



# REPORT

Fourth Edition 2007

## Office Mailing Address

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## Board of Supervisors

Edward J. Dymek  
 Donald D. Maheu  
 Joel F. Swisher

## Secretary/Manager

Barbara Kelly

## Treasurer/Administrative Assistant

Bonnie Lucy

## Planning Commission

Donald Ash  
 David Bolger  
 Tony DeLuca  
 Inge Forlenza  
 Stephen Pizzi  
 Paul Socorso  
 Bruce Taylor

## Zoning Hearing Board

Shawn Dowds  
 Dyanne Delaney  
 William van Roden  
 Mary Simme  
 Michael McFarland  
 John Kiefel, Solicitor

## Recreation Board

Steve DiLuigi  
 Loretta Kukles  
 Felicia Meakim  
 Susan Shrum  
 Mark Smith  
 Steve Costa

## Township Solicitor

Landis & Setzler Associates

## Township Engineer

Buchart-Horn, Inc.

## Building/Zoning Officer

Brian Gallagher

## Permits Clerk

Melba Forcine

## Fire Marshal

Vacant

## Budget 2008

The East Caln Township Board of Supervisors adopted the 2008 budget without an increase in our tax rates. The Township real estate property tax remains at \$.000375 on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$0.0375 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. This tax has remained at this rate since the countywide reassessment of property values in 1998.

The adopted budget provides for all township provided services and programs to remain the same as 2007.

## General Fund

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 162,461.00	General Gov't	\$ 368,138.00
Act 511 Taxes	895,000.00	Police	282,806.00
Licenses & Permits	51,110.00	Fire Protection	195,400.00
Fines	35,000.00	Codes Enforcement/ Engineering	370,472.00
Interest & Rents	16,000.00	Refuse & Recycling	327,720.00
Intergov't Revenue	130,100.00	Public Works	215,770.00
Charges for Services	78,050.00	Parks & Recreation	78,250.00
Misc. Revenue	164,340.00	Capital Reserve	
Total Revenue	\$1,532,061.00	Transfer	100,000.00
Starting Balance	\$ 500,000.00	Total Expenditures	\$1,938,556.00
Total Revenue	\$2,032,061.00		

## Sewer Fund

Sewer System		Sewer System	
Revenue	\$ 457,088.00	Operations	\$ 456,958.00

## Christmas Tree Collection

The Township will collect Christmas Trees on **Tuesday & Wednesday, January 8 & 9. Snow Days will be January 14 & 15.**

Trees must be placed at curbside by 6:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Based on the amount of trees it may be only one pick up. Snow date **ONLY** if it is snowing on the 8<sup>th</sup> then please place them at curbside on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

The trees will be chipped and used for mulch in the Bell Tavern Park.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All lights and decorations must be removed from the tree or they will not be collected.

## RECENT ACTIVITIES OF YOUR TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

- The Board of Supervisors appointed Barbara Kelly, Township Manager. Barbara has been an employee of the Township for 15 years.
- Bonnie Lucy has been appointed to fill the position of Administrative Assistant/Treasurer vacated with Barbara's promotion. Bonnie has many years of municipal experience and is an asset to the Township residents and staff. Stop by and welcome Bonnie to East Caln.
- James McGowan III has retired after 21 years of serving as Township Fire Marshal and the township wishes to thank Jim for a job well done during his tenure.
- Pamela Turpin has resigned as member of the Zoning Hearing Board to pursue a higher degree of education. Pam served from 2002 to 2007. Good luck and thank you PAM!
- Mark Brunstetter has resigned as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board. He previously served on the Planning Commission. Mark's years of service were from 2003-2007. Thank you Mark!
- The Board of Supervisors would like to thank Beau Crowding (Township Webmaster) for maintaining the Township's website throughout the year. Keep up the good work!!
- A new Township emergency generator was recently installed. The much larger unit was needed due to the Township Building serving as emergency management center.
- The Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission continue to work with the Borough of Downingtown and the Percheron Group for the re-development of the Sonoco Property which is located in both the Township and the Borough. The portion in East Caln is 43.32 acres. The site is located at Boot Road and Route 322.
- The Tall Trees Townhouse Development on Rt. #113 (which is located north of the Rt. 30 By-pass) is 50% completed and occupied. WELCOME to all the new residents.

## Winter Road Maintenance Ready for SNOW???

By the time you read this you may have already encountered some winter weather. The Township would like to offer some tips to help with the snow removal efforts:

Please keep all cars parked in driveways and special designated spaces. If they are parked in the street, it just makes it more difficult to clear away the snow.

Do not plow or shovel snow into the street. It creates a safety hazard.

Beware of where you pile the shoveled snow. Don't block your neighbors or your view of oncoming traffic.

If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please shovel the snow away. The cleared area will be needed in an emergency. Rescue personnel have little time to clear snow and fight a fire or rescue a life!!

The township's contractor will make every effort to keep the streets clear and safe, but your help is needed too.

As the snow melts try to clear the storm drains so that the water can flow freely to the drain. Your help is appreciated.

## Sewer Rate Change

Please note that starting January 2008 the minimum sewer billing for the first 18,750 gallons will remain at \$37.50. However, the rate for each additional 1,000 gallons will increase to \$3.25 from \$3.00. This is due to increased costs for disposal at the wastewater treatment plant.

East Caln Residents and Commercial properties are billed quarterly for sewer service. Usage is based on the previous 3 month water readings. The billing will be as follows:

First Quarter January-March ..... Billed February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Second Quarter April-June ..... Billed May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Third Quarter July-September ..... Billed August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Fourth Quarter October-December Billed November 1<sup>st</sup>

## Trash & Recycling News

During the last couple of rain and wind storms, residents have been calling the Township to locate their waste totes and recycle bins. The Township has no record of **YOUR** Toter Number. The Township recommends that you write down your toter number for future reference. Another suggestion is to place your name on the toter and recycle bin. With the high winds especially in the townhouse areas this seems to be an ongoing problem. Remember, replacement totes are \$125.00 and recycle bins are \$5.00 each.

Don't forget to recycle . . . Your efforts help keep the cost down of the service provided.

### RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

**DO** collect newspapers and office paper. Put them in brown paper bags and place at curbside.

Co-mingling of all the glass and beverage containers, all aluminum and metals, and all plastic bottle having a pour top that are marked HDPE No. 2 or PETE No. 1.

**DO NOT** Place the following items in the container with the co-mingled materials: window glass, mirror glass, Pyrex or Corning Ware glass, ceramic glass, light bulbs. Also exclude cardboard, plastic bags or plastic tubs, food waste or trash. These items contaminate the recyclables and must be removed. Put them in to the regular trash system. Please recycle correctly and make your effort a positive step in the process!

## Police Contact Numbers

**Emergency: Police, Fire, Ambulance - Dial 911**

**Police (non-Emergency) - 610-383-7000** (Chester County Police Radio) after midnight and weekends.

**Police Administration (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, M-F) - 610-269-0263**

**Reminder: Please note that there are numerous "NO PARKING" areas marked in the Township for everyone's safety. A particular concern is getting emergency vehicles through an area where violators are parked. Enforcement will result in tickets.**

# Census 2010

The 2010 census is now in progress. Work has already started at the municipal level. This is called the LUCA program (Local Update of Census Addresses). It is very important that everyone participate and to be counted. An accurate population count starts with an up-to-date address list. This ensures that everyone residing at your address will be enumerated. The population count helps your municipality receive allocation of federal monies. Your cooperation in completing the forms that will be sent to you, as well as answering canvassers questions will be appreciated. Everybody must be counted for the program to be successful. More information on the process will be available at a later date.

Remember, this is your federal tax money coming back to your municipality and helps to keep your local taxes low.

To get started, the census program is looking for people to work for them during this process. Contact information is below.

## JOBS AVAILABLE NOW

U S CENSUS BUREAU

*Helping You Make Informed Decisions*

### ATTENTION

**Census Bureau Field**

**Representative**

**JOBS AVAILABLE NOW!**

*Part-time (varying hours and days)*

*Earn a good pay . . . \$11.01 - \$15.29/hr*

*(pay rate depends on experience and geographic location)*

**WORK IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY  
COLLECTING SURVEY DATA**

**HURRY,  
CALL OR EMAIL TODAY**

**(TOLL FREE)**

**1-888-722-8995**

**philadelphia.recruiting@census.gov**

**. . . for more details.**

**Interested applicants must register  
for Testing & Interviewing near you!**

U.S. Census Bureau  
Philadelphia Regional Office 1-888-722-8995  
833 Chesnut Street, Suite 504 (215) 717-1800  
Philadelphia, PA 19107 www.census.gov

## Candle Safety

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep
- Keep candle away from items that can catch fire, like clothing, books, and curtains.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy and won't tip over easily and are made of material that cannot burn and are large enough to collect the dripping wax.
- Keep candles away from flammable liquids.
- Keep candle wicks trimmed to one-quarter inch and extinguish taper candles when they get within two inches of the holder.
- Never put water on a candle fire! Try to smother it by covering with a large pot instead.
- During power outages, avoid carrying burning candle. Remember, a flashlight won't start a fire.

## "For Your Information"

- The need for a license for all dogs over 3 months of age is a Pennsylvania state law and is required each new year; you may download an application from the Chester County treasurer's office at [dsf.chesco.org/treasurer](http://dsf.chesco.org/treasurer) or pick one up at the Township. Don't forget a rabies vaccination also.

Fees are as follows:

### REGULAR FEES:

Male/Female .....	\$8.00
Neutered Male .....	\$6.00
Spayed Female .....	\$6.00

### PERSONS WITH DISABILITY/SENIOR CITIZENS FEES:

Male/Female .....	\$6.00
Neutered Male .....	\$4.00
Spayed Female .....	\$4.00

## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

East Caln Township has a web page at  
[www.eastcalntownship.com](http://www.eastcalntownship.com)

*E-mail may be sent to the following addresses:*

Board of Supervisors:  
[supervisors@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:supervisors@eastcalntownship.com)

Township Manager:  
[manager@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:manager@eastcalntownship.com)

Administrative Assistant  
[admin@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:admin@eastcalntownship.com)

Building & Zoning Officer  
[codes@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:codes@eastcalntownship.com)

## FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE FUNDING

The Township has an Intermunicipal agreement with Downingtown Borough to provide Fire and Ambulance service through the Downingtown Fire Department. Most of the fire and ambulance responders are volunteers. The DFD is comprised of two separate fire companies, Alert and Minquas. The ambulance division is a part of Minquas. Funding for part of the budget comes from the township and the Borough. However, a significant portion of the budget comes from the volunteers that conduct their own fundraising. Therefore, a letter of request is sent for contributions from all residents served. **Please GIVE generously when contacted.** These volunteers are well trained and can help save your life and/or your property. Thank you in advance for your support!

## CHESTNUT STREET BRIDGE CLOSED

The Bridge is located partially in East Caln and partially in the Borough of Downingtown. It is located on the South side of the Township between Skelp Level Rd. and Rt. 322 along Boot Rd. It will remain closed until further notice until necessary repairs can be made to insure the safety of travel on the bridge.

## SIGNS . . .

### Missing, Stolen or Destroyed

Everyone likes to travel down nice, safe highways. But what some people think of as a joke is just plain vandalism. Remember sign replacement cost big bucks!

Signs destroyed due to graffiti, damage, or theft also puts the residents traveling the roadway at risk. Not only is this dangerous but it's an expense to the taxpayers of the township.

As always the township requests that residents report when a sign is missing or damaged. The bottom line is, for every sign that needs replacement, the estimated cost is \$150 to \$200.

## Calendar – 2008

### JANUARY

2	Parks & Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.
7	Board of Supervisors Organizational & Regular Meeting	1:30 p.m.
8-9	Christmas Tree Pick-Up (snow dates 14 & 15)	6:00 a.m.
14	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
17	Bulk Trash	6:00 a.m.
21	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	7:30 p.m.
23	Board of Supervisors	7:00 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

4	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
6	Board of Supervisors	1:30 p.m.
6	Parks & Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.
18	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	7:30 p.m.
20	Board of Supervisors	7:00 p.m.
21	Bulk Trash	6:00 a.m.

### MARCH

3	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
5	Board of Supervisors	1:30 p.m.
5	Parks & Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.
17	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	7:30 p.m.
19	Board of Supervisors	7:00 p.m.
20	Bulk Trash	6:00 a.m.

### APRIL

2	Board of Supervisors	1:30 p.m.
2	Parks & Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.
7	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
16	Board of Supervisors	7:00 p.m.
17	Bulk Trash	6:00 a.m.
21	Zoning Hearing Board (as needed)	7:30 p.m.

**NOTE: Trash and Recycling is collected on scheduled days including holidays.**

**Regular trash pick-up every Monday and Thursday and recycling pick-up is also on Thursday. All material for pick-up should be at curbside by 5:00 AM**

**All Meetings are held in the township building Located at 110 Bell Tavern Road** Just north of Lancaster Avenue. Please contact the Township Office, 610-269-1989 for any further details.

**Township Office Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.**

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