowed to be in your house.

### Here are some benefits of a house check:

- **Peace of mind.** Knowing your home is being monitored while you're away can alleviate worries about potential security breaches or property damage.
- **Deterrence against crime.** A visible check by a neighbor or police officer can deter potential burglars.

### How to arrange a house check:

- **Talk to your neighbors.** Ask a relative, friend or neighbor to check the house periodically to make certain all is secure.
- **Contact the Police Department.** Fill out the House/Vacation Check Form online or in person so an officer will periodically check your home exterior.

### Tips before you leave:

- Make sure all doors and windows are locked and secure.
- Don't leave valuables (cash, jewelry, etc.) in the house; put them in a safe deposit box.
- Have lights and radios or television sets on timers to turn on and off at various times during the day and night. This gives the impression that someone is at home.
- Close and lock garage doors. An open garage door with a missing vehicle is a good indication that the house is empty.
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery while you're gone or arrange for a neighbor to collect the mail and newspapers.
- Arrange to have the grass cut and plants watered.



## Vehicle Theft Prevention: Is your car safe?

If this message sounds familiar, that's because it has been repeated in this newsletter many times. Vehicles are robbed in increasing numbers up and down the Main Line, even in Easttown!

### WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

The answer is simple: **vehicles were left unlocked.**

Once inside the vehicle, money and valuables (including garage door openers) are easily stolen. Even contents of your trunk are easily lifted since access to the trunk can occur through the backseat of many vehicle models.

The solution is simple:

**lock your car — even in your own driveway — and NEVER leave your key or fob in the vehicle.**

### WHEN IS THIS HAPPENING?

Car thieves tend to steer clear of highly visible areas, especially if there are security cameras or nosy neighbors around. This is especially important at night between 2 and 5 AM. Since most people are asleep, that's the most common time for car break-ins and thefts.

One of your major investments can easily and quickly be protected with just a touch of a button.





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# EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Car Seat Installation: Ensure Your Child's Safety

When it comes to your child's safety, ensuring that their car seat is properly installed is one of the most important steps. Whether you're expecting a new bundle of joy or just want to double-check that your child's seat is correctly secured, the Easttown Township Police Department (ETPD) offers a valuable service to help families in the community.

### CERTIFIED TECHNICIANS READY TO HELP

ETPD is proud to have two (2) certified Car Seat Installation Technicians, ready to assist you with proper car seat installation. With years of expertise, these technicians are committed to helping ensure that your car seat is installed correctly, giving you peace of mind on every ride.

### WHAT TO BRING

To make the process as smooth as possible, you will need to bring:

Your **car seat manual** to ensure the specific model is properly installed.

Your **vehicle owner's manual** to verify the best installation method for your car.

### HOW TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

The best way to schedule an appointment is to **call or email the Easttown Township Police Department** ahead of time. It's always a good idea to reach out early, appointments are scheduled in advance. This service is available to anyone in the community, whether you're installing a new car seat or simply want a professional to

inspect an existing installation. The technicians are trained to work with various makes and models of car seats and vehicles, ensuring a secure installation for every family.

### DON'T WAIT — MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

As a parent or caregiver, ensuring the safety of your child during travel is essential. With the help of the ETPD's certified technicians, you can be confident that your child's car seat is properly installed. Call or email the ETPD today to schedule your appointment and take advantage of this important safety service.

For more information on scheduling, contact the ETPD directly: 610-341-9780 or [police@easttown.org](mailto:police@easttown.org).

### CAR SEAT REQUIREMENTS BY AGE

**Birth to 2 years:** Children must be in a rear-facing car seat until they reach the maximum weight or height (check your car seat user manual for details for your specific make and model of car seat)

**2 to 4 years:** Children must be in a child safety seat with proper restraints.

**4 to 7 years:** Children should be in forward-facing booster seats with a harness.

**8 to 12 years:** Children should be in a booster seat with a harness until they can properly use an adult seat belt.

**8 years and up:** Children should wear a seat belt that fits snugly across their shoulder and chest.

### CAR SEAT SAFETY TIPS

The harness should be at or below shoulder level

The chest clip should be at armpit level.

The car seat should recline so the infant's head doesn't fall forward.

### CAR SEAT FACTS

Car seats save lives! In 2022, car seats saved the lives of 325 children under the age of 5 in Pennsylvania.

Car seats are required for children under 4 years old. Pennsylvania has required children under the age of 4 to be in a child safety seat since 1993.

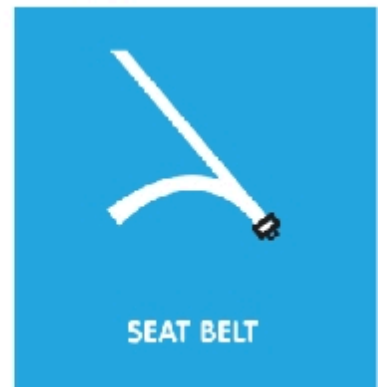
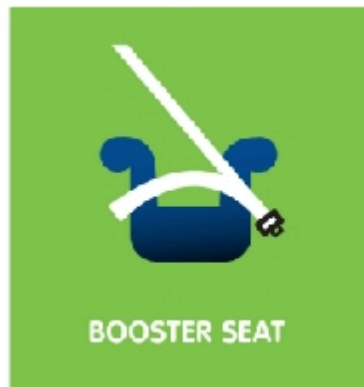
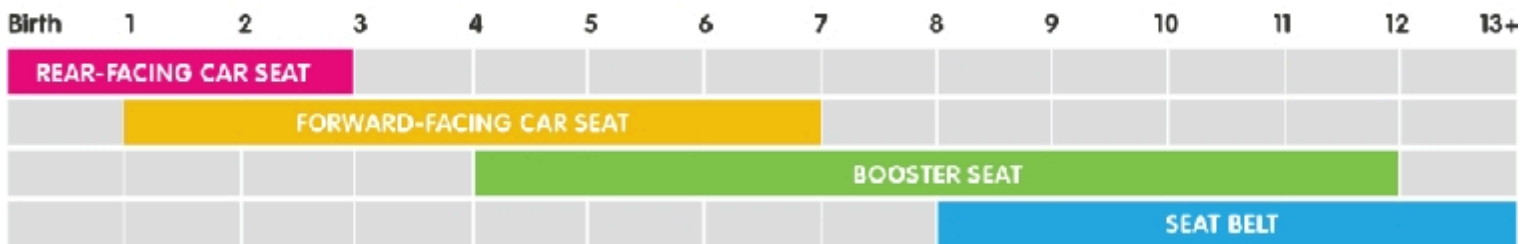
Children should not wear puffy coats in car seats. Puffy coats, and other bulky items can create extra room between the child and the seat, which can increase the risk of injury in a crash.

Children should remain rear-facing until they outgrow their car seat. Check your user manual to check to see what the maximum height or weight limits are for your car seat.

Car seats reduce the risk of injury. In Pennsylvania, 83% of children under the age of 4 who were in a car seat during a crash sustained no injury.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children under 13 ride in the back seat. The AAP and PennDOT recommend children under 13 ride in the back seat for safety.

AGE (YEARS)



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Revised August 2016 to reflect a change in Pennsylvania law.

# Newsletter

Veterans helping veterans



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## Meet Stacey



A year into her board presidency, Stacey Ballard, CEO of Eadeh Enterprises, has made major moves to revitalize the veterans group. A new name, a new logo, a new website, and more - the 501(c)(3) organization has made significant leaps into the 21st century. Efforts are underway to raise awareness for the group's mission and to streamline fundraising events.

## Devon Memorial Update

The current location has struggled for years to be visible.

For the few decades or so, the Devon Veterans Memorial has been sitting on a small plot right off of Route 30 in front of the Whole Foods location in Devon. If you can't recall ever seeing it, you're not the only one!



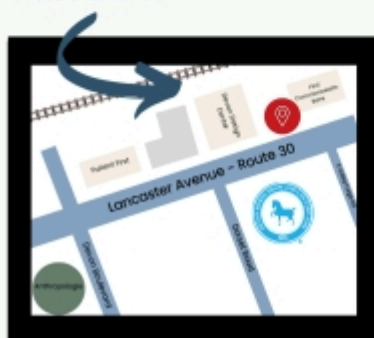
The surrounding vegetation masks visibility and that part of Devon never saw the foot traffic the area had anticipated with the presence of the Whole Foods store. Most of the time, drivers are focused on getting through the intersection before the light changes and dodging large GMC Yukon SUVs trying to zip in and out of the shopping center.

Add in some fun disputes about tree maintenance jurisdiction, and the Main Line Veterans have made the decision to move the memorial to a more advantageous spot.

## Location, Location, Location.

After months of scouting local spots, a new one has been found!

After much deliberation and scouting efforts, the organization has settled on a more prominent location in the heart of Devon between the Devon Design Center and First Commonwealth Bank, across from the Devon Horse Show.



With the help of KSM Architects, the plans for the new location have been drafted and the organization is excited to create a more substantial memorial to honor local veterans.

The proposed project involves a prominent, larger-sized flag, attractive masonry that includes pavers, engraved stone walls honoring all five military branches, and a stone retaining wall that will help demarcate the spot. With the township and the local businesses all on board, the construction can soon get underway!

Another impressive element to the new memorial will be the installation of a bronze sculpture from a local artist.

Discussions are ongoing to determine fundraising strategies and how to increase community involvement in the project. The MLV board members encourage residents to volunteer, donate, and become active participants!

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SCAN ME! 



# The Berwyn Farmers Market launches its third season this May.

Established in 2023 under the magical teamwork of Culinary Harvest and Eadeh Enterprises, the Berwyn Farmers Market has fast become a feature destination for residents in Berwyn and in many of the surrounding towns. Co-founder of Culinary Harvest, Carlo Luciano, shares more.

Heading into its third regular season, the Berwyn Farmers Market strives to keep its regulars happy and fed! "We incorporated food trucks for the first time in 2024 and the feedback was so positive that we added them to every winter market and look to continue that trend for the regular season."

With several new vendors headed to Berwyn, market regulars have a lot to look forward to this year.



Customer staples like The Kitchen Klutz, Oak Nut Farm, Stonyrun Farms, Properly Pressed, Settantatre Pasta, Solidago Farm, Madi's on a Roll, Nutty Novelties, Spotted Horse Provisions, and many more are returning to the market. Vendors like Laine's Gluten Free Bakery, Amazing Acres Goat Dairy, and Conebella Farm will be making more frequent appearances on a regular basis. Local artists will continue to be in the mix to

## Market Schedule

**Sundays**  
10 am - 1 pm  
May thru December

## Bronze Plaza

511 Old Lancaster Rd  
Berwyn, PA 19312

"With 25+ vendors in every market, shoppers can comfortably say sayonara to big-box grocery stores! Certified organic produce, regeneratively farmed ingredients, organic sourdough breads, fully prepared meals, and so much more are at the fingertips of thousands of Easttown families like my own!" Carlo says with his usual contagious enthusiasm.



"The town of Berwyn has been so welcoming and residents have shown up big - rain, shine, or freezing cold!"

## Grand Opening

May 4, 2025

10-1pm

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help create that one-stop shop experience that sets the Berwyn Farmers market apart from its competitors.

The farmers market will also be pushing the envelope further as it doubles down on spotlighting local charities, rocking out to live music, and hosting educational guests like Indian Run Environmental Education Center.

This third season marks a larger effort to designate a kid-centric 'Fun Zone' at the market near the Bronze Plaza sign that will provide crafts and other exciting activities for families in our area! The Culinary Harvest team has a lot of awesome ideas in the works!

The Berwyn Farmers Market offers shoppers the chance to get back to basics when it comes to food transparency - meet the farmers and the bakers, ask them questions, learn that real, high-quality food is just a few steps away.

"Farmers markets offer a better alternative to ultra-processed foods," Carlo says, "and re-introduce the magic of eating seasonally. Our end goal is to curate vendor lineups that represent the cream of the crop of local small businesses."



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Berwyn Farmers Market



# How Berwyn Got Her Groove Back!

For many years, Berwyn was just the 'town between Wayne and Paoli.' Cars would fly through to get to another place and, quite honestly, there may not have been enough of a reason to make anyone stop and stick around! Well...Berwyn is getting her groove on in a big, big way...

Residential sales in Berwyn are booming as more and more people see how gorgeous our neighborhoods are! If you try to find a house in Berwyn now, good luck! Less inventory means that home values continue to increase, and builders are fighting each other to snap up small village lots to build new construction or renovate existing homes!

Easttown Township has been working on procuring grants to make more safe pedestrian walkways through the town. Avid bicyclists rejoice - there are numerous "sharrows" along Berwyn Avenue for bikes to safely ride (Sharrows are those bright arrows that designate lighter traffic roadways). There have also been discussions about having a Bike Bus for students - wouldn't that be a cool addition to Berwyn? (Check it out on Instagram @BikeBusWorld and @CoachBalto).

More shops and eateries are coming to Berwyn!! Have you checked out the expanded Kramer Drive and its finely curated gift and clothing shop? Did you notice Maxima Hair Salon from Gateway Shopping Center partnered up with 555 Salon and created a chic, upscale hair experience? The Berwyn Farmers Market proved to have a positive impact on the community, and it continues to evolve and become even better - if you haven't visited lately, you're missing out! There are food trucks featured on a regular basis and the winter season now hosts Luciano's Pizza Co - OMG, yum!! If you've enjoyed Handel's ice cream on the Bronze Plaza, you may have noticed the Oliver Rocks Rock Garden under the Bronze Plaza sign. Super proud that we can honor Conestoga student Oliver Feldman's memory through this permanent art installation. Stay tuned for another rock painting event in 2025 on the Plaza! Tracey King, Director of Operations for Accessible Home Health Care, has taken over the Berwyn Devon Business Association and her enthusiasm is sure to revitalize that group post-pandemic!

## What's in store for 2025?



- Everyone CHEER for Trader Joe's coming to the Berwyn Shopping Center!
- The Main Line Mural Board is launching this year! Philly may be the mural arts capital of the world, but Berwyn is going to be the mural capital of the suburbs!
- The Boot Shop at the corner of Woodside and Lancaster Ave is just finalizing its building plans with the township as Parlor Doughnuts is set to join the business community in Berwyn! Coffee, breakfast sammies, and super delicious sweets on that corner... FINALLY!
- Settantatre Pasta and Provisions (you may have met Matt "the pasta guy" at the Berwyn Farmers Market) is opening in the shopping center where Em J's Café is - fresh pasta and pasta classes - sooooo good. His gluten free pasta is insanel!
- Haus of Paws is working to triple their size in the former Berwyn Hardware store and offer your pampered pooches exclusive spa styled days of beauty!
- La Technique is bringing functional fitness to our aging joints in the old Area Cleaners location!
- And, of course...MORE Christmas and Holiday lights! How else is Santa going to find us? Big shoutout to Jessica Kartalija for being our ABC6 Host for the 2024 tree lighting! The Elves at Eadeh Enterprises love our community! If you aren't following our Instagram posts, get out from under that rock!! @EadehEnterprises - we're not your typical landlord and those posts prove it!

Wishing everyone a bright and prosperous 2025!! There is definitely a VIBE happening in Berwyn because, you know, "It's a Berwyn Thing"!!! Love our town!  
Stacey Ballard  
President/CEO Eadeh Enterprises

# PARKS AND RECREATION RESOURCES

The Easttown Township Parks and Recreation Board invite you to explore the Township parks, recreation amenities and events while enjoying the serene connection to nature our parks provide.

## HILLTOP PARK AND JOHNSON PARK

Walk the Hilltop Park .55-mile paved path and stop if you choose to exercise on the equipment placed nearby the path; check out the replanted Fruit Tree Orchard and relish in the fruits once those trees produce; take pleasure in viewing the Wildflower Meadows in bloom this summer or listen to the peaceful and relaxing sounds of the babbling brook of Little Darby Creek. Sit a spell in the restored formal gardens of Hilltop House and imagine your possible special event at the historic house that was once a summer retreat and later the permanent residence for the family of the Wilbur Chocolates Candy empire during Devon's Resort Era.

Playtime is endless for children at the Playground in both Hilltop and Johnson Parks. There's even a large sandbox and child-height basketball hoops and a cool Zip Line at Johnson Park that's sure to please. The Township didn't forget about the older kids with Basketball and Sand Volleyball Courts at Johnson Park and a Soccer field at Hilltop Park.

Walk your dog at Johnson and Hilltop Parks — leashes required! Dog-watering stations are available at the Pavilions in both parks for your pet hydration needs.

## SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Register your 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade children before June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Summer Recreation Program at Hilltop Park for a month long camp program filled with lots of fun activities. Details about employment, registration, activities and payment information are on the Township website at [www.easttown.org](http://www.easttown.org) — children do NOT need to be residents of Easttown Township to attend.

## EGG HUNT

Enjoy the many events held at the Township parks. There's an Egg Hunt in early spring; an annual July 4th celebration and Veterans Run with lots of kid friendly activities such as a Bike Parade, old-fashioned yard games like a Tug of War, Moon Bounce and food, ice cream and more! A terrific band will return for this year's celebration too — all at Johnson Park in Berwyn.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Experience the Township's Summer Music Concerts at Hilltop Park. Performers sing tunes of popular musicians. In the past, musicians have performed tunes made popular by Elvis, the Rolling Stones, Stevie Nicks, Neil Diamond and more. Invite friends and family to enjoy these outdoor concerts — dance, sing along, pack a picnic or snacks and have fun! More details on this summer concert lineup will be made when available on the Township website.

## GO WILMA!

**GO WilMa!** A fun filled summer adventure where young participants follow clues to checkpoints or Inspiration Stations (with etching plates) in parks, trails, historic and other special sites in and around Willistown Township, Malvern Borough and Easttown Township. More information on the 2025 **GO WilMa!** program this summer can be found on the Township and Easttown Library website.

## NEW RESOURCE

**News Alert!** Easttown Township acquired additional recreation space! Sharps Woods Preserve in Berwyn is an acquisition of land donated and dedicated to the Township in 2024 from the National Lands for public access and recreational purposes consisting of 28 acres (+/-). The headwaters of the Darby Creek run through the woods surrounded by meadows and marshlands. This awesome recreation preserve already provides an unpaved hiking trail and the Township began cleanup this past winter of fallen and dead and/or dying ash trees along the hiking trail.

## RENTALS

Picnic Pavilions and bathroom facilities are located at both Hilltop and Johnson Parks. Park facilities may be reserved/rented subject to availability. Otherwise, use of park facilities is available on a first come, first served basis — contact the Township for more details about reservations or if you need any other information about the

Township's Parks and Recreation Resources.

## "MOVIES UNDER THE STARS"

"Movies under the Stars" on the big screen behind Easttown Library is a fun way to enjoy timeless classics and modern masterpieces brought to you by Easttown Library and the Berwyn-Devon Business Association.

## ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Another fun event to bring your family and friends to is the annual Berwyn-Devon Business Association's Tree Lighting ceremony at the Berwyn Train Station in December. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for those needing to chat or pictures. Seasonal activities, contests, singing and more fill this festive event.

## HISTORIC WAYNESBOROUGH

Historic Waynesborough is the ancestral home of General Anthony Wayne and is owned by Easttown Township. This museum's collection represents seven generations of the Wayne family. The home is open to the public as a historic house museum and registered as a National Historic Landmark. Groups and visitors can tour the home by appointment by calling 610-647-1779. For more information about the historic house visit: [www.historicwaynesborough.org](http://www.historicwaynesborough.org).

Parks & Recreation Board

# Upcoming Events

Summer 2025

APR <b>05</b>	<b>Egg Hunt</b> at Johnson Park 11AM
JUN <b>25</b>	<b>Concert Series: Why Not Me</b> Reba/Garth/Wynonna Tribute at Hilltop House 7PM
JUL <b>04</b>	<b>Independence Day Celebration</b> 5K Race, Kids Bike Parade, feat. Uptown Band at Johnson Park
JUL <b>09</b>	<b>Concert Series: Stephanie Grace</b> Music of Taylor Swift & Friends Hilltop House 7PM
JUL <b>16</b>	<b>Concert Series: Elvis Tribute</b> feat. Jeff Krick, Jr. at Hilltop Garden 7PM

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Monday April 7 1:00 - 7:00 pm

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On Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Easttown Library, the Easttown Library Foundation is thrilled to host the 2025 Barbara Robinson Author Visit

featuring the acclaimed writer and illustrator Greg Pizzoli.

Greg Pizzoli is a three-time Theodor Seuss Geisel Award-winning creator of the *Baloney and Friends* graphic novel series, as well as the author and illustrator of the picture books, *The Watermelon Seed*, *Good Night Owl*, and *Pizza: A Slice of History*, among many others. He will discuss his latest book, *Earl and Worm: The Bad Idea and other stories* and showcase his artistic talent with a drawing demonstration.

Don't miss your chance to meet Greg Pizzoli! A book signing will immediately follow the presentation. Books can be pre-purchased in advance from Children's Book World in Haverford with a portion of sales benefiting the library.

Visit [easttownlibrary.org](http://easttownlibrary.org) for more information and to register for this fun event!

Library Staff Peep Diorama Contest — April 6 to April 11  
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# HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## Waterloo Mills Historic District and History

Waterloo Mills in Easttown Township appeared around the time when the British in 1815 won their greatest victory over Napoleon at Waterloo, Belgium. It is anecdotal, but logical, that when this village appeared it should be named Waterloo Mills after the epic battle. Waterloo is also the name of the hamlet that grew up around the grist mill on Darby Creek in the 19th century.



Waterloo Mills 1883, Breous Chester Co. Atlas

Waterloo Road is named after Waterloo Mills, which was located on Darby Creek. Now there are two well-traveled roads called Waterloo, one Waterloo Avenue out of Berwyn, and the other Waterloo Road out of Devon. This attests the former importance of the only grist mill in Easttown Township.

The mill and hamlet are situated in a valley where the Waterloo Road crosses Darby Creek. Locally this hamlet is known as Cabbage Town, which originates around 1830. Some of the old-timers still insist on calling the place Cabbage Town (from cabbage, "to purloin or steal").

There is an earlier account of a sawmill operated from 1768-1774 by John Morris, whose father emigrated from Merionethshire, Wales, in 1708. Jonathan T. Morris, probably of this line, operated the gristmill as late as 1843. Then Mordecai Davis, great-great-grandson of Joseph Davis of Willistown Township, occupied the mill, bequeathed to his wife. He was followed by his son John W. Davis.

Through the influence of the Davis family, a post office was established there in January 1853, under the name of Waterloo Mills; it was discontinued in 1867. The post office was in the mill. William Steel was the tenant miller and was named the first Postmaster. Stephen Stout carried the mail from Spread Eagle in his hat. On occasion the carrier was found up the woods chopping trees and the day's mail of four to six letters deposited on a stump.

Allison Alexander took over the gristmill and ice business (no date), ice being delivered in wagons drawn by mules. After the

Alexanders moved to Berwyn, the Murphys, Hauses, and Wilkinsons lived there. This business was across the road from the blacksmith shop.

The hamlet in its most prosperous time consisted only of the grist mill, two farmhouses, the tenements, and the blacksmith and wheelwright shop.

Various residents lived in Waterloo Mills. John Haas, a co-founder of the Rohm and Haas Chemical Co., owned much of the property in the area after the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. An alumnus of Episcopal Academy, he donated some of the land and structures in Waterloo Mills to his alma mater, which housed its lower school there from the 1970s through the 2000s until the school moved to Newtown Township.

The Waterloo Mills Preserve Historic District, also known as Cabbage Town, was listed the National Register of Historic Places in 1995. This District encompasses eleven contributing buildings, one contributing site, and three contributing structures that are in the crossroads village of Waterloo Mills. Most date to the 19th century and were primarily built using rubble fieldstone. They include the Davis/Gallagher farmhouse (c. 1800), the Waterloo Mill (1796-1798), the wheelwright/blacksmith shop (1891), three residences (1804, c. 1820, and c. 1830), a dairy barn (c. 1890), and several outbuildings. The blacksmith shop across the street from the mill is now a garage for an adjacent tenant house. Other smaller structures, also referred to as "tenant houses" border Darby creek to the south.



Davis Gallagher Spring House currently a private residence (NPS)

The application packet for National Register listing contains an inventory of properties, the business and agricultural history of the area from the Revolutionary War to date, and information on the cultural place of this community in Easttown Township over the years. See "Sources" for the link to access this document.

In 1998, a permanent land trust of about 167 acres known as the Waterloo Mills Preserve was created under the auspices of the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art. The impetus for this effort was the historic site designation for the village of Waterloo Mills obtained from the National Park Service in 1995.

The objectives of the Brandywine Conservancy include monitoring Conservancy easements, public relations for the Environmental Management Center, outreach to surrounding municipalities, and open space use for walking and enjoying.

A pleasant walk on the right day can be had by strolling through the Preserve along the creek as far as the site of the former Paper Mill on St. David's Road in Newtown Township one mile away.

If you would like to visit Waterloo Mills but are not currently a member, or to request a group visit, please contact the Conservancy at 610/388-2700 or [conservancy@brandywine.org](mailto:conservancy@brandywine.org).

Sources: "Waterloo Mills Preserve," Carter R. Leidy, *Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society History Quarterly*, April 1999 Vol.37 No. 2 pp 44-48.

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Waterloo Mills application to the National Park Service, 1995, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/71995401> (Photographs marked (NPS) are from the application.)



Mill Building (NPS)

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# HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## Historic Preservation in Easttown: What's next?

As part of our mission to educate the public about local history, protect existing historic properties, and identify properties worthy of protection, Easttown Township's Historical Commission (HC) has been busy. You have seen many articles in this newsletter in our *History Matters* section. We've written about some of the buildings, events, and the people who shaped our community. Their work contributes to our sense of who we are. People seek that connection to time and place and being part of something bigger than us.

### RECENT ENHANCEMENTS TO LOCAL PRESERVATION EFFORTS

In response to losing old buildings and homes that represent some of the distinctive character of Berwyn, the HC worked the last few years to amend the Township Code to include:

Formal review of exterior renovations to designated historic properties.

Architectural review of new construction projects in the Village of Berwyn.

Published *Design Guidelines* to help owners understand some of the important features of the structures and streetscape.

Established formal criteria to support the designation of a structure or area as historic.

Formal process to add or delete properties to the list of historic resources.

Our previous article on this topic in this newsletter described these changes in more detail and what they mean for homeowners.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Our current focus is on the Village of Berwyn, and you may have noticed our members recently walking through the neighborhoods to take notes on architectural features and pictures of houses we feel are worthy of being protected. These determinations are made based on how many of the seven (7) criteria now included in the Township Code are applicable to each property. We hope to expand the list of historic resources to maintain the essential style elements of each structure that help to enhance the neighborhood ambiance you experience every time you go outside.

Once the HC has completed their review and completed an *Architectural Inventory Form* for each property, Easttown Township will inform each property owner of the planned designation, impact on their property, and set up one or more open public meetings for all to address concerns.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING ON THE HISTORIC RESOURCE LIST?

A formal review helps inform exterior design decisions that can enhance the visual charm of the neighborhood and protect the value in your home or business. Owners who have brought their renovations to the

HC have rarely been denied. Most applicants receive comments on how small (and mostly low cost) revisions help maintain the basic historical character of the building while accomplishing their goals. In some cases, some homeowners saved money by being able to give their contractor specific directions and having the ability to get feedback before they spend money on architectural plans. **Only work requiring a building permit is subject to this review.** Additionally, paint colors, interior renovations, and rear yard work not visible from the street are not included in the reviews. Think of it as being free advice for homeowners.

### STAY TUNED

Easttown Township expects to share more information on this effort with you in the coming months.

We hope you'll join us in helping maintain the neighborhood charm and quality of life in the Village of Berwyn. Many of you have told us increased density and insufficient parking are important issues. Historic preservation and smart growth can support progress on these concerns.

Interested in learning more? The HC meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Township Building. The meeting details are available on the Easttown Township website. If you are interested in joining the Commission, please reach out to us or Susan Greene at Easttown Township.

# Historic Waynesborough Upcoming Events



April 1, 2025 - Historic Waynesborough Speaker Series presents  
Rick Schoenfield *The Soldiers Fell Like Autumn Leaves*

April 13, 2025 - Willistown Conservation Trust *Supporting Nesting Birds in Your Yard*  
Bluebird lecture and nature walk

May 8, 2025 - Ellen Endslo *Origins: The Lenape, William Penn, and the Colonists*  
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# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Bluebird Houses and Purple Martin Houses in Hilltop Park

Bluebird houses and purple martin houses will soon be installed in Hilltop Park. These accommodations should help to preserve these two species which have declined in Pennsylvania.

Bluebirds are smaller than bluejays. Male bluebirds have bright sky-blue backs, rufous sides and chest, and white bellies. Females and juveniles have muted coloration. Insects comprise most of the bluebird diet, but they also eat fruits such as winterberries. The preferred habitat of bluebirds is open fields. According to the Penn State Extension Service, bluebirds were rare in Pennsylvania prior to the 1900s but increased in number when much of Pennsylvania's forests were cut down. Their numbers declined sharply in the mid-1900s due to pesticide use and competition for nesting spots — from starlings and house sparrows, two invasive species introduced from Europe.

Purple martins are small, streamlined birds that appear black with a purple sheen. According to the Purple Martin Conservation Association, they spend the winter in South America (mostly Brazil), returning to North America in the spring. Purple martins swoop and glide high above the ground to catch dragonflies, moths, and other flying insects. East of the Rocky Mountains, purple martins are almost completely dependent on humans to provide houses in which they can nest. Due to the loss of forest in southeastern Pennsylvania, there are far fewer tree snags (dead or dying trees) with natural hollows or holes made by woodpeckers in which purple martins (and bluebirds as well) nested in the past. Purple martins nest in colonies, therefore appropriate houses have many “rooms” like hotels to accommodate



several nesting pairs. They can be square houses and/or hollow plastic gourds, both painted white to keep them cool in summer. It may take a while for purple martin “scouts” to find our new purple martin house because the nearest colony is several miles away.

A representative of the Pennsylvania Game Commission visited Hilltop Park and found it suitable to accommodate eight bluebird houses and one purple martin colony house. A call was put out to Easttown residents to help with this project. Several residents are willing to monitor and clean the houses as needed. One resident even built several bluebird houses. The houses will be placed away from walking paths, so human visitors will not scare the birds away from their nests. As a member of Bird Town Pennsylvania, Easttown Township will be helping bluebirds and purple martins survive by providing these houses. The addition of these two beautiful native species will hopefully enhance the experience of Easttown residents who jog, walk their dog, relax, and bring their children to the playground, at Hilltop Park. Residents interested in installing purple martin houses or bluebird houses at their own homes can visit the Purple Martin Conservation Association website at [www.purplemartin.org](http://www.purplemartin.org).



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## Downspout Planters and Raingardens

The Easttown Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was very busy in 2024. They installed two downspout planters and two rain gardens, as well as 18 street trees.

### DOWNSPOUT PLANTERS AND RAINGARDENS:

The downspout planters were installed at Handel's Homemade Ice Cream and at Berwyn Veterinary Center for Integrative Medicine. Native plants that support pollinators were used in both planters. The sites for the rain gardens were selected because of water crossing the properties during rain storms, good sun exposure and willingness of property owners to maintain the gardens. A variety of native plants were chosen to provide pollen, nectar and seeds for pollinators and birds. The plants chosen bloom at various times to give color throughout the growing season. For the rain gardens, 9 different plants were chosen. One of the gardens was approximately 200 square feet and the other was approximately 260 square feet. Most of the plants were Landscape plugs used to provide 472 plants which were divided between the two gardens. Plants are closely spaced to help prevent weeds from growing.

The EAC received a Growing Greener Grant to pay for plants, downspout planters and installation. To apply to be considered for a rain garden or down spout planter at no cost, please use the QR code, which will take you to the application on the Easttown Township web site.

### STREET TREES:

Easttown's Environmental Advisory Council also completed its second annual round of street tree planting. The target area, as previously for 2023, was the Berwyn Village neighborhood. Bill Hartman, an EAC volunteer and trained landscape architect, again spearheaded this successful effort.

A hallmark of this year's project was the installation of eight eventually very large shade trees on the TE school district property, adjacent to Easttown Library, and alongside First Avenue. This tree row includes two American sycamores, two White oaks, two Willow oaks, and two Basswoods. The TE school district cooperated with these plantings, which became feasible after the school district chose another location for its new elementary school. Elsewhere, five Eastern redbuds, two Honey locusts, two more Basswoods, and one Black gum tree were planted. The additional street tree planting locations included Central Avenue (5 trees), Berwyn Avenue (2), Knox Avenue (1), and Lancaster Avenue (2 by Clay's parking lot). All are native species. The tree selections were

matched to individual site constraints, such as narrow versus open spaces or overhead wires.

Each of the just planted specimens were reasonably big at 2 to 2 ½ inches diameter and so should begin making a noticeable visual impact within a few years. The primary intent for this project, of course, is its anticipated long-term impact. Fifty years hence, the just installed 'Library



Row's' eight shade trees, especially, will have become prominent along First Avenue, will provide cooling shade in the summer and display beautiful autumnal foliage. Nearby, the five new Eastern redbuds soon will greet Berwyn Village with a lovely "welcome Spring" statement.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

## What the Fall 2024 Drought Taught Us

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. The Darby and Cobbs Creek Community Science Program (“DCCCS”) is a partnership between Willistown Conservation Trust (“WCT”) and Darby Creek Valley Association (“DCVA”) established in 2021. Over 40 volunteers monitor the water quality by measuring water temperature, conductivity, sodium chloride, and nitrogen every four weeks at 38 sites throughout the Darby and Cobbs Creek Watershed.

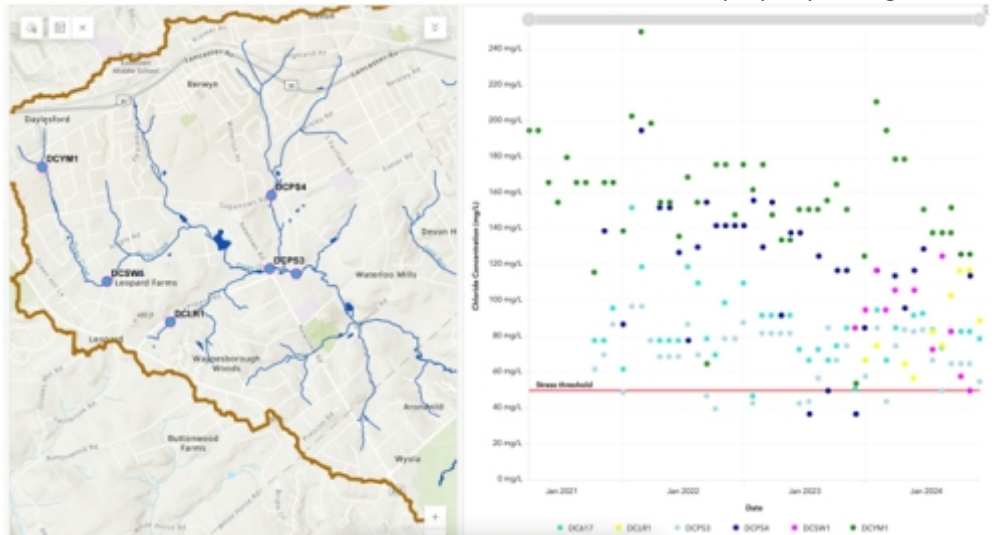
During the height of the Fall 2024 drought, from which the area still has not recovered, as of early January 2025 many DCCCS volunteers across the Darby and Cobbs Creek Watershed noticed the chloride levels at their sites were skyrocketing, while other sites remained stable or even saw a reduction in chloride levels. That raised a lot of questions — starting with “Why?”

Lauren McGrath, Director of the Watershed Protection Program at WCT, explains: “While some chloride is present in the geology of Chester and Delaware Counties, the majority of chloride is introduced into local watersheds through the application of road salts (usually sodium chloride, NaCl) to melt snow and ice in the winter. As the snow and ice melt, the salt flushes into local waterways directly or through stormwater drainage systems. In areas where salt is applied frequently and in abundance, the chloride can build up in the soils, leading to salty groundwater and high levels of chloride year-round — instead of just after winter storms. Chloride, including the form road salt, is known to be harmful to sensitive fish and invertebrates, including the recently discovered Darby Creek mussels, in freshwater systems. When salt buildup in soils meets drought conditions, it leads to salty streams. Less rainfall (or in the case of October 2024 no rainfall) leads to little to no dilution of groundwater entering the stream, increasing the concentration of chloride in local waterways. When these dry conditions are paired with unseasonably warm temperatures, it is a recipe for rapid evaporation of surface waters. Evaporation leaves chloride behind, causing even higher concentrations of chloride. During a severe drought, stream systems are almost entirely fed by groundwater, which means the potential for higher concentrations of chloride.”

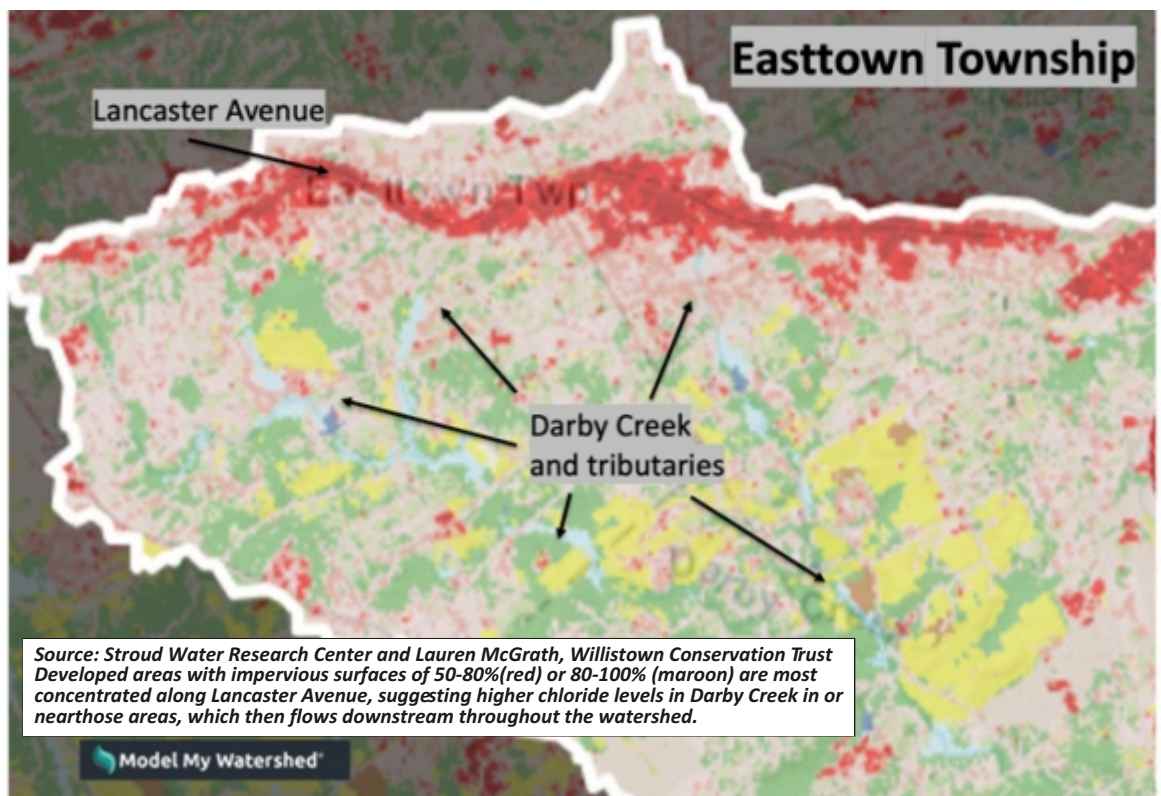
In the Easttown Township Darby Creek headwaters, there are currently six testing sites, with more to be added soon, monitored by DCCCS volunteers (see map). Of these six sites, one small tributary on South Leopard Road saw a marked increase in chloride levels, while chloride levels at other sites remained stable or even saw a decrease (see scatter graph). Why? Lauren continues: “Reasons for this are complicated - these sites with stable chloride levels may have less salt contamination in groundwater sources or there may be more surface flow. Many of the sites most highly impacted by the drought are small tributary streams. Interactions between surface water and groundwater are complex and remain

poorly understood across the entirety of the watershed.”

However, there is no question that what we do on land impacts the water quality of the Darby Creek headwaters and our groundwater year-round: there is too much sodium chloride (salt) in our waterways and groundwater. In all six Darby Creek testing sites in Easttown Township, chloride levels are consistently above the stress threshold all year long, especially in areas of Darby Creek nearer to dense impervious surfaces where water cannot pass through (roads, parking lots, etc.). Further, because chloride is corrosive, high chloride levels in the creek and groundwater can contribute to costly infrastructure and property damage.



Source: Darby and Cobbs Creek Community Science Program  
On the left, the six DCCCS testing sites in Easttown Township identified by blue dots. On the right, the scatter graph shows chloride levels generally above the stress threshold year-round at all sites in the Darby Creek headwaters in Easttown Township.



Source: Stroud Water Research Center and Lauren McGrath, Willistown Conservation Trust  
Developed areas with impervious surfaces of 50-80% (red) or 80-100% (maroon) are most concentrated along Lancaster Avenue, suggesting higher chloride levels in Darby Creek in or near those areas, which then flows downstream throughout the watershed.

## SIMPLE ACTS OF KINDNESS TO CARE FOR DARBY CREEK AND OUR GROUNDWATER — THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

There are two fundamental ways to reduce chloride in Darby Creek and in our groundwater: (1) minimize the use of road salt while ensuring safety; and (2) encourage infiltration and filtering of stormwater which removes salts and pollutants before stormwater gets into the groundwater or Darby Creek.

### You can minimize the use of road salt while ensuring safety by:

- Using less — it goes further than you think! Shovel first and then apply road salt to targeted areas. Only use what is needed: a 12 oz cup of salt clears 20 feet of driveway or 10 sidewalk squares.
- Reusing your salt! Sweep it up after the snow melts to reuse at the next snowfall.
- Using calcium chloride or magnesium chloride instead of sodium chloride. Both are safer for the environment but are more expensive than sodium chloride.

- Avoiding using any products containing urea, kitty litter, or ashes.
- Making sure your road salt is stored in a dry, covered area that prevents any inadvertent contact with land or water.

### You can encourage filtration (cleaning) of stormwater by:

- Letting your grass grow a couple of inches, which will increase the root system and facilitate some stormwater filtration. Grass roots grow half the length of the grass blade: short grass and lawns can be impervious! Or, where permissible, convert a portion of your lawn to a meadow.
- Choosing native plants for your yard. Native plants have more extensive root systems that maximize stormwater absorption and filtration, while offering habitat and food for native wildlife, birds, and pollinators.
- If your property borders a waterway (creek, tributary), planting and/or protecting a riparian buffer of native shrubs and trees to filter stormwater and protect the waterway banks.

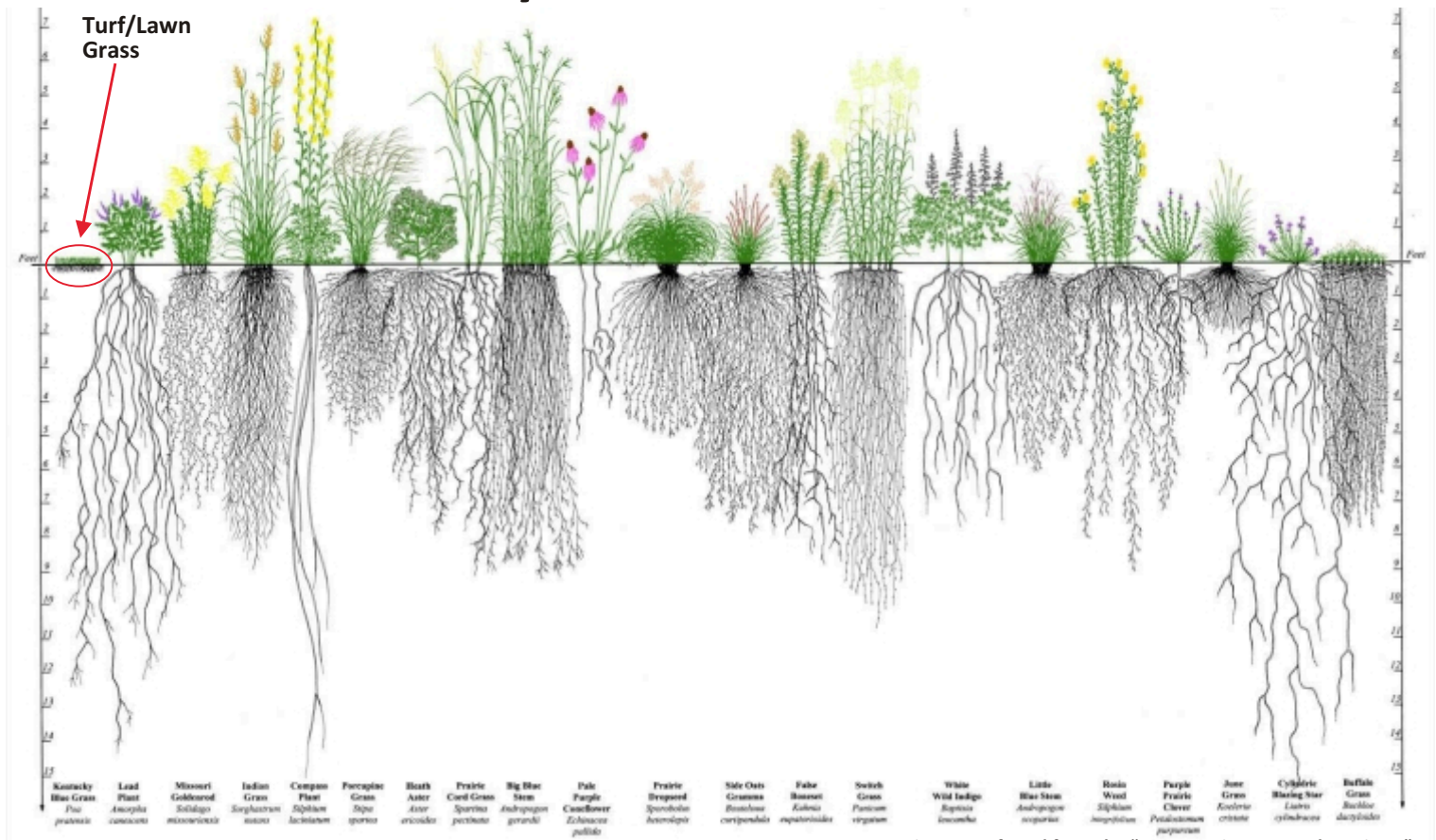
- Considering a rain garden for infiltration and filtration or a downspout planter to intercept stormwater from your gutters before it becomes runoff.

If you have substantive stormwater or flooding issues, consider a bioswale (consult with a professional engineer on design, soil and plant analysis, and impact to neighboring properties). Easttown's Stormwater Management Advisory Committee (SMAC) is also a resource:



Scan for info on the SMAC

## Root Systems of Native Plants



Source: Lauren McGrath, Willistown Conservation Trust  
The extensive root systems of native plants are far superior to turf grass for infiltrating and filtering stormwater, removing salt and other pollutants before the water reaches the groundwater aquifer or Darby Creek.















Diagram referred from the "Conservation Research Institute"

# 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 flat 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, shrink-wrap packaging, unnumbered plastic, toys, packing peanuts, Styrofoam, bubble wrap

## The 7 Types Of Plastics

 PETE	 HDPE	 PVC	 LDPE	 PP	 PS	 Other Plastics
Polyethylene terephthalate	High-density polyethylene	Polyvinyl chloride	Low-density polyethylene	Polypropylene	Polystyrene or Styrofoam	Other plastic including polycarbonate & biodegradable plastic
soda bottles, water bottles, peanut butter jars, salad dressing bottles, medicine containers and vinegar bottles	milk jugs, laundry detergent bottles, shampoo/conditioner bottles, and bleach bottles	pipes, shower curtains, clear medical tubing, vinyl records, cooking oil bottles, seat covers, and coffee containers	sandwich bags, shrink wrap, grocery bags, squeezable condiment bottles and bread bags	yogurt cups, ketchup bottles, syrup bottles, plastic bottle caps and 'microwave-safe' plastic containers	disposable cups, take-out food containers, packing peanuts, egg cartons and Styrofoam insulation	baby bottles, sippy cups, water cooler bottles, polycarbonate plastic food containers, and car parts
						

# ENVIRONMENTAL HERO

## The Problem Of Litter

Littering is an issue that affects many communities, including Upper Merion. According to a recent study by Keep America Beautiful, over 50 billion pieces of litter are scattered along U.S. roadways and waterways each year, which averages to about 152 pieces per person. While we usually think about the environmental impact of litter, such as plastic waste harming our oceans and wildlife, there are other hidden costs to consider as well.

- Litter on our sidewalks and streets is unsightly and gives a negative impression, especially to visitors and tourists who come to Upper Merion to see our historical sites and attractions, and to shop at the King of Prussia Mall. It reflects poorly on us as residents and suggests that we don't care about our surroundings.
- Litter attracts litter. When people see litter, they are more likely to add to it, thinking it is acceptable and that nobody cares. There's also a mentality that it's not their problem or that someone else will pick it up.
- Litter left on the ground can lead to illegal dumping. Next comes graffiti and antisocial behavior, followed by an uptick in the crime rate.
- Litter and discarded food waste attract rats and other pests that can spread disease.
- Cleaning up litter costs money that could be used for other important community needs. For example, PennDOT spent over

\$65 million from 2014 to 2018 removing litter and debris from highways across Pennsylvania. These costs are paid for by our taxes, car registration fees, and tolls.

## Solutions to the Problem

Addressing the litter problem requires a collective effort from the community. Here are some solutions:

- Educate residents about the impact of littering through community events, social media, and local news outlets. Highlight the environmental, health, and economic costs associated with litter.
- Ensure that there are enough trash and recycling bins in public areas, parks, and at bus and train stops. This makes it easier for people to dispose of their waste properly.
- Community clean-up events where residents can come together to pick up litter. This not only helps clean the area but also fosters a sense of community and responsibility. (UM Township is currently promoting an event on March 27th - visit [umtownship.org](http://umtownship.org) to sign up)
- Work with local authorities to enforce existing littering laws more strictly. Fines and penalties can serve as a deterrent to those who might otherwise litter.
- Implement educational programs in schools to teach children about the importance of keeping their environment clean. Engaging young people can create lifelong habits of proper waste disposal.
- Encourage local businesses, organizations, and residents to "adopt" a section of a



street or park to keep clean. This can create a sense of ownership and pride in maintaining a litter-free environment.

By working together and implementing these solutions, we can make Upper Merion a cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful place to live. Let's all do our part to keep our community litter-free!

## About me

Michael Bugler lives in King of Prussia and is a senior at Archbishop Carroll High School. You can follow his litter awareness and prevention project on Instagram ([instagram.com/keepuppermerionbeautiful/](https://www.instagram.com/keepuppermerionbeautiful/))

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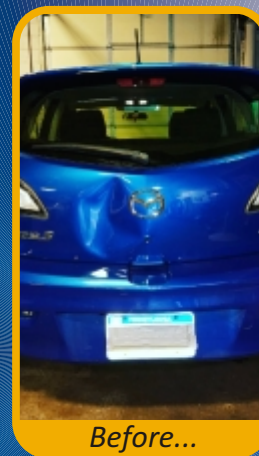
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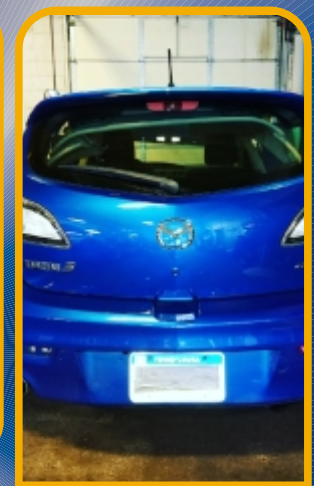
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## YARD WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR\*

\*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

APRIL 2025							MAY 2025							JUNE 2025							JULY 2025						
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## EASTTOWN SERVICE ZONES & DAYS

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



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## How Do I Dispose of \_\_\_\_\_?

by Patti Lynn, Recycling Resources Manager, CCSWA

At the Chester County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA), we get hundreds of inquiries each year that begin with those words. Some of the unusual things people have asked us about include:

- Credit cards, water filters, taxidermy, and plastic soda rings. (These can all go in trash; **NOT** for recycling collection.)
- And what about road flares, pepper spray, and nail polish remover? (For these, you should register for a Household Hazardous Waste event.)

Are you confused about how to recycle right? Watch our video: <https://www.chestercountyswa.org/355/Helpful-Recycling-Videos>

### Why is this important?

Mostly because it demonstrates the Chester County public is concerned about solid waste generation and disposal. Chester County's population is *growing*, and *everyone* creates trash for our two landfills. Can something be repaired, donated or reused? Can the item be recycled somewhere other than your convenient curbside or drop off system?

The CCSWA operates the Lanchester Landfill and Reclamation Center (LLARC) for the northern county region. Our website, offers guidance for disposal of many products with our **A-Z list**, composting resources, curbside and drop off recycling, donations, hazardous waste, electronics, light bulbs, and batteries. There are a few videos you can watch, too.



The Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority operates the SECCRA Landfill for the southern region. See their website here.

Both landfills offer ways to contact them for more specific guidance depending on where you live.

Thanks for being Trash Smart!



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