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REPORT

Spring/Summer 2008

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will be done on May 5th and 6th throughout the Township! Rain date will extend the work through May 7th. Please **DO NOT** park cars along the street. This will enable the sweepers to do the best job of getting all the debris and stones cleared.

Census 2010

The 2010 census is now in progress. If you would like to be a part of team to complete the work, you can apply by going on the website: philadelphia.recruiting@census.gov or call toll free 1-888-722-8995 and secure a job with US Census. It is very important that everyone participate and be counted.

Land Development

- Sonoco Property (located at Rt. 322 and the western end of Boot Road) is now owned by the Percheron Group and known as the River Station Project. The site is currently undergoing demolition of the old paper mill buildings. The Board of Supervisors and the Township Planning Commission are working on a TND (Traditional Neighborhood Development) Ordinance. This would allow an overlay district of mixed uses in the now I-1 (Industrial District).
- South Chesnut Street Business Park (on Boot Road) has completed all of its infrastructure requirements.
- Tall Trees Development (on Rt. 113) is still under construction with 75% of the homes being completed.
- Quarry Road Associates (this parcel is located at the northeast corner of Quarry Road) Development plans are under review by the Planning Commission. The site covers 17.4 acres and is proposed to have restaurants, a bank, and a retail store.
- Old Boot Road Associates has submitted a plan to construct a propane tank farm located on the north side of Boot Road near Valley Creek Road. The plan is under review by the Board of Supervisors.
- McNabb Property – 1150 Boot Road. Renovations are being completed to the old home on the site to convert it for office space. A plan for the balance of the tract is under review by the Planning Commission and currently under consideration by the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance request from the the steep slopes of the property. The plan would be for rental space for storage of landscaping equipment.

Chesnut Street Bridge Remains 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 Road and Rt. 322 along Boot Road. It is uncertain as to whether a temporary repair will be made to re-open the bridge or whether it will remain closed until 2010 when the entire bridge is scheduled to be replaced. The amount of deterioration in the bridge structure will be the key to the type of repair that will be done to insure the safety of travel on the bridge.

Open Burning Prohibited

This is just a reminder that no open burning is permitted in the Township. If you notice someone burning trash please call Fire Marshal Chris Obenchain at 610-269-7326.

- **Did you know?** When something is burned, heat breaks down the material through a series of chemical reactions. The result is that many toxic chemicals, including dioxin and hydrogen chloride gas, may be released into the air. Smoke from open burning is made up of all the pieces of trash and chemicals. That's Pollution!
- Burning household trash, packages containing vinyl, leaves, brush, and other vegetation may release at least seven known cancer causing agents in the air, including one believed to be the major factor in lung cancer. So be considerate and don't burn. Your family and neighbors may be inhaling these fumes.

MS4 Restoring Rains Reputation

Rain, by nature, is important for replenishing drinking water, recreation, and wildlife habitats.

It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent storm water pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint – never pour them down any part of a storm sewer system.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, (such as debris and chemicals), leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roadways by construction vehicles.
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it run away into storm sewer system.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather – a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess (in backyard or at the Park) storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system and to a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Township needs volunteers to place decals on the storm drain outlets as part of the Township's storm water management program. If interested call the Township office.

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF YOUR TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

- The Board of Supervisors appointed Christopher Obenchain as Fire Marshal/Assistant Building Codes official on March 17, 2008. This position was previously filled by two part-time employees.
- Joan Forwood has retired as the Township's representative on the Downingtown Library Board. Thank you Joan for your many years of service. The position is currently vacant and a volunteer is needed!
- Brian Gallagher, the Township's part-time building inspector has been appointed to the position as full time as of January 2008. The full time position reduces the requirement for outside contractors.

Park & Recreation

Bell Tavern Park was opened on April 12th. Please help keep "your" park clean. The average cost per year is approximately \$40,000 for mowing, cleaning, electric, water and repairs. A new tot lot area for the preschool age children has been added near the pavilions. Work is being considered to improve the water feature this year although cost estimates have not yet been received and this is pending.

Doggie potty bag stations have been installed in the park. Please use them and clean up after your pet. Failure to do so may result in the restriction of pets from the park. Do your part and keep it clean for everyone!

East Caln recreation Board is always thinking of new activities for our residents. So don't miss an event! Sign up at <http://www.eastcalnrec.com/> for an email alert for all the activities. An alert notifying you of an upcoming event will be sent directly to you. This year's activities include Movies in the Park, Kid's Day in the Park, Halloween in the Park, and Kid's Day at Lowe's.

The Memorial Garden – The memorial is located above the pavilions with access from the walking trail. Also engravable bricks are available for purchase at \$60. The bricks are then engraved with your message. This is a great way to remember your loved ones, the ones here with us or the ones that have gone before us. Contact the Township office for more information.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

East Caln Township has a web page at www.eastcalntownship.com

E-mail may be sent to the following addresses:

Board of Supervisors:
supervisors@eastcalntownship.com

Township Manager:
manager@eastcalntownship.com

Administrative Assistant
admin@eastcalntownship.com

Building & Zoning Officer
codes@eastcalntownship.com

Crime Prevention Tip

Solicitation: Beware and safe. All solicitors are to have a permit issued by the Township. Don't open door. Ask if they have a permit. If the answer is no, do not let them enter your home. Call the Township or the police and they will advise them of the necessary permit. "Think" before opening your door to strangers for yourself and your family's safety.

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Emergency Contact Numbers:

Emergency: Police, Fire, Ambulance – Dial 911
Police Non-Emergency after midnight and weekends (610) 383-7000 Chester County Police Radio.
Police Administration: 8:00 a.m. to Midnight Monday - Friday (610) 269-0263.

**IF YOU CALL 911 BY MISTAKE, DON'T HANG UP!
WHEN SOMEONE ANSWERS THE PHONE, TELL THEM YOU MADE A MISTAKE.**

If you have an emergency you will need to give your name, street address, telephone number and most important the municipality in which you live which is: EAST CALN TOWNSHIP!

For your information: There is also a Caln Township and West Caln Township, so be very specific in stating your location.

TRASH & RECYCLING NEWS

TOTERS: A waste toter is supplied to each resident for use of your trash disposal. You **MUST** use it! **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** The contractor is under no obligation to remove any trash that is deposited in plastic bags or other containers (other than the bulk trash day as listed below) any violation of this can result in being cited by the Township.

BULK TRASH PICK IS THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH. One large item or two extra bags can be placed at curbside. PLEASE NOTE IF YOUR ARE PLACING A REFRIGERATOR, AIR CONDITIONER , OR DEHUMIDIFIER FOR PICKUP IT MUST HAVE A " FREON REMOVED TAG" ON THE ITEM. These can be obtained by calling the hauler at 610 942-2707 (fee applied by hauler for this service) or you may contact a freon removal service of your choice.

HAZARDOUS WASTE PICK UP DATES-

Next date is May 17 at Owen J. Roberts Middle School, 881 Ridge Road Pottstown, Pa. 19465 between 9:00 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For more information on recycling and hazardous collection dates go to website: www.chestercounty.org.

There are videos and helpful hints on how to recycle correctly as well as what to do with this paint?

Reverse 9-1-1 Information

(This is a call made to the resident from the Emergency Management Center alerting you of unusual situations)

One of the many responsibilities of the Department of Emergency Services is to continually prepare for disaster, which may affect the citizens of Chester County.

Reverse 9-1-1 is a computer based phone system that can make multiple calls to deliver a prerecorded message to a specific area of the County. It would be identified as an important message from Chester County Emergency services. The message would be short and very specific. Some examples of Reverse 9-1-1 are:

- ü Scam artist working a neighborhood
- ü Missing person
- ü Police seeking information to solve a crime
- ü Long term event that impact traffic
- ü Law enforcement or fire activity

Because Reverse 9-1-1 is not part of the typical 9-1-1 service the phone number data is not complete. If you have an unlisted number or only use a wireless phone then you are not included in this data. If you would like your information added go to www.chesco.org/des Choose 9-1-1 communications and click on reverse 9-1-1 at the bottom of the page and complete the form. Chester County emergency services will never ask for personal or financial information.

Another very important item is that the Communications staff handles 850 calls a day. The Center has a translation service for over 200 languages and is equipped to expeditiously handle calls from hearing impaired citizens. But it is also helpful to have your premises information in the Chester County computer-Aided Dispatch(CAD) System. This information is presented each time a call is entered for that address. Premise information is used to alert responders of "special" circumstances at a specific address. The information is given to the police, fire, and Emergency Medical responders.

Information that is helpful to responders are person living at the address that would require assistance to evacuate, person with specific health issue, or those who have limited, or no use of the English language. Also knowledge of latex allergies, drug allergies, APNEA monitors and speech or hearing impaired could save a life in an emergency.

This information is very important and must be updated each year. Information not updated is deleted from the system.. If you would like information placed in the Chester County CAD system you would need to forward a letter with the following information:

- Residence/Business Name
- Phone numbers & address
- A list of specific information.
- Don't forget to sign the form.

Mail to:

Deputy Director 9-1-1-Operations
Chester County Emergency Services
601 Westtown Rd., Suite 12
West Chester, PA 19380.

Happy Birthday

The Minquas Fire Company, located across from McDonald's on Lancaster Avenue in Downingtown, will mark its 100th Anniversary serving the citizens of Downingtown and East Caln. The many years of volunteerism given by these brave people is something that cannot be re-paid by our citizens. We can only publicly thank them and remember to give a little something when you receive your donation envelope. Remember. They put their lives on the line every time they respond to a fire call!

Easter Bunny Visits Park

The Easter Bunny joined our local children at Bell Tavern Park for an egg gathering and photos on March 22nd.

Gift baskets were presented to the holders of special eggs. The baskets were donated by Wegman's for the event.

Despite the chilly weather, lots of fun was had by all!

Crime Prevention Tips

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Sliding Doors: Door should be locked and have a dowel pin placed in the track to prevent them from being lifted off track.

Lock Doors & Windows: As the temperatures get warmer outdoors we open our doors and windows. BUT beware of intruders. Make sure all doors and windows are securely locked. If the door is not in your sight it should be locked.

When working in the back yard, do not leave the front door and/or windows open. Always lock before leaving even for a quick run for an errand. Always have a spare key. Don't place it under a mat or a rock. Leave it with a neighbor for emergencies and safety.

Garage Doors: Don't rely solely on the automatic garage door opener for security. Remember a lightning storm can cause the door to open without your knowledge.

These were just a few safety tips from your Township. We wish you a safe and happy summer. Remember, safety only takes a minute!

Calendar – 2008

MAY

5	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
7	Board of Supervisors	1:30 p.m.
7	Parks & Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.
15	Bulk Trash	6:00 a.m.
19	Zoning Hearing Board (as required)	7:30 p.m.
21	Board of Supervisors	7:00 p.m.

JUNE

2	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
4	Board of Supervisors	1:30 p.m.
4	Parks & Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.
16	Zoning Hearing Board (as required)	7:30 p.m.
18	Board of Supervisors	7:00 p.m.
19	Bulk Trash Pick-up	6:00 a.m.

JULY

2	Board of Supervisors (Not scheduled)	
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 required)	7:30 p.m.

AUGUST

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 required)	7:30 p.m.
20	Board of Supervisors	7:00 p.m.
21	Bulk Trash Pick-up	6:00 a.m.

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

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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