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# REPORT

Spring/Summer 2009

## SPRING CLEAN UP

The Township will have a spring leaf cleanup. The dates will be May 5 & 6. You can place leaves at curbside in open plastic bags, biodegradable bags (if you have them or whatever container you have). Twigs can be bundled with twine but no longer than 3 feet in length.

\* **NEW Drop Off Location:** Also a Pilot Program for leaves, small twigs & branch clean up.

If you are doing spring cleaning and have leaves, small twigs and branches to dispose of, the Township has offered a space at 1098 Boot Rd. on the south side of the garage area. Please dump between the big concrete barriers only. Please do not use plastic bags and no large twigs and definitely no trash is to be disposed of. This area is monitored by the police, video surveillance and lighting at night. Please feel free to use this area, but do not abuse the area. Your attention will determine if we can continue to offer the program. Thanks for your help.

## Street Sweeping

**Street Sweeping will be done on May 12 and 13 throughout the Township. Rain date will extend the work through May 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

## Yardwork Safety:

- Always wear protective clothing when you handle pesticides & fertilizers
- Never operate a lawn mower in your bare feet and avoid loose clothing.
- Never start mowers indoors.
- When refueling your mower . Be sure the engine is off and cool.
- Read instructions before operating lawn power tools and wear eye protection.
- Make sure all safety guards are in place before operating any equipment.
- Before you do any "hands on" weed removal, make sure you know how to identify poison ivy, sumac, oak, and similar toxic plants.
- When using a ladder make sure it is the right height for the job. Accidents happen when people over extend their reach.
- Know where the electrical sources are located and keep yourself and the ladder away from them. Take an extra minute to be safe.

## Pavillion Rental

**Pavillions at Bell Tavern Park NOW NEED TO BE RESERVED. A FEE OF \$40 WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE USE. A SEPARATE REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$40 SHALL BE RETURNED AFTER COMPLETION OF INSPECTION OF PAVILLIONS.**

And remember when having a picnic or visiting the park, do your part to keep the park litter free.

## Land Development

- **River Station Project** (located at Rt. 322 and the western end of Boot Road) The applicant has been approved for a conditional use to develop the tract to the west of Pro Signs. The land development plan is under review by the Township Planning Commission to construct six commercial buildings on the tract which will consist of office/warehouse space.
- **Tall Trees Development** (on Rt. 113) The remaining townhouse units at Tall Trees are under construction. Project is nearing completion.
- **Downingtown Quarry Associates** (this parcel is located at the northeast corner of Quarry Rd at Lancaster Avenue) The final development plans are under review by the Township Planning Commission. Plans are being finalized for the Lancaster Avenue Road Improvements. Tentatively scheduled for construction prior to June.
- **Kardon Park**- Progressive Ventures, LLC – This parcel is located just off the southeastern side of Norwood Rd near Wallace Avenue. The developer is still working with the Township Planning Commission and the land planner reviewing the R-4 zoning as it can be applied to the area to allow a lower density type of development. The majority of the homes on this site will be in Downingtown Borough.
- **Williams/Transco** - There are still unresolved issues with the pipe line replacement. Many residents have not received any site specific plans and are uncertain as to what may be planned with their properties as of the current status and the fact that many maybe facing eminent domain.
- **McNabb Project at 1150 Boot Road** is starting to develop the parcel which will house his landscaping business and rental space. The old house on the property has been renovated and restored to be used as offices.
- **Moser Project** – This project is located at the corner of Skelp Level Road and Boot Rd. The waterlines and sewer lines have been completed. No building construction has started to date. Plans are under review for Lot 6.
- **Norwood Road Bridge Replacement** – The Township will be replacing the Norwood Road Bridge with construction to tentatively start mid June with completion slated for the end of August. This temporary inconvenience will be a permanent improvement for the old deteriorating bridge.

### **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)

## News From the Recreation Board

The Recreation Board is very excited to announce some fun events we have planned for 2009. Hopefully you were able to attend our Third Annual Egg Hunt held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. If you missed that event, our next event is our Third Annual Kids Day at Lowe's. We will be holding this event in the Lowe's parking lot on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 1 ipm. In conjunction with the staff at Lowe's, there will be big trucks on display. The children can participate in the "build and grow clinics" and there will be refreshments for everyone.

The Downingtown Fire Department and Minquas Ambulance volunteer their equipment and time for this event also. While you are there say "Thanks" to the emergency personnel on hand for the great job that they do for us. "Stubby" from American Helicopter Museum will be there, too.

We have 3 great movies planned this summer: June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>. The movies will start at sunset. Please check the web site this summer for the movie titles.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Day in the Park will be held Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 2pm. As usual, we have some great fun planned for everyone. We may even have a green fluffy mascot visit us from the World Champion Phillies!!

Our first Halloween in the Park is scheduled for Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm. (Rain date October 25<sup>th</sup>). There will be tricks and treats for all children attending.

We do have one Recreation Board seat available. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Township. Or, if you are just interested in volunteering to help at any of the events, please contact Bonnie 610-269-1989. Please check our web sites for updates throughout the year:  
[www.eastcalnrec.com](http://www.eastcalnrec.com)

## House Numbers

The Township Ordinance states the house numbers must be visible from the street. Your fire and ambulance companies can not express enough the need to have your house numbers posted and visible. Do this safety test: When coming home at night, in the dark, look at your mailbox, house, or lamp post. Can you see your house numbers readily? If the answer is NO then replace the numbers as soon as possible. You never know when emergency personnel may be coming to your place of residence. Minutes lost looking for your residence could be critical. Please be prepared!! Please note the Township will do an inspection at the end of April. If the numbers are not 3 inches in height and visible from the street the homeowners will receive a violation notice and a fine will be issued.

## Beware of Children – Summer Is Coming and Kids Are Playing

As you know with warmer weather, more children will be playing outdoors. Sometime they are pre-occupied by playing and a ball may roll into the street and children will follow the ball. Always watch for children around every corner, near every park and play area. Make it a safe and happy summer. Also, please pay attention to the speed limits in YOUR neighborhood.

Posted speed limits are there for a reason. We need to make the streets safe and protect the children as well as adults. Driving slower and more alert could reduce avoidable accidents. So please be extra cautious.

# Open Burning in East Caln

## Message from the Fire Marshal

Open burning has been a topic of discussion for many East Caln residents for several years. Over the past 5-10 years the township has developed substantially and with development comes people living closer together. In an effort to limit some of the confusion with open burning the Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance 2009-01 in February of 2009.

A summary of the open burning regulations are listed below:

### What is Prohibited:

1. The burning of bonfires, junk fires, refuse fires, salvage operations, or any other open fires on any public or private land in East Caln Township.
2. The burning of leaves, rubbish, or trash in any device listed below.

### What is Permitted:

1. Gas fired or charcoal grills.
2. The use of manufactured appliances, approved by the Fire Marshal, for contained outdoor burning for recreational purposes for any single property. These appliances may include: a gas fired outdoor fireplace, gas fired logs, a chimenea, or an above-ground fire pit with ember screen.

Commonly approved containment appliances would meet the following requirements:

- Constructed of non-combustible materials
- Encloses the flames behind wire of other non-combustible mesh with openings not less than ¼" in diameter.



## 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!**

- Is not designed for the fire to be wider than 3 feet or higher than 2 feet

Common sense must be used when residents choose to use the approved devices. Below are a few items to consider prior to utilizing any of the approved devices:

1. Keep an adequate amount of water handy in case of fire.
2. Burning with an approved appliance should not be conducted within 25 feet of any part of a structure.
3. Use caution when grilling on wooden decks or within the proximity of combustible siding.
4. No fire should ever be left unattended.
5. Weather is a major factor in outdoor fire behavior. Be sure to check the forecast prior to burning. Burning should not be done during periods of high winds, low humidity, or drought.

If you have questions related to Open Burning please contact Fire Marshal Chris Obenchain at 610-269-7326 or [cobenchain@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:cobenchain@eastcalntownship.com)

### Few Extra Summer Grilling Tips

- Keep children and pets away from grilling area.
- Always remove grease build up.

### Charcoal grills:

- Purchase the proper starter fluid and store container out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already ignited.

### Gas Grills

- Check gas cylinder hose for leaks periodically. A light soap and water applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles (this must be done while tank is on.)

If you determine your grill has a gas leak (by smell or the presence of bubbles and there is no flame.) Turn off tank and grill then immediately take corrective action.

## New Appointments

John Cardwell of May Apple Drive has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board.

## Shredder Event

\*For the first time ever, we will hold a shredder event. Bring all of your paper items that need shredding to Bell Tavern Park on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm.

\*Please limit yourself to 2 boxes per residence. A small fee will apply.

# Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

## Collection Dates

9:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 16, 2009 Household Hazardous Material ONLY:** Owen J. Roberts High School, 981 Ridge Rd., Pottstown, PA. **NO COMPUTERS ACCEPTED**

**Friday, June 19, 2009 Household Hazardous Materials ONLY:** CAT Brandywine Campus, 1635 East Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville, PA. **Computers Accepted**

**Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 Household Hazardous Materials ONLY:** New Garden Township, 8934 Gap Newport Road, Landenberg PA. **No Computers Accepted**

**Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009 Household Hazardous Material ONLY:** Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Rd., West Chester, PA. **Computers Accepted**

Bring unwanted hazardous household, automotive products, home maintenance; oil based paint/stains, lawn, and pest control products.

Please note the new web address for recycling and household hazardous waste information at [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org).

These words on packaging help identify Household Hazardous Waste (HHW):  
**CAUTION EXPLOSIVE TOXIC REACTIVE POISONOUS WARNING HAZARDOUS CORROSIVE COMBUSTIBLE FLAMMABLE DANGER**

### Please Don't Litter

We've all seen litter scattered along side of a roadway. Do you know how long it takes to decompose to non recognizable form?

- Styrofoam Never**
- Aluminum 80-100 yrs**
- Plastic Bags 10-20 yrs**
- Plastic Coated Cartons 5 yrs.**
- Plastic containers 50-80 yrs**
- Cigarette Butts 10-12 yrs**
- Leather shoes 25-40 yrs**
- Wool sock 6 months**
- Paper containers 2-5 months**

# Calendar – 2009

## MAY

- 4 Planning Commission Commission ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Board of Supervisors ..... 1:30 p.m.
- 6 Parks & Recreation Commission ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Kids Day at Lowe's ..... 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 18 Zoning Hearing Board (as required) ..... 7:30 a.m.
- 20 Board of Supervisors ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Bulk Trash.....5:00 p.m.

## JUNE

- 1 Planning Commission ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Board of Supervisors ..... 1:30 p.m.
- 3 Parks & Recreation Commission ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Zoning Hearing Board (as required) ..... 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Board of Supervisors ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Bulk Trash Pick-up ..... 5:00 a.m.

## JULY

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

## AUGUST

- 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 required) ..... 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Board of Supervisors ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 20 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.**

## HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL SUMMER

**East Caln Township**  
**110 Bell Tavern Road**  
**Downingtown, PA 19335**

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 U.S. Postage  
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 Permit No. 54  
 Downingtown, PA  
 19335

# Understanding Storm Water

## What is storm water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of the streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water run off.

## Why is storm water “Good Rain Gone Wrong?”

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems, it eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empties into our water system.

**You can help by:** Cleaning up pet wastes. Waste left on the ground gets carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to the water.

**Auto:** Vehicles drip fluids such as oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluid onto paved areas where storm water run-off carries them through the storm drains and into the water. **Chemicals** used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns & gardens, if not used properly, can run-off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water the lawns and gardens. **Waste** from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. **Soil** that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shell fish population that are important for recreation and our economy

## Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium

The Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium (DARC) has several exciting activities and programs for all ages during our spring and summer seasons.

### Adult Softball & Basketball

DARC will also be offering Coed Softball League in the spring and a Women’s Softball League in the summer. Spring Men’s & Women’s Basketball programs are also scheduled to be offered. Visit the DARC website [www.darcinfo.com](http://www.darcinfo.com) or contact the **DARC Office 610-269-9260** or email [darc@kennett.net](mailto:darc@kennett.net) for more info.

### Bus Trips & Vacations

If you are interested in our bus trips, we have several coming up in the spring. Among the bus trips are the Broadway shows *Wicked* & *Jersey Boys*. Other trips include American Girl Doll Place in New York, St. Michaels (Md.), New York City on Your Own, and Fireworks with the Phillies. We also offer contracted outside tours which include a Bermuda Cruise, Alaska Cruise, Costa Rica, and Nashville.

### DARC Half Day Summer Playground Camps

at Bradford Heights, East Ward, Pickering Valley, & Lionville Elementary Schools

Mondays thru Thursdays/Fridays – June 22 thru July 30 – (no camp on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, July 31<sup>st</sup>)

9:00AM to Noon – Age Groups: 3½ to 4 year olds – 4 to 6 year olds – 7 to 11 year olds

### DARC Teen Camp at Bell Tavern Park – Ages 11 to 14

### DARC Full Day Camps at Lionville Middle School & Pickering Valley Elementary Schools

(extended weeks at All Star Baseball Academy) – Ages 7 to 11

Mondays thru Fridays – June 22 thru August 14 – (no camp on July 3<sup>rd</sup>)

9:00AM to 4:00PM – (extended hours available)

(Other camps locations are offered as well-more info on the website [www.darcinfo.com](http://www.darcinfo.com))

**Must Pre-Register in person at the DARC Office 114 Bell Tavern Road in Downingtown.**

**Regular Office hours 8:30AM to 4:30PM Monday thru Friday.**

### Summer Camps

Look for more info on the following summer camps in the DARC Spring & Summer Brochures or on the DARC website [www.darcinfo.com](http://www.darcinfo.com):

**Soccer Camps • Flag Football Camps • Basketball Camps • Golf Camps • Science Camps  
Nature Camps for 4 to 9 year olds • Drawing & Cartooning Camps • Drama/Theater Camps • “Multi” Sport Camps**

## Discount Movie Tickets

DARC is now offering Discount Movie Tickets! These tickets are \$7.00 and are honored at all Regal Entertainment Group Locations (Regal Cinemas, United Artists Theatres, and Edwards Theatres). Valid for all show times. There may be a \$1.50 surcharge for the first 10 days of select films or a \$2.50 surcharge for IMAX Giant Screen Theatres. Discount ticket sales are **CASH ONLY!**

## Discount Amusement Park Tickets

If you are planning a summer visit to a local amusement park, you can purchase discount tickets at the DARC Office beginning in **mid May** thru the end of August/early September. **Call ahead for availability!**

We offer tickets to attractions such as the Baltimore Aquarium, Busch Gardens, Colonial Williamsburg, Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom, Dutch Wonderland, Hershey Park, Kings Dominion, Morey’s Pier, Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, Philadelphia Zoo, Sesame Place, and Six Flags Great Adventure. Discount amusement park tickets are typically available **mid May thru Labor Day**. Please call the Recreation Office 610-269-9260 or visit the DARC website [www.darcinfo.com](http://www.darcinfo.com) for additional information. **CASH ONLY FOR TICKETS!!**

# Mold: Tips on Prevention and Control

## Message from the Codes Department

*Mold is caused when microscopic, airborne spores land on moist surfaces and spread rapidly. Molds can have useful purposes. Life-saving penicillin is derived from mold. Many foods, such as blue cheese, require mold as part of their manufacturing process. And as owners of compost piles know, mold plays an important role in the cycle of nature, helping to break down organic materials.* It takes a concerted and concentrated effort to maintain a mold-resistant building. Builders and contractors must carefully construct buildings in accordance with approved plans and follow good construction practices in assembling the building components. Building owners and tenants must be observant and take immediate steps to maintain existing buildings and their systems to prevent moisture from accumulating.

### GENERAL TIPS FOR PREVENTING MOLD

Here are some common-sense precautions that builders, homeowners, and/or building owners can follow to avoid mold and ensure health and safety when building or maintaining a structure.

- Fix leaky plumbing and leaks in the building envelope as soon as possible.
- Watch for condensation and wet spots.
- Fix sources of moisture problems as soon as possible.
- Prevent moisture caused by condensation by increasing surface temperature or reducing the moisture level in the air (humidity).
- Insulate or increase air circulation to increase surface temperature.
- Increase ventilation (if outside air is cold and dry), or dehumidify (if outdoor air is warm and humid) to reduce the moisture level in the air, and repair ventilation leaks.
- Keep heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning drip pans clean, flowing properly, and unobstructed.
- Vent moisture-generating appliances, such as dryers, to the outside where possible.
- Maintain low indoor humidity, below 60 percent relative humidity (RH), ideally 30 to 50 percent, if possible.
- Adhere to a regular schedule of building/HVAC inspections and maintenance.
- Provide drainage outside foundation walls, and slope the ground away from the foundation to speed drying after rainfalls.

### If You Have to Remove Mold

#### INVESTIGATE AND EVALUATE MOISTURE AND MOLD PROBLEMS

- Assess the size of the moldy area (square feet).
- Consider the possibility of hidden mold.
- Clean up small mold problems and fix moisture problems before they become large problems.
- Select a remediation manager for medium- or large-sized mold problems.
- Investigate areas associated with occupant complaints.
- Identify sources or causes of water or moisture problems.
- Note the type of water-damaged materials (wallboard, carpet).
- Check inside air ducts and the air-handling unit.
- Throughout the process, consult qualified professionals if necessary or desired

#### COMMUNICATE WITH BUILDING OCCUPANTS AT ALL STAGES OF THE PROCESS, AS APPROPRIATE

- Designate a contact person for questions and comments about medium- or large-scale remediation as needed.

### DEVELOP A REMEDIATION PLAN

- Adapt or modify remediation guidelines to fit your situation; use professional judgment.
- Select cleanup methods for moldy items.
- Select personal protection equipment to protect remediators.
- Select containment equipment to protect building occupants.
- Select experienced remediation personnel.
- Address the moisture problem at its source. Implement a repair and/or maintenance plan.
- Dry out wet, non-moldy materials within 48 hours to prevent mold growth.
- Clean and dry moldy materials.
- Discard moldy porous items that cannot be cleaned.

### During Cleanup Efforts

#### REDUCE YOUR EXPOSURE TO MOLD

During any mold cleanup process, mold spores will be released into the air. For protection during the Cleanup operation:

- Use a HEPA filter respirator to reduce the number of mold spores you breathe in.
- Wear protective clothing that can be discarded.
- Wear rubber gloves.
- Work for a short while and then take breaks in the fresh air.
- Work with windows open and keep them open after cleanup.
- Turn off heat and air conditioning to prevent spores from being spread to other areas of the house.
- If there is an air return vent in the room, cover it tightly.
- Place a fan in a window to blow air out of the affected room.
- Double-bag all cleanup materials before removal from contaminated area.

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If you use outside contractors or professionals, make sure they have experience cleaning up mold, check their references, and have them follow the recommendations presented in this article.