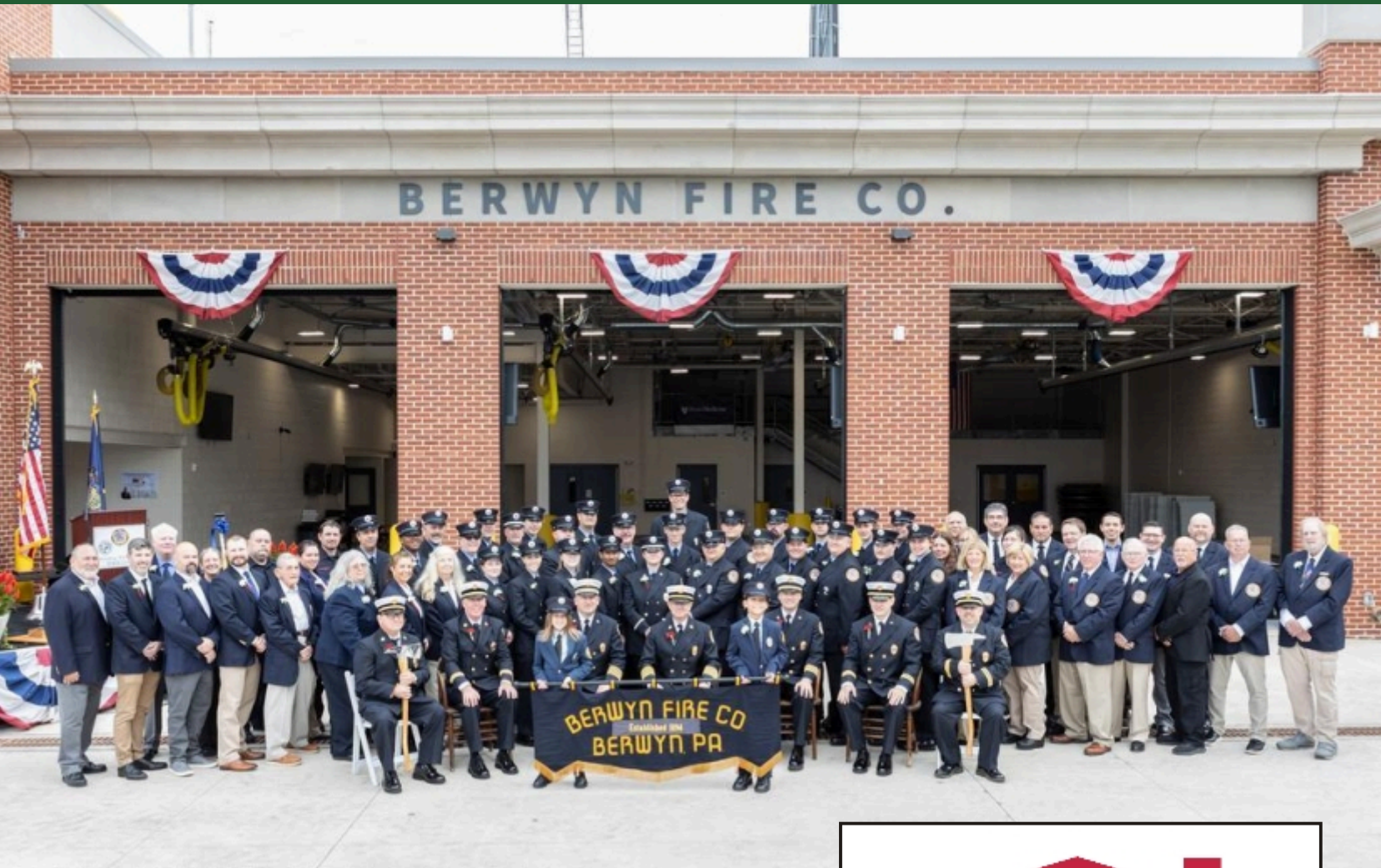


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LATE FALL 2025



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2025-2026 CURBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR

ATTENTION EASTTOWN RESIDENTS:

If there is a holiday during your collection week, your service will be delayed by one day. See the calendar below for reference. Let's **Recycle Better™** together. Please review the included poster for a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items. For additional resources visit casella.com/RecycleBetter.



 Holiday
 Trash & Recycling Pickup
 Yard Waste



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SUPERVISOR MESSAGE

A Message from Supervisor Michael Wacey

Hello Easttown,
The other day, I was at Hilltop Park, pushing my six-year-old granddaughter on the swings. With every push, the fallen leaves crunched under my feet, creating a rhythm that was matched only by the sound of her giggles. It was a happy sound that mixed with the laughter of all the other children enjoying the playground, and it reminded me of just how special this time of year is in our Township.

All around us, the leaves are putting on a spectacular show, and the air is filled with the simple comforts of the season. The sight of our kids heading off to Beaumont and

Devon Elementary brings a smile to my face. The comforting smell of wood smoke is in the air. And through it all, the steady sound of the SEPTA Paoli trains continue to be the reliable heartbeat of our community.

This is a season for connection, whether you're at the Berwyn Farmers Market or the Devon Fall Classic at the Devon Horse Show grounds. I especially love seeing that connection come to life on Halloween, when our neighborhoods are filled with costumed children on the hunt for treats. The simple joy of them returning home to trade and share their spoils is a perfect picture of community and family.

It all culminates in that wonderful holiday of Thanksgiving, when friends and family will gather, share a meal, and give thanks.

From the sound of children laughing in the park to the warmth of a family gathering, living here is something I am thankful for every day. It truly is a great time to be alive and living in Easttown.

Sincerely,
Michael Wacey
Easttown Township Supervisor

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



*Some meeting dates are shifted due to holidays. Alternate meeting dates are available on the Township Public Meeting Calendar at www.easttown.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 7, 2025

Annual Berwyn-Devon Tree Lighting Ceremony

5:30-8:00pm

@Berwyn Train Station

DECEMBER 23, 2025

Additional Yard Waste Collection

JANUARY 13, 2026

Yard Waste Collection

including Christmas Trees!

JANUARY 17, 2026

Repair Café

10:00am-12:00pm

@Trinity Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 24, 2026

Anything with a Plug Recycling Event

9:00am-12:00pm

@Wilson Farm Park — *Registration Required*

ONGOING EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

Trash & Recycling Collection

EVERY 1ST & 3RD SATURDAY

Community Composting

12:00-2:00pm

@Easttown Library Parking Lot

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY

Yard Waste Collection

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EASTTOWN LIBRARY NEWS

Youth Services

School's out! TESD Parent

Conference Day on December 1st

Looking for some fun and games on this TESD No School Day? Join us throughout the day for:

- **10am Storytime**
(suggested for ages 0-6)
Cuddle up with your littles and enjoy a storytime with books, songs, and more!
- **1pm Gaming Bunch**
(suggested for ages 8+)
From board games to Super Smash Bros., bring a friend (or foe!) and take on our assortment of games! Who will win!?
- **3pm Painting with Rockdale Art**
(ages 8+) - **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** -
Join Ms. Veronica from Rockdale Art and follow along to create a beautiful painting to take home!

SAVE THE DATE:

- **Chester County 250**
We're celebrating a big birthday in 2026! Keep an eye out for special programming throughout the year as we explore, learn, and commemorate 250 years of the United States!
- **Winter Art Show**
The Easttown Library Youth Services Department will be hosting a Winter Art Show in early March 2026! More details to come on submissions, dates, and more.

Adult Services

Red Cross Blood Drive, Thursday, December 11th, 1-6 PM

Join us for a Red Cross Blood Drive this holiday season at Easttown Library and help save lives! Your donation can make a real difference for those in need. Each unit we collect can save up to three lives!

Winter Piano Concert with Adam Haines, Sunday, December 14th, 2 PM

Enjoy a delightful afternoon of live piano music featuring a mix of classical works, original compositions, and festive holiday favorites performed by local musician Adam Haines.



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Easttown Library Foundation

Sneak Preview of Easttown Library's Spark Lab at 2025 Donor Appreciation Reception

At its annual Donor Appreciation Reception on November 14, Easttown Library Foundation provided its supporters with a sneak preview of new makerspace programming at Easttown Library's Spark Lab. Thanks to generous grants from First Bank Charitable Foundation and the 2004 Carita Foundation, Easttown Library purchased new equipment and crafting tools as well as a mobile lab and updated iPads.

This initiative marks a new chapter in Easttown Library's history, expanding its current creative learning opportunities for all ages. Some highlights include cutting and engraving with the latest Cricut model, carving with a Carvey machine, hands-on construction of cardboard creations with a Chomp saw for elementary-aged children, embroidery with a sewing machine, and poster printing.

It is fitting to mark this new milestone in conjunction with a celebration of the commitment and generosity of the Foundation's Annual Fund donors, Dennis P. Leeper Endowment Fund supporters, and members of the Elsie Jardine Legacy Society. First Bank generously sponsored this event with in-kind contributions from Wegman's and Perfect Setting Catering. Aneu Kitchens catered this special event.

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 and to make a secure online donation.



TIS' THE SEASON!

HAPPENINGS IN BERWYN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Nov
07

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
10

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

Get a personalized response from THE Santa Claus to your kid's wishlist. Drop off in the front vestibule at the Easttown Library!

Dec
06

Holiday House Contest - Who will be the most festive?

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

Dec
07

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 Caroline O'Halloran, editor of Savvy Main Line!

Dec
14

Berwyn Holiday Market - 11 am - 2 pm, **The Bronze Plaza**

A combination of the regular Berwyn Farmers Market and an Artisan Market. This event is not to be missed! The market will be extended down Old Lancaster Rd and is the perfect place to do some holiday gift shopping!

Dec
14

Last Day for Letters to Santa - Drop off at **Easttown Library**

Don't miss your chance to get a handwritten letter from Mr. Claus himself! Last day to drop them off will be the 14th.

Dec
21

Last Farmers Market of the Season - **The Bronze Plaza**

Don't miss the last farmers market of 2025 before the Winter Season starts on Jan 11th. During the winter season markets will be on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month with regular hours.

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Main Line Mural Arts



Visible on the East side of **1000 Lancaster Ave, Berwyn, PA 19312**, this mural explores themes of rebirth and was done by the wonderful **Ali Williams**.



This floral landscape can be seen at **704 Lancaster Ave, Berwyn, PA 19312**. **Casey Saccomanno**, a Berwyn local, created this blooming masterpiece.



Still in production, this mosaic by **Matina Shakir** welcomes drivers into the town of Berwyn. Matina's work can be seen at the intersection of **Lancaster and Bridge Ave in Berwyn** right across from the Goodwill store.



Find this mural at **901 Lancaster Ave, Berwyn, PA 19312**. This charming piece by **Laura Stockdale** draws inspiration from the 1993 film, "The Secret Garden."

MLMA is excited to showcase murals created by some incredible artists for our inaugural season! During this beginning phase of MLMA, we have focused mainly on the Berwyn/Devon area, but hope to expand in the coming years. **Any interested artists:** keep an eye out for open applications! **Any building owners** interested in submitting their building for a mural can scan the QR code on the following page.

Follow the Map!





Sarah Bernholdt, a local Girl Scout, painted both of these electrical boxes. The US flag mural is adjacent to the Berwyn Memorial Arch veterans monument and the other is inspired by the Pennsylvania native, Mary Cassatt. **Mural #5 can be seen at the Berwyn Train Station on the East bound side, and Mural #9 can be seen on the corner of Lancaster and Midland Ave.**



This patriotic mural showcases thirty five Berwyn locals who have contributed to the community. This mural was done by **Carrie Kingsbury of Promiseland Murals** and can be seen at **682 Lancaster Ave, Berwyn, PA 19312.**



David Gerbstadt transformed a Berwyn parking garage into a whimsical land of colorful creatures with his signature blue background. This mural can be seen at **573 E Lancaster Ave, Berwyn, PA 19312.**



Right across from the Devon Horse show is this colorful stained glass-like piece by **Alloyus Mcilwaine**. Look close to see all the hidden nods to the Main Line.



Done by **Promiseland Murals**, this mural spans across the back of a whole set of buildings, depicting local businesses and business members. This must-see mural can be viewed from **the train on the Paoli-Thorndale Line between the Devon and Berwyn stops.**



Dan Scott Forreal is the artist behind this vintage postcard-inspired welcome sign. This mural includes a variety of landmarks key to Berwyn and the surrounding Main Line area. See this mural when driving past **521 Lancaster Ave, Berwyn, PA 19312.**

Follow us  Building Application




NEW BERWYN FIRE & EMS STATION

The Berwyn Fire Company officially dedicated its new fire/EMS station at 23 Bridge Avenue in Berwyn on Saturday, September 27, 2025. This historic milestone was made possible by the commitment of the volunteers and career staff to see this project come to fruition after many years of advocacy. The project was supported financially by Easttown Township, Tredyffrin Township, Berwyn Fire Company, Berwyn Fire Company Volunteer Firefighters Relief Association, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and with generous donations from the T-E community.

The Berwyn Fire Company had occupied the former station at 23 Bridge Avenue for 95 years. The building had become antiquated and in need of major repairs and updates to better serve the community. Such outdated and unsuitable conditions included mold, electrical wiring problems, undersized overhead doors for modern equipment and undersized living quarters for personnel. Due to the existing architectural configuration and methods of construction, renovating the old building to provide additional apparatus area and living space was not a cost-effective solution.

In October 2008, both Tredyffrin and Easttown Townships released a 3rd party study, provided by System Planning Corp.

TriData Division, that evaluated the short and long-term needs for fire and EMS in the community. Among the recommendations included, the study noted the following:

“The facility operated by Berwyn Fire Company should be replaced in the very near future. There are two concerns, in addition to the expense of maintaining this older structure. First is the lack of functionality, particularly due to the size of the apparatus bays and personnel facilities. Increasing demand for service requires increased staffing. The existing facility is barely able to handle the current staffing arrangement and limits flexibility in developing more efficient staffing plans. Space for spare equipment is already lacking, and there is no room for expansion. Another concern is the amount of time required to maintain this ageing structure. Volunteers have limited time to donate to the community, and time spent fixing a leaking roof is time not spent conducting the primary function of the company — fire and EMS service to the public.”

The new station has a footprint of 12,040 square feet that features living quarters, kitchen, a large meeting room, gym, equipment storage and various support rooms. The site has a stormwater management system designed to manage the increase in impervious coverage, along

with upgraded water and sanitary services. The station is also equipped to operate a joint Emergency Operations Center for Tredyffrin and Easttown Townships during major storm events and other significant emergency situations. And most importantly, the station will now have the proper safeguards in place to reduce personnel carcinogen exposure.

The total cost of the construction was \$10,600,000. Over \$2.5 million in grant funding was obtained from state and federal sources to pay for the project.

A special thank you to the Easttown Township Board of Supervisors, Tredyffrin Township Board of Supervisors, U.S. Rep. Chrissy Houlahan, State Sen. Carolyn Comitta, State Rep. Melissa Shusterman and State Rep. Kristine Howard for their extra efforts to ensure this essential community public safety project was completed.

The Berwyn Fire Company is a registered 501c3 non-profit combination organization that provides primary fire, EMS, and rescue services to the majority of Tredyffrin Township and Easttown Township in Chester County, Pennsylvania. The Berwyn Fire Company responds from two stations covering a population of 28,552 over 15.52 square miles. To learn more visit www.BerwynFireCo.org.





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POLICE MESSAGE

Holiday Safety Tips from Your Local Officers: A Message from the Easttown Township Police Department

The holiday season in Easttown Township is a time for celebration, togetherness, and reflection — but it's also a time when safety can easily be overlooked in the hustle and bustle. Whether you're heading out of town, online shopping for gifts, or stringing up lights, your Easttown Township Police Department is here to help keep your holidays safe and stress-free.

Here are some simple but important tips to help you and your loved ones stay safe this winter:

Home & Travel Safety

- **Lock It Up:** Always lock doors and windows when leaving your home, even if just for a short trip. Use timers on indoor lights to give the appearance that someone is home.
- **Hold the Posts:** Avoid posting vacation plans or photos on social media until after you return. Criminals often watch for signs that a house is empty.
- **Package Watch:** If you're traveling, pause mail and package deliveries or ask a neighbor to collect them to avoid porch theft.

Online Shopping & Package Delivery

- **Use Secure Websites:** Shop from reputable retailers and ensure the website begins with "https" before entering any payment information.
- **Track Your Packages:** Sign up for delivery alerts and retrieve packages promptly. Consider using in-store pickup or secure drop boxes when possible.
- **Be Alert for Scams:** Watch out for fake delivery notifications or suspicious "urgent" emails asking for personal info.

Winter Driving Safety

- **Slow Down:** Snow and ice can create hazardous road conditions. Drive cautiously, especially on untreated roads or bridges.
- **Clear All Windows:** Make sure your windshield, mirrors, and lights are clear of snow and ice before driving.
- **Prepare Your Vehicle:** Keep a winter emergency kit in your car with essentials like blankets, water, a flashlight, and a phone charger.

Look Out for One Another

- **Check on Neighbors:** The holidays can be tough for some. Take a moment to check on elderly or isolated neighbors, especially during severe weather.
- **Celebrate Responsibly:** If you're attending or hosting a holiday gathering, plan ahead. Don't drink and drive use a designated driver or rideshare service.

From Our Family to Yours

At the Easttown Township Police Department, we're proud to serve a community that looks out for one another. We thank you for your continued partnership, and we wish you and your family a joyful, peaceful, and safe holiday season.

Happy Holidays, Easttown!

Your friends at the Easttown Township Police Department



Parking Lots Are Riskier Than You Think

More than 50,000 crashes occur in parking lots and garage structures annually, resulting in 500 or more deaths and more than 60,000 injuries. And, around the holidays, parking lots become even more dangerous.

Auto insurers report the number of claims spike on Black Friday and run above normal throughout the holiday shopping season. The number of incidents is probably higher than insurance claims indicate, as many fender-benders go unreported.

So Many Distractions

Thousands of pedestrians end up with broken bones, tissue damage or even worse because of cell phone or other distractions in parking lots.

In a National Safety Council public opinion poll, 66% of drivers nationwide said they would make phone calls while driving through parking lots. Respondents also said they would:

- Program GPS systems (63%)
- Text (56%)
- Use social media (52%)
- Send or receive emails (50%)
- Take photos or watch videos (49%)

NSC found teens (59%) were more likely to engage in personal grooming than adults (53%) while driving in parking lots, but less likely to be on the phone (60% vs. 66%).

During the hectic holiday season, drivers and pedestrians also are likely to be distracted by extensive to-do lists and are hurriedly trying to get from one place to another.

Stay Alert

Safety isn't guaranteed just by driving slowly

in parking lots. Following are some safety tips for drivers courtesy of the Oswego (IL) Police Department:

- Stay in lanes and avoid cutting across lots
- Drive slowly and use directional signals
- Anticipate the actions of other drivers
- Obey stop signs and no-parking signs
- When backing out, be mindful of vehicles and pedestrians
- Watch for small children and parents with baby strollers

Tapping into Technology

NSC analysis of government data indicates more than one-third of pedestrian deaths in parking lots result from backup incidents. Many vehicles today are equipped with backup cameras, which provide a wide view behind a vehicle operating in reverse, but that view may not be clear if the camera lens becomes obstructed.

Three safety reminders:

1. It's best to conduct a quick, 360-degree walk-around before backing, keeping an eye out for low-lying objects
2. Don't rely completely on technology; look over your shoulder and use your mirrors as you back up
3. When parking, pull through on arrival whenever possible and if it works with the flow of traffic

Monitoring systems can alert drivers of vehicles in blind spots. Typically, drivers are warned of another vehicle's presence via symbol, sound or vibration. These systems may not detect motorcycles, smaller objects or people, however.

Other Parking Lot Pitfalls

Inadequate pavement striping, potholes or cracks, lack of signage, debris, poor lighting, puddles, and snow and ice also can lead to pedestrian injuries. Slips, trips and falls are common in parking lots, and falls in general are the leading cause of death for older adults.

Choosing the right parking spot can go a long way toward deterring theft and crime. Consumer Reports provides some simple safety rules:

- Pick spots that are well-lit and close to stores you will be shopping at
- Lock your doors
- Store purchases in places that are out of sight (in the trunk or tucked under dark-colored blankets)

Large parking lots, such as those found at shopping malls, are considered most vulnerable to crime, according to the Urban Institute Justice Policy Center. One way for consumers to steer clear of trouble is to pick a lot where pedestrian traffic is restricted and video surveillance equipment is used to monitor the facility.



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Easttown Community Rallies to Fight Food Insecurity

Two local church pantries provide a vital, long-standing lifeline to residents, and they need your support.

Even in a close-knit community like Easttown, some of our neighbors face the quiet struggle of food insecurity. The rising cost of living and unexpected life events can make it difficult for families to put food on the table. Thankfully, Easttown is home to dedicated organizations that have been providing essential support with compassion and dignity for years.

Berwyn United Methodist Church: A Vital Community Partner

About four years ago, under the leadership of former minister Rev. Rodney Brailsford, Berwyn United Methodist Church established a new food pantry that became a vital resource during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through a partnership with the Chester County Food Bank, the church provides a variety of shelf-stable foods to residents during the week and manages a senior food box distribution at Trinity House, demonstrating a powerful spirit of community collaboration.

Trinity Presbyterian Church: A Legacy of Service, An Expanding Future

For over 30 years, the Caring Cupboard at Trinity Presbyterian Church has been a pillar of support in our community. The pantry was started in the 1980s after the church's work building Trinity House revealed that many local residents struggled to make ends meet, even with housing assistance.

What began as a few shelves has grown into a major monthly distribution. In partnership with the county, the pantry provides frozen meats, dairy, fresh produce, and shelf-stable items to neighbors in need. To better meet demand, Trinity expanded its services this past summer and now offers food support twice a month, including on weekends. This is a major step forward that addresses a critical gap in food assistance for working families in our area.

These pantries are a testament to the caring spirit of our community, but they rely on our collective support to continue their work.

How You Can Make a Difference

You can help ensure no one in our community goes hungry. Both pantries welcome donations and volunteers.

1. Donate Essential Items. Your donation of non-perishable food and personal care products makes an immediate impact. The most-needed items include:

Pantry Staples:

Tuna, cooking oil, sugar, maple syrup, jelly or jam, coffee and tea, Mayo, crackers, canned goods (vegetables, fruits, chicken), pasta, rice, and cereal.

Personal Care:

Toothpaste, bath soap, toilet paper, laundry detergent, adult and children's diapers, feminine care products, and shelf-stable pet food.

Donation Drop-off:

Please bring unexpired items to the churches during their operating hours.

2. Give Your Time. Volunteers are the heart of these operations. Consider giving a few hours of your time to help sort donations, stock shelves, or assist with distribution. To learn more, contact the pantries directly.

3. Spread the Word. Share this article and information about these resources with anyone who may be in need. A little awareness can make a big difference.

Need Assistance?

If you or someone you know needs food assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. You will be welcomed with compassion and respect.

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HISTORY MATTERS

History of Breeze Hill and the Sharp Family Connection

Many of you have likely driven past the large stone house at the corner of Leopard and on Sugartown Road that suffered several devastating fires in 2024. You may not have known that the Sharp family who built the house and nearby *Hawthorne* estate played an important role in the history of Berwyn. The now burned house was called *Breeze Hill*, named for its location and the presence of a refreshing breeze, an attribute worth noting before the advent of indoor air conditioning.

This corner property was subdivided out of the original 200+ acre estate owned by Joseph Sharp and his wife Hannah (Lindsey) Sharp. He emigrated to America in 1816, married Hannah in 1822, and built a successful wool and cloth import business in Philadelphia. In 1838, he purchased approximately 250 acres in Easttown. After his death in 1848, the Easttown property was split equally among his four children. His oldest son, Joseph W. Sharp, also inherited his father's business interests. Over time, he purchased the other three portions of his father's estate from his siblings. According to historical records, he paid them fair market value for their acreage.

Joseph W. Sharp (1828-1909) had built a successful business supplying materials to the emerging indoor plumbing trend in Philadelphia. By 1857 he had replaced the original farmhouse with *Hawthorne*, the Victorian country estate house that still stands nearby at 521 Leopard Road. As both Joseph W. and his sister Rachel were unmarried at this time, Rachel stayed at the estate house and served as the mistress of his household and social hostess.

Joseph W. Sharp was part of a group of prominent Berwyn residents who founded the Berwyn National Bank in 1888. He was the first president of the bank and served as Easttown auditor during the Civil War. By the time of his death in 1909, many people in Berwyn considered Sharp to be the "father" of the town given his numerous roles in community affairs during this period of extensive growth along the railroad line. The Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society collections contain the *Joseph W. Sharp family diaries, 1818-1838, 1859-1907*, records from his parents time as well as his own. The collection, which includes several volumes, provides a glimpse into the daily activities of 19th century in life in eastern Pennsylvania.

In 1865, Joseph W. married Sidney Serrill Bunting. Before the wedding, he began building the Tudor Vernacular style *Breeze Hill* home on a prominent corner of Sugartown and Leopard Road for his sister Rachel. As the home was on the Sharp family property, it didn't receive its own separate deed when built but was shown on Pennsylvania Railroad maps dating to 1873.

The *Breeze Hill* acreage already had a circa 1837 two-story spring house that housed tenant farmers and a circa 1865 barn/stable. Both are still standing at the property; the stable is currently a garage. Careful examination of the inside garage walls showed evidence of stalls and a ladder to the full, second floor which was surely originally used as a hayloft. Local historical records also indicate that Leopard Road was a well-travelled path on the Underground Railroad. The spring house and barn were rumored to be a stop for slaves to escape to freedom.

Rachel Sharp lived with other family members at *Breeze Hill* until 1888, when Joseph Sharp's eldest daughter, Mary Bunting Sharp, married William Morris of Villanova. The young couple moved into *Breeze Hill*, where they lived until 1942. Joseph W. Sharp and his wife subdivided *Breeze Hill* from their larger property and deeded it to their daughter for "\$1 and her natural love and affection" in 1901, when it became legal for a married woman to own property in her own name in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Since the departure of the Sharp family and descendants from the property, numerous owners made changes and improvements to *Breeze Hill*. The current owners had recently finished extensive interior and exterior renovations that retained the 18-inch-thick stone walls and extensive interior woodwork to create a beautiful modern family home. The spring house and barn remained and were not damaged in the fire.

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Rear yard facing East, 2024

Rear yard facing East, ca 1900. The windmill on the right provided water to the house.



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PhilaLandmarks has three other sites: Powel House, Grumblethorpe, and the Hill-Physick House.

Find out more about all the properties at <https://www.philalandmarks.org/>.

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RECYCLING INFORMATION

Plastic Film Recycling Program: What Does it Take?

Easttown residents quickly embraced plastic film recycling when Easttown Township offered the opportunity to recycle this plastic waste in Spring 2021. The response has been tremendous! However, an increasing number of food-contaminated items that cannot be recycled are being placed in the bins, causing volunteers to sort out the trash.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE - In Terms of Types of Plastic? Plastic film includes dry cleaner bags, Ziploc or fold over plastic food bags, water bottle and paper towel package overwraps, bread & bagel bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, plastic mailing envelopes, ice bags, cereal bag liners, wood pellet bags, salt bags, and any plastic labeled #2 or #4 — polyethylene films.

Things that cannot be recycled are chip bags, candy wrappers, mesh produce bags, plastic gloves, six-pack rings, pre-washed salad bags, linen or bedding packaging, frozen food plastic bags, paper mailing envelopes or pet food bags. ***If the plastic film stretches when you pull on it, it is recyclable. If it tears into big pieces like paper does, and/or if it is crinkly/crunchy and shiny, it cannot be recycled.***

Plastic Film Recycling Program: What does it Take to be Effective?

- Clean and Dry Plastic Film (NO food waste)
- Plastic that stretches when you pull on it with both hands
- NO Plasticsheeting that is "crinkly/crunchy, or shiny or tears into pieces (These types cannot be recycled)

WHAT DOES IT TAKE- In Terms of How Can Residents Recycle Effectively? The plastic must be clean and dry because it is hand sorted by the Township volunteers who empty the bins at the Township building and the Library. Further, the company that recycles the plastic cannot use dirty plastic. Clean means that no food or liquid can be on the plastic. All baggies or other items with food on them must be put in the trash by the volunteers or at the recycling plant, along with any items onto which food from baggies have leaked. The Township

volunteers weigh and photograph the bin contents so that Easttown Township can get credit for the total amount of the plastic film we send to the company that uses the plastic. We have recycled well over 3300 lbs. of plastic since we began weighing plastic in September 2022. Every time we reach 500 lbs., we earn another bench for Easttown's parks. We have earned three benches, thanks to Easttown residents' commitment to the environment through this program. Once the plastic is weighed and photographed, volunteers drive the plastic to Wegmans where the plastic company picks up the plastic. The plastic is recycled into beautiful outdoor products including outdoor furniture, stairways, deck material, and privacy screens.

Plastic film is not a type of plastic that is able to be recycled through our Township waste hauler. Prior to the initiation of the Easttown Township plastic film recycling program, plastic film had to be thrown in the trash. From there, it contributed to the mountains of trash in landfills. Now, we can recycle plastic film following the guidelines above. Small actions lead to big results!

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What should I recycle?

The following items **MUST** be emptied, rinsed, dried and combined into the recycling bin:

- CORRUGATED PAPER
- MIXED PAPER
- CLEAR AND COLORED GLASS CONTAINERS
- ALUMINUM, STEEL OR BIMETAL CONTAINERS
- PLASTICS (recycling codes 1-7)
- Leaf waste is collected at least monthly by the Township's hauler (see the current collection schedule.)

Commercial

Owners or occupants of all commercial, institutional and Township properties are required to contract for their own collection of municipal solid waste and recyclables.

What must be recycled?

The following materials **MUST** be separated from solid waste and collected at least once per month:

- CORRUGATED PAPER
- HIGH-GRADE OFFICE PAPER
- MIXED PAPER
- CLEAR AND COLORED GLASS CONTAINERS
- ALUMINUM, STEEL OR BIMETAL CONTAINERS
- PLASTICS (recycling codes 1-7)
- LEAF WASTE

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For the Garden and Outdoors

- **Rain Barrel/Rainwater Harvesting**
Collect rainwater for use with gardening and landscaping, vehicle washing, household cleaning, filling water features like decorative ponds or fountains, livestock or wildlife watering, crop irrigation, compost, and even fire protection.
- **Grow Your Own Produce**
Use as planters or DWC containers, and use the can to grow vegetables, flowers, or other plants. You can even cut your bin in half and make two mini raised garden beds.
- **Composter or Compost Storage**
Drill holes for air circulation and use it to start a compost pile or store excess leaves or other organic waste to supplement your compost year-round.
- **Wheelbarrow** Transport heavy items like firewood or mulch.
- **Waterproof Storage** for Seeds, Pet Food, Bird or other Animal Feed.
- **Storage for Yard and Garden Equipment** for long-handled items like rakes, shovels and poles.

For Extra Storage

- **Sporting Equipment**
- **Holiday Decorations or other Seasonal Items**
- **Emergency Supplies**

Also remember that one person's trash is another person's treasure! If you still have no use (or, perhaps, no space!) for your old trash bin, try to rehome it. Someone else is just waiting to get their hands on it!



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By Patti Lynn
Recycling Resources Manager

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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!
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Online resources like 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

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Prepare your yard and home before winter:

- **Drain, remove, and store garden hoses.**

Close the inside valves that control the water supply to the outside hose spigot, then open the outside spigot to allow any remaining water to drain.

- **Clean out roof gutters.**

Remove leaves and other debris so that gutters can drain properly when ice and snow melts.

- **Rake up leaves.**

Fallen leaves can smother your lawn or wash away into storm drains. Compost leaves at home, or bring them to our Community Composting events, which take place every 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at the Easttown Library Parking Lot from 12:00-2:00pm.

- **If you have a rain garden, add a layer of mulch and rake any leaves.** This will help the garden manage stormwater during winter and ready it for spring.

Avoid cutting back plant growth, since it can provide food and cover for winter birds.

- **If you have a rain barrel, drain and store it.**

Clear the barrel filter of debris. If storing outside, cover with a tarp and leave the barrel spigot open so it can drain any water that may enter. If you have a downspout diverter, switch it to bypass the barrel so that water drains through the downspout.



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Trash Cans: Trash receptacles should not be placed on the street. This inhibits the snow removal vehicles from doing their job. Please place your trash cans either on the lawn or curb in front of your property.

Sidewalks: Keeping sidewalks safe is another important winter concern. Residents must clear snow, sleet and ice from the sidewalks in front of their property no more than 24 hours after the snow or storm ceases. Property owners are also required to keep the sidewalk treated with material to abate ice and snow.

Hydrants: Please help our fire companies by clearing around fire hydrants after a storm.

Driveways and Parking Lots: Pushing, plowing or throwing snow from private property into the street is prohibited because it is a road hazard. Snow should never be plowed onto or across a roadway.

Parking: From the beginning of the storm until the roadway is cleared, vehicles, trailers, boats or campers should not be parked in the roadway.



How Can I Keep Snow Out of my Driveway?

Before your street has been plowed, we recommend the following:

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