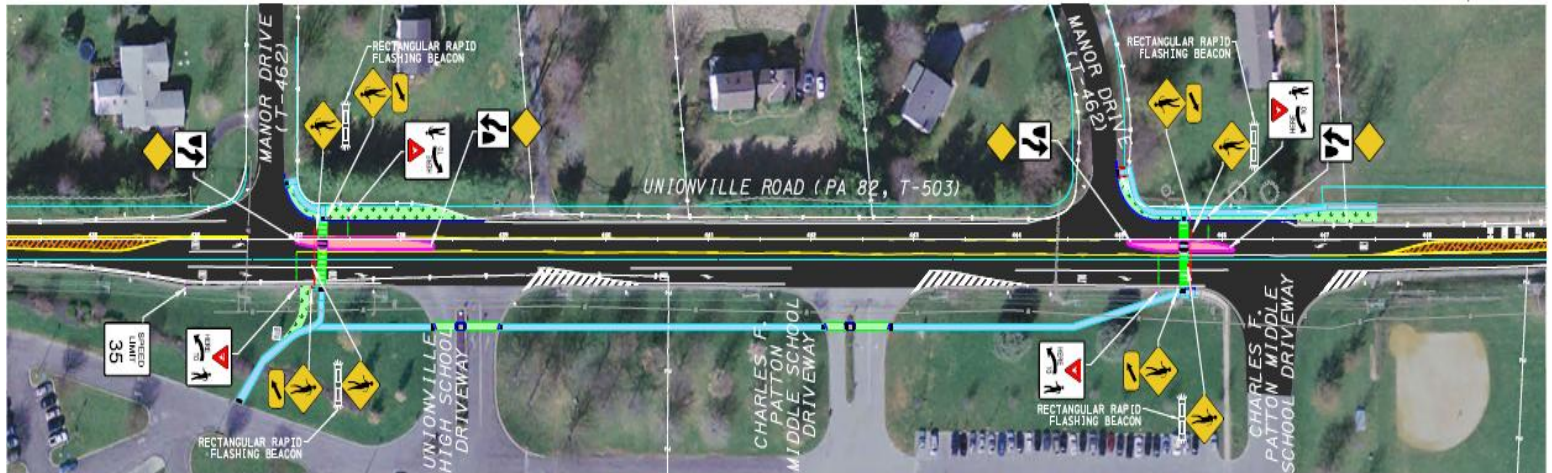


SUPERVISORS ALLOCATE FUNDING TO IMPROVE SAFETY ALONG ROUTE 82



By the middle of 2020, crossing Route 82 in front of the Unionville-Chadds Ford Middle and High Schools will be much safer thanks to a Safe Routes to School Grant and funding from East Marlborough Township and the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District. The project will add two signalized cross walks with pedestrian refuge islands along with sidewalks. Additionally, the project will add traffic calming measures to help lower the speed of traffic on Route 82.

There will also be traffic calming measures placed on Route 82 south of 926 which will include a crosswalk and pedestrian island – all paid for by Toll Brothers. The crosswalk will provide access to the 26 acre open space parcel that is being dedicated to the Township.

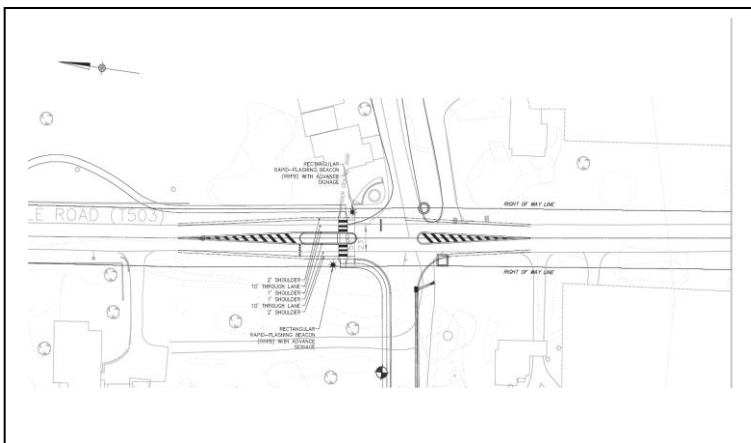


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TOWNSHIP UPDATE

The signs of a strong economy are showing in East Marlborough with many new residential housing projects underway. While few people enjoy seeing farms and open areas transformed into neighborhoods, the region has a housing shortage and demand has increased the pressure to develop.

East Marlborough Township's Zoning Ordinance was designed to facilitate smart, slow growth while recognizing an individual's property rights. Almost half of East Marlborough Township is in the Agricultural Preservation Zoning District which limits development to 1 house per 20 acres. The remaining area of the township is divided into the following Districts:

- The *Residential District* allows one house per two acres – and under certain circumstances can be developed under the cluster provision which allows for smaller lots that are offset with community open space.
- The *Education, Scientific and Institutional District* permits uses which includes Longwood Gardens, The Unionville-Chadds Ford Schools, and the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center.
- The *Village Commercial District* encompasses Historic Unionville, and allows for residential, commercial, and multi-family uses.
- The *Willowdale Multiple Use District* permits a mix of commercial, professional and residential uses surrounding the intersection of Routes 82 and 926.
- The *Highway Commercial and Multiple Use Districts* allow for dense, intense commercial uses.
- The *Limited Industrial District* provides for industrial, manufacturing, mushroom growing and higher density residential uses including townhouses.

Most of the growth we are experiencing in East Marlborough is centered in the Limited Industrial and Commercial Districts.



One of the ways the township is working to preserve the character of East Marlborough is through our Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Resources Plan. The Unionville Community Park was conceived during the last Plan update and it is a great resource for the community. Throughout 2019 we will be working to update our Plan and will seek input from the residents on what matters most to our community. We are specifically looking for input on how to best use the 26 acre parcel that Toll Brothers will be dedicating to the township as part of their land development agreement. We are also looking for ways to provide connection points for neighborhoods within the township as well as connecting to the Kennett Greenway through trails. Under the direction of Supervisor Bobby McKinstry, the

Township also passed an Ordinance to create an Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). The EAC is taking the lead to update the Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Resources plan. They will also revise the list of environmental resources within the township

Improving pedestrian access throughout the township has been and continues to be a priority. We are fortunate to have been awarded a \$750,000 grant from PennDot to address safety concerns along Route 82 in front of the schools. The grant will pay for 100% of the construction costs to install signalized crosswalks, pedestrian islands and sidewalks. Unionville-Chadds Ford School District is partnering with the township to pay the engineering costs for the project. The project will be completed in the summer of 2020.

Laurie Prysock, Township Manager

Supervisor's Spotlight

2018 brought new faces to the Board of Supervisors with the election of Julia Lacy and Robert McKinstry and the appointment of Bruce Jameson. We were sorry to lose Supervisor Christine Kimmel when she moved out of the township. More changes came during the reorganization meeting in January when former Chairman Buzz Hannum nominated me to serve as Chairman. I was humbled and honored to have been supported unanimously by my fellow Supervisors and look forward to serving as Chairman this year.

As a Board we have a commitment to protecting the health, welfare and safety of our residents. Our public works department does a fantastic job keeping the roads clear of snow and ice and the public sewer system running smoothly. Our police force has cracked down on speeding and is working to increase their visibility within the township. We have responded to the community's desire for recreation space by building the Unionville Community Park; it is just over 26 acres with paved walking trails, a picnic pavilion and tot lot. The park has been open for just over a year and has many daily visitors and I hope you will be one of them this year.

Open Space Preservation continues to be a priority for the Board of Supervisors and I am pleased to say that we are partnering with the County Agricultural Land Preservation Board to purchase easements on four properties totaling 87.9 acres. To date, over 3,697 acres have been protected in East Marlborough.

As our township grows we continue to see new demands for services which can put a strain on the budget but I am happy to announce that we were able to pass a balanced budget without raising taxes. I know that you have trusted us to be good stewards of your tax dollars and the Supervisors take that responsibility seriously. Listed below is the approved General Fund budget for 2019.

The Township Board of Supervisors meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building, I encourage you to attend. We are also on Facebook and have an active website at www.eastmarlborough.org.

John Sarro, Chairman, East Marlborough Township Board of Supervisors

BUDGET

General Fund – Income		General Fund - Expense	
Property Taxes	\$906,863.45	Engineering/Planning Reviews	\$373,000.00
Previous Year Carryover	\$314,686.21	Public Works Operations	\$350,924.01
Cell Tower Leases	\$268,287.00	Year end carryover	\$288,886.78
Property Transfer Tax	\$250,000.00	Insurance	\$261,764.00
Engineering and Legal Fees	\$225,000.00	Administrative Operations	\$257,395.00
Reimbursement from Sewer Co.	\$190,000.00	Township Police	\$253,689.65
Cable/Internet Franchise Fee	\$185,000.00	Roads	\$236,507.00
Local Services Tax	\$180,000.00	Sewer Expenses	\$190,000.00
Building & Zoning Permits	\$105,000.00	Building Maintenance	\$117,000.00
Impact Fees	\$98,600.00	Traffic Control	\$105,000.00
Police Income	\$72,000.00	Consultant Expenses	\$98,850.00
Pension Relief	\$37,475.00	Bldg. Inspection & Zoning Fees	\$85,000.00
Interest	\$25,000.00	Retirement	\$84,352.25
Misc.	\$24,000.00	Payroll Taxes	\$53,558.97
PennDot Snow/Ice Removal Contract	\$17,000.00	Vehicles	\$45,000.00
Fines	\$12,500.00	Hearing Expenses	\$35,777.00
Subdivision & Land Dev. Fees	\$7,500.00	Open Space Impact Fees	\$25,000.00
Hearing Fees	\$7,500.00	Emergency Services Impact Fees	\$18,400.00
Public Utility Realty Tax	\$2,593.00	Taxes	\$5,500.00
Liquor Licenses	\$1,600.00	Total Expenses	\$2,930,604.66
Total Income	\$2,930,604.66		
Passthrough Income/Expense			
Fire and Ambulance	\$474,879.00		
Open Space Tax	\$140,600.00		
Library Tax	\$128,649.00		
Fireman's Relief Fund	\$62,184.98		

TAXES

- 1.05 mills for Real Estate
- .675 mills for Fire Protection
- .20 mills for Open Space Preservation
- .183 for Bayard Taylor Library Tax
- .075 for Ambulance, Rescue and other Emergency Services
- 50 cents per lineal foot for the Village of Unionville Light Tax
- \$26.73 for Hydrant Tax



EAST MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIP POLICE



The East Marlborough Township Police Department was created in 2002 to supplement the Pennsylvania State Police Avondale Barracks, specifically for traffic control and enforcement. The State Police are the primary Law Enforcement agency for East Marlborough Township due to the Township police being part-time. The Township Police force is currently comprised of four part-time officers, a part-time administrative assistant and a full-time Chief.

The philosophy of East Marlborough Township Police is to operate utilizing the concept of “common sense community based policing”. We are approachable, easy to talk with and take genuine concern in dealing with the problems of our residents and the community. If we are able to assist in de-escalating or correcting a minor situation to improve the outcome, our past experience has shown that this in turn will most likely prevent the encounter from becoming a larger problem requiring a specific law enforcement action.

Residents are encouraged to always call 911 when requesting police for any reason. The Chester County 911 Center will determine which agency is available to respond quickest based on the time of day. EMTPD also maintains a voicemail system for the residents to report non-urgent/not in progress incidents. That number is 610-444-5075. You may also reach us via email: police@eastmarlborough.org. Or email me directly: rclarke@eastmarlborough.org. If you have questions, problems, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Robert Clarke, East Marlborough Township Chief of Police

STORMWATER RUNOFF FACTS

Stormwater runoff is rainfall that flows over the ground surface. It is created when rain falls on roads, driveways, parking lots, rooftops and other paved surfaces that do not allow water to soak into the ground. Stormwater runoff is the number one cause of stream impairment in urban areas. Where rain falls on paved surfaces, a much greater amount of runoff is generated compared to runoff from the same storm falling over a forested area. These large volumes of water are swiftly carried to our local streams, lakes, wetlands and rivers and can cause flooding and erosion, and wash away important habitat for critters that live in the stream.

Stormwater runoff also picks up and carries with it many different pollutants that are found on paved surfaces such as sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus, bacteria, oil and grease, trash, pesticides and metals. These pollutants come from a variety of sources, including pet waste, lawn fertilization, cars, construction sites, illegal dumping and spills, and pesticide application. Researchers have found that as the amount of paved surfaces (a.k.a. impervious cover) in the watershed increases, stream health declines accordingly.

Pollutants must be managed at the source to ensure the environment downstream is protected for others to use, either for recreation (fishing or swimming) or source water (drinking and bathing). Below is a list of potential actions you can take to help prevent runoff pollution.

Actions to minimize pollutants in runoff:

- Use fertilizers in accordance with the manufacturer's label
- Minimize use of organic compost – use just enough
- Pick up after pets
- Resist the urge to feed ducks and geese at ponds
- Maintain vehicles in good repair, fix leaks and clean up spills
- Stabilize driveways and parking areas; park only on improved surfaces
- Bag and tie trash; avoid placing trash outside of the garbage bin – take it with you if you must

(Adapted from Arizona’s Stormwater Outreach for Regional Municipalities website <https://www.azstorm.org/stormwater-101/stormwater-runoff-facts> and the Center for Watershed Protection <https://www.cwp.org/reducing-stormwater-runoff/>.)



Upcoming Community Events

April 6 – Run for Our Sons 5K. Race will impact the area adjacent to Unionville Schools including a morning closure of Route 82 from the roundabout to Route 926. More information can be found at www.parentprojectmd.org/events/

May 11 – Kennett Run. Race will impact the area along N. Walnut Road with a road closure as well as closures within the Borough of Kennett Square. More information can be found at www.kennettrun.net

May 12 – The Willowdale Steeplechase. Races will impact the area surrounding Routes 82 and 926; drivers may experience delays between 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. More information can be found at www.willowdalesteeplechase.org

May 18 & 19 – Tough Mudder. The event will require periodic road closures on Green Valley Road. More information can be found at www.toughmudder.com/events/2019-philly

May 21 – Municipal Primary Election Day. Polling places can be found on the Chester County Voter Services website www.chesco.org/156/Voter-Services

May 26, July 3, July 20, August 10, September 1 – Longwood Gardens Fireworks. Events will require the closure of Longwood and Conservatory Roads during the display. More information can be found at www.LongwoodGardens.org

These events may involve road closures or have a significant impact on traffic within the Township

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

The **Board of Supervisors** usually meet on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the township meeting room. Dates may change based on holidays.

The **Planning Commission** usually meets on the last Tuesday of the month but always the Tuesday prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting at 7 p.m.

The **Historic Commission** will meet on the second Monday of each month (except July) at 7 p.m.

The **Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)** will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m.

The **Zoning Hearing Board** meets as needed and **Conditional Use Hearings** are scheduled as necessary.

All Township meetings are held at the Township office. For accurate meeting dates, call the Township or check the website.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board meetings are held on the third Monday of the month starting at 7:30 pm. Locations vary. Find more information at www.ucfsd.org/board.



KENNETT FIRE AND EMS REGIONAL COMMISSION

When East Marlborough Township residents need immediate help due to a fire, a serious accident, or a medical emergency, we are fortunate to have two volunteer fire companies ready to respond. The Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company is located in the Village of Unionville and the Longwood Fire Company is located on Route 1 near the entrance to Longwood Gardens. More importantly, their volunteers are our neighbors and should be recognized as local heroes. These men and women are dedicated to our safety and well-being, and are prepared to leave their homes and families at all hours to protect our loved ones and our property. They do this for our community as a public service and without compensation, and it falls to us to provide the funding required for their operations.

In East Marlborough, Po-Mar-Lin and Longwood share responsibility for firefighting and rescue, and Longwood is the sole ambulance provider. In addition, along with the Kennett Fire Company, they provide these services in the neighboring municipalities of Newlin, Pocopson, Pennsbury, and Kennett Townships and Kennett Square Borough. A few years ago, after each individual fire company began to initiate group meetings with the municipalities it serves; it was evident that the municipalities needed to approach this as a regional service. With that in mind, in 2017 East Marlborough joined the five neighboring municipalities to form a regional commission with responsibility and authority for funding and oversight of the three fire companies.

Beginning in 2018, the Kennett Fire and EMS Regional Commission has been meeting monthly with the fire companies to understand their operating needs and ensure they are adequately funded in the coming years. For firefighting, the greatest expense is equipment replacement and maintenance. For example, this year, Po-Mar-Lin will be replacing its rescue vehicle at a cost of approximately \$850,000 and the most recent vehicle purchased by the Kennett Fire Company, a ladder truck, cost approximately \$1,200,000. For ambulance service, the greatest cost is wages. Due to the regulatory demands of providing medical attention on an ambulance, credentialed paid staff is required. The paramedics and emergency medical technicians must be available (and paid) 24/7.

In 2018, Po-Mar-Lin responded to 358 fire and rescue calls, of which 164 were in East Marlborough, and Longwood responded to 595 such calls, of which 99 were in East Marlborough. As for ambulance calls, last year Longwood responded to 2,311, of which 536 were in East Marlborough. To help fund these services, and those provided by Kennett Fire Company, the six municipalities have made a three year commitment to contribute \$1,708,937 annually to the Regional Commission, which is roughly equivalent to what the fire companies had been receiving directly from the municipalities. East Marlborough's annual commitment is \$464,830.86, or approximately 27% of the regional funding, based on an agreed formula that takes account of the call volumes in each municipality. In 2018, the Regional Commission distributed \$1,297,500 to the three fire companies, paid \$76,739 to cover workers compensation premiums for the volunteer firefighters (as required by state law), and set aside the balance of the municipal funds for future anticipated capital equipment replacement.



Cuyler Walker, Chairman, EMS Commission

Longwood and Po-Mar-Lin crews train together on roof operations at an acquired structure on Fairthorn Drive

Public Works

The Public Works Department has 5 employees under the direction of the Public Works Director. We maintain over 60 miles of Township roads, including Route 82 within the township boundaries. We also conduct snow and ice control operations on an additional 10 miles of State owned roads, in addition to the 60 miles of township owned roads.

The Public Works crew performs routine maintenance such as crack sealing, pot hole repairs, sign maintenance, drainage maintenance, tree trimming, road bank mowing, and vehicle and equipment maintenance, just to name a few. We also maintain the Unionville Park with daily restroom cleaning, emptying the trash containers, mowing, mulching, and other necessary maintenance items.

Road work scheduled for 2019 consists of paving Beversrede Trail and Merrick Lane, in conjunction with Pocopson Township paving their roads in the same subdivision. We are also planning to repave Wollaston Road, and apply an oil and chip seal on Oak Tree Road. The bridge on East Locust Lane that crosses over the Red Clay Creek, will be replaced in late 2019 or in 2020. The Township received a grant to fund the project and it is currently in the design phase.

In mid December 2018, while most people were gearing up for the holidays, the public works crew replaced a failing bridge on Poplar Tree Road, and had the road reopened in less than 2 weeks. The estimated \$400,000.00 project was performed by the public works crew, and with the assistance of a grant to fund the new structure, the project was completed for just under \$120,000.00.



Poplar Tree Bridge Project

Jeff Simpson, East Marlborough Township Public
Works Director

Sewer Report

Don't flush "Flushable Wipes" down the drain. These items are not biodegradable and they clog the pipes and pumps, possibly leading to sewage backing up into your house. Residual cooking oil and grease should not be poured down the drain as it will also potentially clog the pipes when it congeals and hardens. If you've ever poured hot grease into a coffee can and it hardens as it cools, it does the same thing in your pipes or septic tanks, leading to blockages.



When using the **Unionville Park**, please remember:

We love dogs, but PLEASE be in control of your pet at all times, keep them leashed and clean up after them. We have doggie clean-up bags stationed throughout the park for your convenience. **Please be a responsible and thoughtful pet owner when at the park. Thank you!**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

John Sarro, Chairman Robert McKinstry, Jr., Vice Chairman
Buzz Hannum, Julia Lacy, Bruce Jameson

Administrative: 610-444-0725

- Laurie Prysock – Township Manager
- Susan Beach – File Clerk
- Hannah Christopher – Sewer Account Manager/Webmaster
- Jennifer Schriver – Accounts Payable/Receivable

Public Works: 610-444-1375

- Jeff Simpson – Public Works Director
- John Chambers – Roadmaster
- Michael Hicks
- Michael Wells
- Bas deVries
- Dan Hoover

Police Department: 610-444-5075

- Robert Clarke – Chief of Police
- Officer Errol Galloway
- Officer Luke Fidler
- Officer Kevin Urbany
- Officer Eric Ruggeri
- Daniele Whittaker – Administrative Assistant