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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Toys for Tots 75th Anniversary Campaign

Covering all of Chester County and a portion of Montgomery County, the Chester / Southern Montgomery campaign was able to aid over 15,000 children last year, but the coordinator believes there are still people in need the program has yet to reach.

“Our goal this year is to continue to serve the families in need and organizations that are already aware of the program, but also to ensure that we locate other nonprofits and agencies we can partner with to ensure as many children as possible are able to have a gift available to them during the holidays” said Jeffrey Smith, the local Coordinator since 2020.

From 1947 - 2021, U.S. Marines and volunteers distributed 627 million toys to over 281 million less fortunate children. Toys for Tots is primarily staffed by volunteers, with only a handful of employees at the Toys for Tots Foundation to simplify the logistics for the 50,000 volunteers who helped in 2021. To learn more, please visit: chester-county-pa.toysfortots.org.

Locations willing to act as a Toy Drop Site, or those seeking assistance can sign up at chester-county-pa.toysfortots.org – while those interested in volunteering can sign up to help or email the coordinator. “We’re all volunteers here, and there is always more that we could do if we had additional help” Smith said. Questions should be directed to chester.county.pa@toysfortots.org

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ACTING LOCALLY TO ADDRESS CLIMATE DISRUPTION

By Robert 'Bobby' B. McKinstry, Jr., Esq., Township Board of Supervisors, Chairperson

Climate disruption from greenhouse gas pollution presents us with the most profound challenge that humanity has faced, both in terms of preventing its worst ravages and in adapting to the changes that are inevitable. This is a global problem that requires actions at all levels – national, state, local and individual. Thus, we must “think globally and act locally.”

East Marlborough Township has already taken many actions to facilitate and implement measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Among other actions, we have included provisions in our Township ordinances to make alternative energy and energy efficiency measures a use by right throughout the Township and to require that all new commercial, high density and industrial development have as many parking spots for electric vehicle charging as handicapped spots. We have required these measures in recent approvals and modified the latest homeowner association bylaws to prohibit interference with alternative energy and energy efficiency. The Township has joined the Sierra Club's Ready for 100 Program and joined others in submitting a petition to the Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board (still pending) to adopt a regulation that would bring Pennsylvania's greenhouse gas emissions to zero by mid-century.

We do not want to stop there. The Township's Environmental Advisory Committee and Supervisor Eric Matuszak are developing an energy plan consistent with the Ready for 100 program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the Township's own operations and facilities and to facilitate efforts by our residents and businesses to reduce their emissions. The Township has already installed photovoltaic panels at our offices. The recently passed Inflation Reduction Act (“IRA”) will provide many new opportunities for the Township to finance additional alternative energy and energy efficiency measures and measures to replace fossil-fuel-fired vehicles with electric vehicles. We will explore these in the Energy Plan and measures to assist our residents in financing similar efforts. We will also continue to review Township ordinances to identify other areas to remove barriers to alternative energy and energy efficiency.

We also need to examine how we can make the Township more resilient to the impacts of climate disruption that we are already feel and which will only become more severe. Our Public Works Department has already had to deal with culvert washouts from increased storm intensity. We are seeking to assure that new bridges and culverts will be designed to handle greater peak flows. We also need to revise our definition of floodplains, given the fact that large floods are now more frequent and larger.

Unfortunately, the Township faces some limits on what we can do based on less than rational state laws. The Township cannot impose energy efficiency requirements more stringent than the building code adopted by the state. The state has an outdated building code that does not incorporate the most up-to-date international building code that imposes modern energy efficiency standards. There are also state limits on how we can use some of the most innovative financing mechanisms to make them available to our residents.

We welcome the assistance and input from our Township residents as we develop these plans.



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MS4 STORMWATER PROGRAM – WHAT IS IT?



The purpose of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program is to maintain and enhance water quality in the United States. Untreated or uncontrolled stormwater is the number one cause of impairment

to our local waterways. Polluted run-off is often transported through municipal stormwater systems, where it is eventually discharged, untreated into streams and other water bodies.

The MS4 program is the result of 1987 amendments to the Clean Water Act whereby Congress mandated that the US EPA address non-point source (NPS) pollution in stormwater runoff. NPS pollution comes from many sources, such as rainfall or snow melt runoff. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and man-made pollutants, depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters and even our underground sources of drinking water.

In Pennsylvania, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) administers the MS4 program and requires East Marlborough Township to obtain a permit to discharge stormwater into local waterways. This permit requires the township to design a stormwater management program that reduces the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent possible.

The MS4 Stormwater Management Program has six elements termed “minimum control measures” that, when implemented, result in a significant reduction in pollutants discharged into waterways.

The six control measures are:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Participation and Involvement
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Runoff Control
5. Post-Construction Runoff Control
6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping

Every resident and business owner in East Marlborough Township can participate in the MS4 program. Here are some important ways you can prevent stormwater pollution:

- ✓ Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint.
- ✓ Never throw anything down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- ✓ Use pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- ✓ Report signs of potential pollutants such as soil, debris, or chemicals from construction sites.
- ✓ Install innovative stormwater practices on your own property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens to capture stormwater.
- ✓ Pick up after your pets and dispose of their waste properly.
- ✓ Volunteer for local or regional stream clean-up days.

For more information on Stormwater Management, visit the township website at www.eastmarlborough.org.

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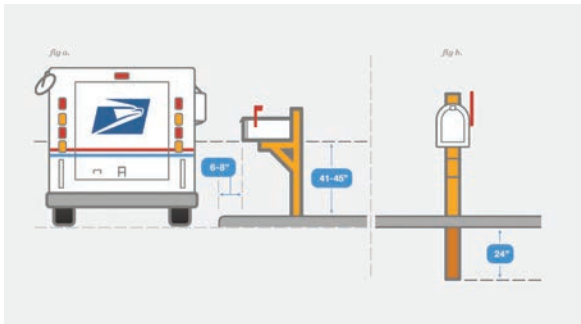


WHAT EVERY HOMEOWNER SHOULD KNOW FOR THE WINTER SEASON

It's never too early to start planning for the winter season. The public works crew has been addressing drainage issues on the roads to keep the water off the road. Standing water on the roadway creates a hazard for hydroplaning during the warmer months and creates icy spots during the winter months.

You can do your part to help prevent water from running onto the road by making sure any water from your property is not diverted or flowing onto the roadway. Water that accumulates at the end of most driveways is usually the result of the grass and dirt build up higher than the swale at the end of the driveway creating a dam. This problem can usually be resolved in a matter of minutes by removing the accumulated dirt and grass with a shovel to allow the water to continue to flow freely downhill, as it was originally designed and constructed.

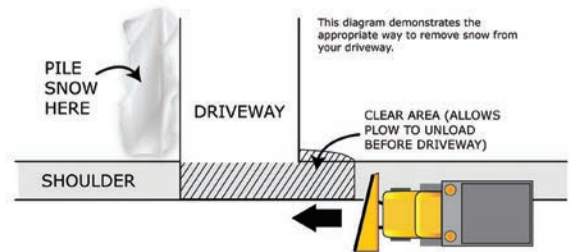
Snow plowing operations are a long and tedious operation that requires patience and cooperation from the public. Don't Park on the street or place trash cans in the street when snow is forecasted. The two most common complaints received are knocking over mailboxes and dumping snow in the driveways. Now is the time to start planning to assist with eliminating those complaints by checking the condition of your mailbox post and supports. The heavy and often very wet snow coming off the end of the snowplows, can wreak havoc on mailboxes and other fixed objects on the side of the road. Check the condition of the mailbox post and supports to make sure they are sturdy and secure, not rotten, or weak, rusty fasteners, cracked plastic, etc. Is the mailbox installed within the U.S. Postal Service recommended guidelines, 6-8" behind the curb or edge of pavement? Or does it hang out over the edge and into the road where it's susceptible to being struck by a passing vehicle or mirror on a summer day?



The Township is not responsible for damage caused by snow or ice that comes off the end of the snowplow blade. Standard mailboxes and posts are replaced by the Township if they are struck by the snowplow or the truck, and if they were installed to the U.S.P.S. guidelines. If you believe your properly installed mailbox was struck by a Township vehicle, contact the road department at 610-444-1375 so it can be investigated as soon as possible.

When clearing the snow from driveways, place the snow on the opposite side of the driveway from the approaching direction of travel of the plow trucks.

You may also want to clear an area on the approach side of your driveway, to allow the snow coming off the plow trucks to empty before it gets to your cleared driveway opening, as illustrated on the drawing. If you have plantings or other obstructions in this area that prevent the plows from emptying snow before reaching your driveway, you may want to reconsider relocating those obstructions to minimize the amount of snow that gets pushed into the driveway.



Snow Shoveling Tips

PennDOT offers tips on shoveling your driveway to avoid being plowed in.

After a snowstorm, how many times have you shoveled your driveway only to have it plowed in?

PennDOT suggests that you clear an area to the right of your driveway (as seen in the diagram below) to give the snow on the blade of the plow a place to empty before it gets to your driveway. This way you won't have to do the same job twice.

PennDOT also reminds you that it is illegal to push snow from a parking lot or driveway onto a state highway.



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EAST MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

East Marlborough Township applied for and received recognition of East Marlborough Township, Chester County by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places and United States National Register of Historic Places and created the **Historical Commission** in 1993 with powers designated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the Historic Commission is to research, identify, and safeguard buildings and cultural sites of historic significance to the township, Chester County, and Pennsylvania per its designation under applicable PA and US statutes. The HC's specific responsibilities are to advise property owners and the Township's Board of Supervisors on the appropriateness of any proposed exterior renovations, additions, new construction, etc. that will involve any demolition activity involving an historic building or cultural artifact. The HC executes its responsibilities by recommending specific Certificates of Appropriateness be approved by the Township Board of Supervisors. All properties within East Marlborough Township except those within the Unionville Village Historic District (which are the separate responsibility of the Unionville HARB) with designated historical buildings and/or cultural artifacts are subject to Historical Commission review.

Property owners considering renovations, additions, etc. may initiate contact/dialog with the Historical Commission regarding designated historic buildings and/or cultural artifacts by contacting the East Marlborough Township Office (610-444-0725).

The Historical Commission pledges prompt evaluations and recommendations following complete submissions. The Historical Commission's meeting schedule is available on the East Marlborough Township website and additional meetings with property owners regarding specific proposals can be scheduled as needed and at mutual convenience.

The Historical Commission plans to present designated historic buildings and cultural artifacts within East Marlborough Township, Chester County, and related subjects of historical interest in this and future EMT Newsletters. Property owners willing to have their buildings/artifacts featured in future EMT Newsletters should contact the Historical Commission thru the East Marlborough Township Office.

108 Bayard Rd (Gatehouse Drive) 'Cedarcroft'



This magnificent structure was built c.1860 by Bayard Taylor and is arguably the most famous personal residence in the region. Legendary guests visiting Cedarcroft included Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Greenleaf Whittier, James Russell Lowell, and Horace Greeley. Cedarcroft is the sole example of 19th century brick Italianate architecture in Chester County and described by Bayard Taylor himself as "large and stately, simple in its forms ... [and] expressive of strength and ornament." The first-floor features 13-ft ceilings, and Entry Hall with a Grand Staircase, and spacious Living Room, Library, and Dining Room each with its own fireplace. Taylor died in 1878 and Cedarcroft remained in the family until 1882 when it was sold to Isaac Warner Jr. In 1905, Cedarcroft became part of a private preparatory school for boys, amongst whose students included the future professional baseball player Herb Pennock, later nicknamed 'The Squire of Kennett Square'. Cedarcroft was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1971, one of 2 such Class 1 property designations in East Marlborough Township, the other being Longwood Gardens.

STATE VS. TOWNSHIP VS. PRIVATE ROADS

STATE Roads in East Marlborough Township include:

1. East & West Street Road (Rt. 926)
2. Unionville-Wawaset Road (Rt. 842E)
3. Upland Road (Rt. 842W)
4. Lenape Road (Rt. 52)
5. Baltimore Pike (Rt. 1)

To report an issue with **STATE Roads** (please see list above), including potholes and other road problems, please contact the PennDOT maintenance hotline at: 1-800-FIX-ROAD (1-800-349-7623) or use this link to access PennDOT's concern form.

Reporting potholes and other road problems on **TOWNSHIP Roads** (any road not included in the list of State roads above), please call the Public Works Department at 610-444-1375 or

send an e-mail to jsimpson@eastmarlborough.org.

Reporting potholes and other road problems on **PRIVATE Roads** within HOA developments, please contact your property management company and/or your elected Homeowners Association Board.

To report a sick or dead deer, including removal:

- Contact PennDOT at (484) 340-3200 for State roads only: Routes 926 (W. Street Rd.), 842 (Unionville-Wawaset Rd.), and 52 (Lenape Rd.), plus Pocopson, Lenape-Unionville, Wawaset, Red Lion and Northbrook Roads.
- Contact the PA Game Commission at (610) 926-3136 or (610) 926-1966 for Township roads only (i.e., any other road in the Township not identified above as a state road).



UNIONVILLE HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The purpose of the Unionville Historical and Architectural Review Board (HARB) is to safeguard the historic character and external appearance of the Unionville Village Historic District per its designation under applicable PA and US statutes. The HARB's responsibilities are to advise property owners and the Township's Board of Supervisors as the appropriateness of any proposed external changes for structures including exterior renovations and additions, new construction, demolitions, signage, etc. within the historic district. The HARB executes its responsibilities by recommending specific Certificates of Appropriateness (CoA) be approved by the Township Board of Supervisors. All properties within the Village of Unionville Historic District, whether designated as historic or not are subject to HARB review.

The process to obtain a CoA requires two separate meetings, the first with the HARB, and the second with the Township Board of Supervisors, and if these get out of sequence it can delay receipt of the approved CoA. The HARB suggests that owners of properties within the Unionville Village Historic District and considering renovations, new construction, etc. attend a Unionville HARB meeting for an informal discussion of their preliminary plans and HARB suggestions for consideration.

Property owners may initiate contact/dialog with the HARB regarding their proposed external changes to structures and cultural artifacts within the Unionville Village Historic District by contacting the East Marlborough Township Office (610-444-0725). The Unionville HARB pledges prompt evaluations and recommendations following complete submissions. The Unionville HARB's 2023 meeting schedule is available on the East Marlborough Township website and additional meetings with property owners regarding specific proposals can be scheduled as needed and at mutual convenience.

The Unionville HARB has reviewed and recommended approval of one CoA in thru September 2022.

The HARB is presenting historic buildings within Village of Unionville Historic District in this and future Newsletters. Property owners willing to have their buildings featured in future Newsletters should contact the Unionville HARB thru the East Marlborough Township Office.

5 Cemetery Lane, Unionville

The property at the corner of Cemetery Lane and Doe Run Rd in Unionville has been home to a wondrous number of families and small businesses. In the 1850s, Dr. Charles Seal built the original brick over wooden frame house as a home for his family and office for his practice. Notable features included a Renaissance Revival cornice, a Palladian window at one end, English style chimney pots, and 6 over 6 windows on the 2nd floor and later 2 over 2 windows on the first floor. The 1873 Witmer and 1883 Breous Maps of Unionville show the property as owned by Mrs. Ruth Ann Seal, widow of Dr. Charles Seal and later by R.G. Smith. In the 20th century the property housed a shop, post office, gas station, funeral parlor, dry cleaner (drop-off and pick-up) and private family homes. By the end of the century the building was structurally and architecturally in decline.

The current owners purchased the building in 2000 and proceeded with its restoration. After stabilization, they restored the old windows with antique glass, and added a new roof and historically accurate details including a new door based off that at the Green Lawn Boarding School for Girls. Neighbor Lou Mandich had saved two doors in his barn for twenty years, which he returned in trade for a found wood stove.

Over the past twenty-two years, 5 Cemetery Lane has been home to a gift shop, a quilting shop, an ice cream shop, and currently houses a coffee shop. The building serves as a meeting point for community members to share each other's company and enjoy its architectural details and storied past, both inside and outside. Also highly notable is the magnificent mature American elm tree that shades the outdoor seating; once ubiquitous in Pennsylvania, this specimen is at least as old as the building and is one of very few remaining American elms in Chester County today.



DID YOU KNOW? The first Pennsylvania roundabout opened in 2005 in East Marlborough Township, at the intersection of Route 82 and Doe Run Road in Unionville. Since then, more than 50 have been added, and others are under construction throughout the State. Thirty more are also in the design or planning stages in Pennsylvania.



LONGWOOD GARDENS: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

By Paul B. Redman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Longwood Gardens is intrinsically tied to the communities in which we live and work. Our founder, Pierre S. du Pont, began a legacy of civic service that we strive to continue and expand upon today. We work to ensure that our gardens and our community grow stronger together, and some of the ways we are serving our communities and the impact we are having may surprise you.

Our staff give their time and talents on behalf of Longwood to serve local organizations, including the YMCA, Anson B. Nixon Park, Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce, Longwood Rotary, Chester County Economic Development Council, and more. We support milestone moments in our community, such as the construction of the new Kennett Library and Resource Center to which we contributed \$250,000 and hosted fundraiser events. We work with both the Unionville-Chadds Ford and Kennett Consolidated school districts to develop and pilot innovative programs for students that explore environmental issues and green collar careers. We value the history of our region and the evolution of our land and its role in that history. This is evidenced by our stewardship of the Longwood Cemetery and Quaker Meeting House on our property as well as our support of Voices Underground. And we are forever mindful of the well-being provided by connecting people with nature and open spaces and are working with the Kennett Trails Alliance to support an initiative to connect disparate parts of our community to each other and to Longwood through pedestrian and biking paths.

Being active in so many aspects of our community can make our Gardens and our work – both on our property and in our community – the subject of discussions that are at times confusing. I want to take this opportunity to respond to some questions I have received recently from the community.

More than a decade ago, we developed a comprehensive, visionary site master plan that set forth ideas about potential future use of Longwood's property. The community has seen some of these ideas from this plan come to fruition: the expansion of our Meadow Garden in 2014 (think the new Route 52 that no longer bisects 86 acres of natural lands and meadow), the revitalization of our historic Main Fountain Garden in 2017, and now *Longwood Reimagined/A New Garden Experience* that is on track to open late 2024. *Longwood Reimagined* includes the restoration of historic resources like the Orchid House, the Potting Shed, preservation of the Cascade Garden designed by Roberto Burle Marx, construction of a new conservatory on the western side of the conservatory complex, and the creation of 17-acres of new gardens and experiences for our guests to enjoy. To learn more about *Longwood Reimagined* and to stay up to date please visit www.longwoodgardens.org.

The original master plan included a conceptual idea on our property that is located west of Conservatory Road or as it may be known locally, the Abbondi Property, that included a new guest entry, a new Visitors Center, and a pedestrian bridge over Conservatory Road. We believe this may be the part of the original plan creating confusion among the community. Since the development of the original master plan 11 years ago much has changed inside and outside of our garden gates. This prompted us to undertake a review of the original master plan that we completed this summer. The primary focus of the new plan is about better utilization of our acreage for guests, sustainability priorities, and conservation of our natural lands. It isn't about expansion of our guest facilities on the Abbondi Property. There isn't an overhead tram nor a new parking garage across Conservatory Road nor a roundabout at 926 and Schoolhouse Road. None of these are in our master plan. While we have had discussions with East Marlborough Township about the intersection of 926 and Schoolhouse Road, this isn't within our purview nor recognized in our master plan update. We will certainly continue being a good partner with the Township supporting whatever solution it deems best for our community.

This updated master plan, like the original, takes the long view, illustrating decades of ideas and options as we, and the world around us, evolves. It's about accessibility, flexibility, innovation, sustainability, and you, our community. For now, we are focused on *Longwood Reimagined* and projects that support our infrastructure like the upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant you may have read about that is set to start in November and be completed by June 2023. This project was publicly posted, publicly vetted through East Marlborough Township, and approved. We also included the progress of this project in the last two issues of our quarterly email, *Neighbor News*. If you want to subscribe to *Neighbor News* to stay informed, please do so by emailing us at marketing@longwoodgardens.org. Also, you are welcome to contact me at any time if you have any questions, concerns, or even positive comments to share. My direct dial office phone number is 610-388-5443 and my email is president@longwoodgardens.org.





Conserving an Artform

Every fall, we stretch our horticultural limits with our dynamic and colorful *Chrysanthemum Festival*, as we showcase specialty cascade chrysanthemums skillfully nurtured into imaginative forms and display rare chrysanthemums cultivars preserved and protected in our tissue culture lab. The largest and oldest chrysanthemum display in North America, Longwood's *Chrysanthemum Festival* is not only a vibrant celebration of autumn's quintessential flower in all of its forms, but a way in which we honor—and perpetuate—an ancient artform.

To create our spectacular chrysanthemum displays, we use grafting techniques that date back more than 400 years to Japan and China. To learn these techniques, our horticulturists have traveled to Asia and trained under specialty chrysanthemum growers skilled in this dying art form. Using this knowledge, our horticulturists start creating these forms more than a year before the start of each *Chrysanthemum Festival*, crafting displays in scope and artistry that are rarely seen outside of Asia, rooted in time-honored techniques that we are beyond proud to perpetuate and share with our guests.

Learn more about how we're conserving this ancient artform—and how to experience it firsthand—at longwoodgardens.org/chrysanthemum-festival.



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UNIONVILLE AREA REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Do you know that it has been 11 years since the adoption of the current Unionville Area Comprehensive Plan – a multi-municipal effort between West Marlborough, East Marlborough, and Newlin Townships? Since the completion of the 2011 Plan, there have been many important local, regional, and global changes which present challenges and opportunities for local municipal governments:

- Changes brought by new development and an increased demand for housing.
- Changes in how society perceives the importance of open space, heritage, parks, recreation, and trails during a global pandemic.
- Changes in our climate that threaten public health and welfare, community utilities and infrastructure, and agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) requires each municipality to update its Comprehensive Plan at least every 10 years, and it is important to ensure that a new Plan is consistent with the Chester County's vision outlined in its most recent Comprehensive Plan, known as Landscapes3. Aside from these requirements, updating the Plan is the only way to identify new challenges and opportunities, define ways to respond to change, and draft an informed new vision of what the Unionville Region will look like in 2030-2040. The Plan update is partially funded by the Chester County Vision Partnership Program (VPP). The process began in the Summer of 2022 and will continue until early 2024.

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan provides a clear direction for the community to go in the future. It is a playbook with actions of how a community can maintain its sense of place while addressing the emerging trends and shifts that impact overall land development. A Comprehensive Plan is a long-term guidance document, which accomplishes several objectives:

- Establishes a community profile based on demographics,

natural resources, historic and cultural heritage, land development patterns, existing ordinances and regulations, and ongoing challenges.

- Creates a clear vision for future growth and land development without losing the Township's sense of place.
- Defines specific priorities for the community based upon thorough public participation process.
- Produces an action matrix that lists activities to be taken to reach identified community goals.
- Directs municipal resources, such as staff, facilities and amenities, and funding, for the next 10 years.

A Comprehensive Plan aims to address important issues, including land use, natural resources protection, community facilities, open space and recreation, circulation, historic resources, housing, and energy conservation. It is not a Zoning Map or a Zoning Ordinance, instead it serves as a tool for municipalities to establish the basis for prioritizing future improvements within the community. A Comprehensive Plan informs regulatory documents, supports improvements, provides rationale for ordinances and amendments, and increases access to grant opportunities for projects implementation.

How can I get involved?

How can we ensure that a final Plan reflects the area's community interests and spirit, involves most of the residents, and is implementable with limited municipal resources? Good public participation and involvement is key. We hope that you had an opportunity to participate in the community visioning session and have taken the online community values survey. If not, please scan the QR code below to complete the community values survey.

Once a draft Comprehensive Plan update is complete, there will be further opportunities for community residents to provide feedback and input on the plan prior to its adoption.



EAST MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

East Marlborough Township created a part-time police department in 2002 to supplement the Pennsylvania State Police, especially with local issues. Township Police provide visible patrol in the residential developments and villages in the Township. The Pennsylvania State Police remain the primary law enforcement agency for East Marlborough Township. Our Police force has a combined total of 139 years of law enforcement experience consisting of a full time chief, sergeant and three part time officers all with command experience with other agencies. We also employ a part time administrative assistant. We are not a 24-hour agency and have limited hours of operation. Residents are encouraged to always call 911 when requesting the 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 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 any questions, problems, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Robert Clarke RN, East Marlborough Township Chief of Police



HOW DO YOU MANAGE YOUR BATTERIES?

Written by Patti Lynn, Recycling Resources Manager, Chester County Solid Waste Authority

What do batteries and plastic containers have in common? Both are ubiquitous and confusing to recyclers, having multiple chemistries in multiple products. Manufacturing of batteries will increase over 400% from 2020-2025. From button cells to embedded ones, batteries are smaller, lighter, cheaper, but more energy-dense than ever before. Their power can make them dangerous to manage, even if you think they have lost their charge. A recent fire in a York County recycling facility is believed to have started with a lithium-ion battery mixed with cardboard.



Batteries are either primary (one and done), or they are rechargeable. Both types can be recycled, but they do NOT go in your recycling bin OR your trash bin. Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, etc.) are the ONLY ones that can safely go in trash. Remember - a spent battery can still have a charge. Lithium-ion batteries are flammable if they are punctured. It is unsafe to remove a LI-ion battery. Before battery drop off, tape the terminals, or put the same type of batteries (all NiCad, e.g.) in a plastic bag. View the CCSWA's safety video [here](#).

Otherwise, bring them to a Home Depot or Lowes (check online), or register for a county Household Hazardous Waste event [here](#).

Wouldn't it be helpful to have a universal labeling system for common household batteries so consumers will know how to manage them at end-of-life? Batteries are getting recycled for their component metals, thereby reducing extraction needed from the earth. That is a good thing. Please be responsible with your batteries!



ARE BICYCLE BATTERIES THE NEXT NEW THING?

Electric bikes use lithium batteries that may be recharged up to 1,000 times. Eventually, we will be hearing about the need to "dispose" of them. Additionally, with EV demand up, it is reasonable to think that more infrastructure will be needed to handle these "high watt hour" (>300 hrs.) batteries, automatically deemed "hazardous". But there is a solution for bike batteries: the Call2Recycle product stewardship organization that recycles batteries has partnered with People for Bikes to collect bike batteries at retail bike shops. If there is a bicycle shop in your community, please let them know about this program. Your residents can use this [locator](#) to find the area bike shops who are partners in this program.

TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Township Building.

If a member of the public has a disability and wishes to attend/participate in any of the below public meetings, is encouraged to contact the Township Administration at 610-444-0725 or at nlovekin@eastmarlborough.org to discuss how East Marlborough Township may best accommodate his or her needs. Meeting exceptions, including rescheduling and/or cancellation are duly advertised.

- **Board of Supervisors** 1st Monday each month (7:00 p.m.)
- **Planning Commission** Tuesday preceding the Board of Supervisors meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- **Environmental Advisory Council** 3rd Wednesday each month (8:00 a.m.)
- **Historical Commission** 2nd Monday each month (7:00 p.m.)
- **Zoning Hearing Board** As needed (7:00 p.m.)
- **Historic Architecture Review Board** As needed (5:30 p.m.)



IDENTITY THEFT AND SCAMS ARE ON THE RISE!



East Marlborough Police have been dealing with a significant increase of reported identity theft, fraud, and internet scams. The Internet is a natural breeding ground for scam artists and criminals because it lends itself to anonymity. Perpetrators can hide very effectively by “spoofing” or quickly changing their email address, and/or by using offshore “zombie” computers. A “zombie” is a computer with a Trojan-horse installed. The Trojan lets the owner/creator to access the computer remotely allowing the criminal to use it as a staging ground for anonymous attacks on other computers with email spam and bogus websites that are often used to perpetrate fraud.

STAY INFORMED

The following is a partial list of scams and fraud causing victims millions of dollars.

- **809 PHONE SCAM** – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has become aware of a long-distance phone scam that may lead consumers to inadvertently ring up high charges on their phone bills.
- **NIGERIAN 419 SCAM** – Named after its Nigerian criminal code, the “419” scam has circulated for years through snail mail, fax, and email. The US Secret Service, who refers to it as the Nigerian Advance Fee Fraud, has dedicated an entire section on its Financial Crimes Division page. It calls the crime a growing epidemic. This hoax email, which has too many variants, all appear to have been sent by a deposed African official or a relative of one. The email messages ask its recipients for assistance in transferring or handling a sizable sum of money, offering a corresponding share for such service.
- **PHISHING** – Con artists phish by spamming the world with counterfeit email. Their message appears to come from a widely recognized business such as Sprint, America Online, eBay, Yahoo!, American Express, etc. It may even incorporate copies of the company graphics. The objective of Phishing trips is to get into your account, or worse yet, steal your identity. These fake messages urgently request some personal information — your account number, date of birth, Mother’s maiden name, credit card expiration date, etc.
- **IDENTITY THEFT** – Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes.
- **ONLINE AUCTION FRAUD** – The single largest category of Internet-related complaints to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission’s (FTC) Consumer Sentinel international database. You post something for sale on an online auction website and receive an email and then a check for an amount much larger than the asking price. You are told to cash the check, take out your amount and return the difference. You are then told to Western Union the money to the person. This is ALWAYS a scam; the checks are ALWAYS no good and you will be out the money. Once the money is placed into Western Union it can be retrieved anywhere in the world at any Western Union office.
- **FAKE CHECK SCAMS** – Fake check scams can be done through the following ways: Foreign Business Offers, Love Losses, Overpayments, Rental Schemes, Sudden Riches, and Work-At-Home offers. for additional information on Check Scams. www.fakechecks.org
- **OUT OF THE COUNTRY LOTTERY SCAM** – You are notified by phone, email, or letter that you won millions of dollars in another country’s lottery. Normally you are told you need to send hundreds or thousands of dollars to an address to “help pay for the taxes, expenses etc.”. This is always a scam, and you will lose your money. Again, most of these scams are run out of the country.
- **GRANDPARENT SCAM** – You receive a call from a person claiming to be your grandchild. They may even know your grandchild’s name, but most of the time the caller gets you to say your grandchild’s name and you don’t even realize it. Your “grandchild” tells you they are in another country and need money because they were in an accident, caught with drugs etc. There are many different reasons they use. The caller asks you to Western Union money to them to help pay the costs. They may even have someone identify themselves as an officer and tell you the story about your “grandchild”. This is ALWAYS a scam! Hang-up and notify your actual grandchild’s parents to just make sure all is well!
- **WARRANT SCAM** – You receive a call that the Police/Constable/ or Sherriff is showing up at your door in 15 minutes and you owe money for an unpaid fine. If you do not have any outstanding issues, do not fall for this scam. Contact your local police directly and they can let you know if you have a warrant outstanding.



TIPS TO AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF FRAUD

If you receive an unexpected e-mail saying your account will be shut down unless you confirm your billing information, such as a Social Security number, do not reply or click any links in the e-mail body.

- Before submitting financial information through a Web site, look for the “lock” icon on the browser’s status bar. It means your information is secure during transmission.
- If you are uncertain about the information, contact the company through an address or telephone number you know to be genuine.
- If you unknowingly supplied personal or financial information, contact your bank and credit card company immediately.
- Monitor credit card and bank statements for unauthorized charges.
- Suspicious e-mail can be forwarded to: uce@ftc.gov, and complaints should be filed with the state attorney general’s office or through the FTC at: <http://www.ftc.gov>
- Consumers should also report fraudulent or suspicious e-mail to their Internet service provider.



BACKYARD WILDLIFE – WHAT IS CONSIDERED PROPER ETIQUETTE?

Keeping animals and wildlife healthy and wild is something we all want. The USDA Wildlife Services discourage feeding of wildlife to help reduce wildlife conflicts with people and to help keep wildlife healthy. Eating human foods does not give the animals the nutrients they need for survival. They also may stop hunting or foraging as they would naturally, especially if they are very young. Wild animals have specialized diets, and they can become malnourished or die if fed the wrong foods.

What if you are NOT feeding wildlife human foods but instead putting out corn, grain, hay, and other foods or substances that are NOT considered human food? You have good intentions but feeding wildlife isn’t safe for the animals or for you. Too many animals in one location increases the chance of disease transmission to each other, to people, and to other wildlife. Animals fed near roads also increase the chance of vehicle-animal accidents, especially with deer.

The state agency responsible for managing wildlife in Pennsylvania is the Game Commission. The Commission warns that our wildlife is facing a variety of disease threats including Chronic

Wasting Disease and Lactic Acidosis which are affecting our white-tailed deer. These diseases are passed from animal to animal and spread more quickly when the animals are congregated at feeders.

Most people enjoy living near and watching the wildlife in East Marlborough Township. That may be one of the main reasons you live here. You can help keep animals wild by following these tips:

1. Don’t allow bird food to accumulate on the ground.
2. Don’t place food scraps in gardens or open compost bins and use closed compost bins.
3. If you find a wild animal that you think is hungry and needs food, let it find its own food or allow its parents to feed it.
4. If you find a wild animal in distress do not touch it. Call the regional Game Commission office at 610-926-3136.
5. Keep pet foods, water containers, and pets indoors, especially at night.
6. Use trash containers with tight fitting lids.
7. Enjoy watching wildlife at a safe distance.

*Thank
you*

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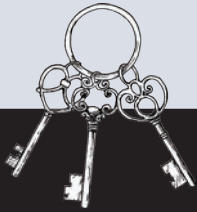
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