



East Cocalico Township

*To you and your family,
we extend our best wishes for a
happy holiday season and a happy new year!*

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ICE AND SNOW

Ice and snow must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hrs. after a storm. The pathway should be at least 24 in. Also, please keep the fire hydrants cleared of ice or snow. Thank you!

SNOW CLEARING TIPS

Residents are asked to remove vehicles from the street when a snowstorm is occurring. It makes plowing safer and more efficient if plow drivers do not have to operate around parked vehicles. Thank you! Road Crew

SALT SHORTAGE?

It's about that time of year when road departments across the country begin to re-stock their salt supplies. This year, prices have doubled, and even tripled in some cases. When the demand for salt is so high it causes prices to go up. Some municipalities will even get less salt than they initially requested. After a harsh winter like last year, everyone wants more salt than the previous year.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Support your local Fire Company and local Ambulance Association, donate and/or volunteer today!
- Visit the Township website for "Recent Township News".
- Recycle your Christmas Tree. A designated area is located behind the Township building (100 Hill Road, Denver); trees are accepted until Jan. 31st. Please remove all decorations and the plastic bag if one was used for transportation.
- View this and other newsletters in color on the Township website, and notice the links are fully activated too!
- Think Spring!



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did you know?

Denver Road Bridge

Recently approved, was a proposal from Rettew Associates, Inc. to actively work on the Denver Road Bridge Replacement Project, which will take place sometime in 2015. The project's primary goal is to replace the existing two-span concrete beam bridge carrying Denver Road over Stony Run. Additionally, as the bridge is being worked on, it will be reduced to one-lane with a traffic light to control traffic. More information to come.

Replacement Project

LIFEGUARD APPLICATIONS

Applications for the Reamstown Pool will be accepted during the months of Dec. 2014 through Feb. 2015. Applications can be picked up at the Township Office, 100 Hill Road, or print from: www.eastcocalicotownship.com (click Departments, then Reamstown Pool). *NOTE: Those under 18 yrs. of age will need working permits. See your High School Office.*

DEMOLITION

Demolishing of a building on your property requires a building/zoning permit. The permit requires all utilities be disconnected and all environmental concerns be addressed (such as proper recycling or disposal of all materials collected from the demolished structure). Benefits of getting a permit for demolition of a structure:

- Assists in tracking impervious coverage of the property.
- Could help reduce your taxes.
- Demolition permit information can expedite the process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Zoning Officer at 717-336-1720, print an application: www.eastcocalicotownship.com.

SMALL PROJECTS

On May 1, 2014 the East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisors adopted Ord. 2014-04 (Chapter 185 of the Codified Code). This amend-

ment to the ordinance now includes "small projects". What are "small projects", you ask? Well, these are impervious surfaces like buildings, patios and driveways, in which the precipitation and snow or ice melt flows "off of" instead of "passing through" (Impervious Areas = surfaces that cannot absorb water and therefore increase water runoff). Increased stormwater volume can lead to flooding and diminished water quality. All construction projects can regulate stormwater, that, when measured will create new impervious areas of more than 1,000 sq. ft., and less than 2,000 sq. ft.

If you are starting a "small project", it requires you to fill out and submit a permit to the Township along with the required fee. Please visit: www.eastcocalicotownship.com. If you see illicit discharge, please report it to the Township right away by calling (717) 336-1720.

ON-LOT SEWER

In 2009 residents with an on-lot septic system were assigned to one of three new geographical districts (district 1, 2 or 3). It became mandatory for each resident to pump within the their assigned district dates; with the only exception being a deferral by Dale L. High, the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer. A courtesy reminder letter is mailed each May to the residents who have not pumped. If you pumped and still received a reminder letter, please ask your pumper/hauler to mail or fax the Township a copy of your pumping report not the invoice (the invoice is for your records). Please call or visit the Township for a list of registered pumper/haulers, or visit www.eastcocalicotownship.com under Departments, then on-lot. Thank you, Dale High, SEO

STREET LIGHT NOT WORKING?

Have you noticed a street light not working? If so, please write down the two numbers located on the pole (for example: 46544 and S33296), note the nearest address, and report this information to PP&L at 1-800-342-5775 or call the Township at 717-336-1720 and we will report it for you.



As of now your local property taxes do not fund the operation of the local independent nonprofit volunteer fire companies. East Cocalico Township contributions covered about 11% of the fire companies' \$629,816.00 costs of service last year.

Last year, the East Cocalico Fire companies averaged more than a call a day for emergency service, 376 fire calls for the three companies in the Township.

Our volunteer fire companies get the bulk of their funding from donations from citizens of East Cocalico Township and their fund raising activities. The main problem is only about 30% of the citizens donate and many businesses donate nothing.

A volunteer fire fighter is a trained position and requires certain certifications, which take time (over 200 hours of study) and effort before they can run on calls.

We do not want to pay more taxes and the Township Supervisors do not want to institute another tax. Please consider supporting your local fire company and donate today. **THANK YOU!**

REAMSTOWN FIRE CO., 12 W. Church St.
717-336-3958 reamstownfirecompany.com

SKESTOWN FIRE CO., 860 Smokestown Rd
717-336-3311 smokestownfire.com

STEVENS FIRE CO., 91 Stevens Rd.
717-336-4200 stevensfire.net

DONATE TODAY

BE NOTICED!

For added visibility, a house number sign is highly recommended by your Emergency Services staff so they can find your house quickly in an emergency. You can order through your local fire company.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Local Services Tax

What is the East Cocalico Township Local Services Tax, Who Contributes, and How Are the Revenues Used?

East Cocalico Township instituted a \$52 per year Local Services Tax in 2010. This tax is assessed on all persons who are employed, or who do business, within the township.

The township is required by law to use the revenue from this tax for emergency services (police, fire or other emergency services), road construction or maintenance, and/or the lowering of property taxes. At least 25% of the revenue generated from the LST must be used by the township in support of emergency services.

I have often heard the LST referred to as 'just a nuisance tax', but I tend to take issue with that point of view. I believe the LST represents a fair method of taxation, in that it places a small burden on the shoulders of people who work within our township (*including the hundreds of people who are employed within our township yet do not live here*), in order to ensure that they contribute up to \$52 yearly for the construction and maintenance of the roads that they use within our township on a daily basis, and the emergency services within our township to which they enjoy consistent access during their working hours.

The collection of the Local Services Tax in East Cocalico Township also greatly benefits township property owners, since a portion of the revenue from this tax is used to offset township property taxes. If the Local Services Tax did not exist in East Cocalico Township, property owners would be paying almost 17% more in township property taxes each year.

More than three hundred businesses, and self-employed persons who do business in our township, are included in our Local Services Tax rolls. This includes more than eighty businesses that are headquartered outside of our township – often outside of Pennsylvania, in places as distant as Texas, Arizona, Massachusetts, Oregon, Washington, Minnesota and the like – and that employ people in their operations within East Cocalico Township, often (1) East Cocalico Township residents who are working from their homes or who are working from a 'branch' location of that business, or (2) people who live outside of our township and who commute in order to work here. These out-of-state

businesses believe that the economic environment in our township is a contributing factor to their corporate success.

The businesses in our township that have the largest number of employees, and therefore submit the largest amount of Local Services Tax revenue from those employees, are (in order of LST contribution):

Pepperidge Farm
Supervalu
Four Seasons Produce
High Concrete Group
Kalas Manufacturing
Henry Schein
Weaver Markets
Champion Home Builders
Acme
Dorma Door Controls
MGS
Sunrise Transport
Berks & Beyond Employ. Services
Boose Aluminum Foundry
Precision Medical Products
Seaton Corporation

East Cocalico Township is very fortunate to serve as the home to many prosperous businesses, far in excess of those listed above, and many small businesses and self-employed persons. Despite recent

national economic downturns over the past few years, the productivity and success of these businesses have continued to remain solid, and that productivity has helped to maintain East Cocalico Township as an example of a thriving business and economic environment. In addition, that business success has greatly contributed to the quality of our area emergency services and the maintenance of our township roads, while also affording the township the opportunity to keep property taxes under control.

Joan Fischer, Tax Collector
East Cocalico Township

YOUTH AID PANEL

The East Cocalico Youth Aid Panel was formed in November 2005 to provide an alternative to the juvenile court system. The Youth Aid Panel (YAP) is a better way of dealing with a juvenile's first-time summary and misdemeanor offenses. The Panel serves the East Cocalico Township Police Dept. and the communities therein (East Cocalico Township, West Cocalico Township, Adamstown Borough, and Denver Borough). The program is sponsored by the District Attorney's office of Lancaster County. All panel members have attended training and have obtained certification through the District Attorney's Office. Less than 10% of juveniles commit another offense before turning 18.

In 2014, to better reflect the jurisdictions that are served by the Panel (East Cocalico Township, West Cocalico Township, Adamstown Borough, and Denver Borough) the Panel renamed themselves *The Cocalico Area Youth Aid Panel*. Currently the Panel is comprised of 10 community volunteers.

For more information visit:
web.co.lancaster.pa.us/519/Youth-Aid-Panel

TOWNSHIP NEWS

2014 ACTIVE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Last updated: November 2014

PLAN NAME	LOCATION	NUMBER OF UNITS/LOTS	PLAN TYPE	USES	STATUS	NEXT STEP
COCALICO COMMONS SHOPPING CENTER	Colonel Howard Blvd. & Rt. 222	More than 4 units	Final	Commercial	Conditionally approved	Meet conditions
FOUR SEASONS	400 Wabash Rd.	1 unit (29,000 sq. ft. non-residential warehouse & manufacturing building expansion)	Preliminary	Commercial	Approved	Complete construction
FOX BROOKE VILLAGE OVERLAY	196 E. Swartzville Rd.	422 units	Preliminary	Residential and commercial	Under review	Conditional approval
HEATHERWOODS PHASE 1 & 2	Hill Rd.	33 single-family dwellings and 56 apartments (both phases combined)	Phase 2B final	Residential	Submit as-built plans	Submit as-built plans
HURST	48 Adamstown Rd.	7 dwellings	Preliminary	Residential	Conditionally approved	Meet conditions
PET FOOD EXPERTS	531 S. Muddy Creek Rd.	1 unit 197,000 sq. ft.	Final	Warehouse	Approved	Under construction
MITCHELL POULTRY BARN	Martin Dr.	1 unit	Stormwater	Agricultural	Approved	Construction
STONE POINT PHASE 2	24 Sandstone Dr.	37 dwellings	Preliminary	Single family dwellings and 7-acre park	Approved	Under construction
VILLAGE AT EAST COCALICO	East of S. Muddy Creek Rd., north of US Rt. 222 and south of the E. Kestral Dr. terminus	101 dwellings (town houses and five single-family homes)	Preliminary	Residential	Conditionally approved	Meet conditions
WABASH LANDING VILLAGE OVERLAY	Wabash Rd. and Stevens Rd. (near Stevens Fire Co.)	197 dwellings	Preliminary	Residential	Approved	Submit phase 1 final plan
WJ CROSSROADS	Northwestern corner of intersection of Rt. 272 & W. Church St.	1 unit 3,600 sq. ft.	Preliminary/final plan	One small commercial building	Conditionally approved	Meet conditions

CARDBOARD DUMPSTER AND MAGAZINE DUMPSTER



Located behind the East Cocalico Township Municipal Building, 100 Hill Road, Denver, are two very large red dumpsters. One dumpster is for **corrugated cardboard** and the other dumpster for **paper**. This program started in 2011 and is doing very well, "thank you to everyone"! The site is open Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm and Sat. 8:00am-3:00pm.

CARDBOARD DUMPSTER: Consists of corrugated cardboard only. Please flatten the boxes. **NO** styrofoam, plastic, wood, no wax on the corrugated cardboard (similar to chicken meat boxes).

PAPER DUMPSTER: Consisting of computer paper, envelopes, index cards, manila folders, paper (copies, index, card-stock), stationery, carbonless paper, junk mail, pamphlets, newspapers, magazines. **NO laminated** paper or cardboard similar to cereal boxes, popcorn boxes, shoe boxes, phone book covers, posters, etc.

FAQ: Should I take any metal (clips, paperclips, etc.) out of the paper before depositing in the paper dumpster? **YES.** Do I need to take the staples out of the magazines? **NO.** Can I "bundle" my paper products together with string and place everything in the dumpster - including the string? **NO.** Can I place my paper items "in a plastic grocery bag" and place it in the dumpster, including the bag? **NO. Please try to avoid using plastic bags whenever possible. Paper bags would be better to use.** Is the cardboard dumpster only for corrugated cardboard? **YES.**

Print a handy "do's & don'ts flyer": http://www.eastcocalicotownship.com/PAPER_CARDBOARD_DUMPSTER.pdf.

WOW! The residents of the Township collected and recycled a lot!
Congratulations everyone!!!

Cardboard: 1.24 tons (9-23 to 10-22).

Paper: 7.92 tons (5-19 to 8-10).



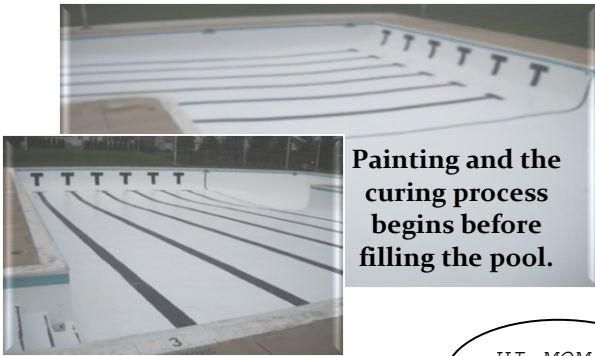
AREA BUSINESSES

The business recycling forms will be placed in the mail (or e-mailed) in early 2015. The forms are the same as in previous years to record your recycling efforts for the year 2014. Please call the Township if your business has not received a recycling form by

think ~~snow~~ SPRING!



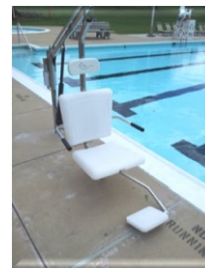
A sparkling new look at the Reamstown Pool: With the resurfacing, paint, and new tiles, the pool is in very good condition and anxiously awaits Spring and you!



Painting and the curing process begins before filling the pool.



Tunnel Slide.



Handicap Pool Chair Lift.



Water blasting.
The start of plastering.



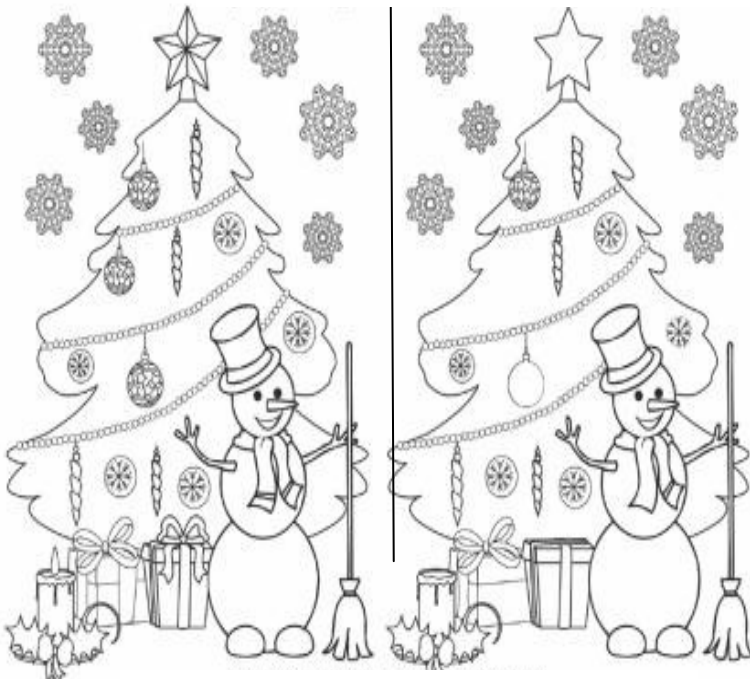
Diving Board.



HI MOM
AND DAD!

**CAN YOU FIND THE DIFFERENCES IN THESE PUZZLES?
THERE ARE 10 DIFFERENCES IN BOTH PUZZLES.**

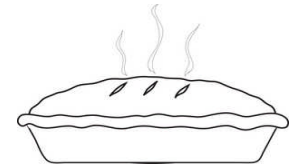
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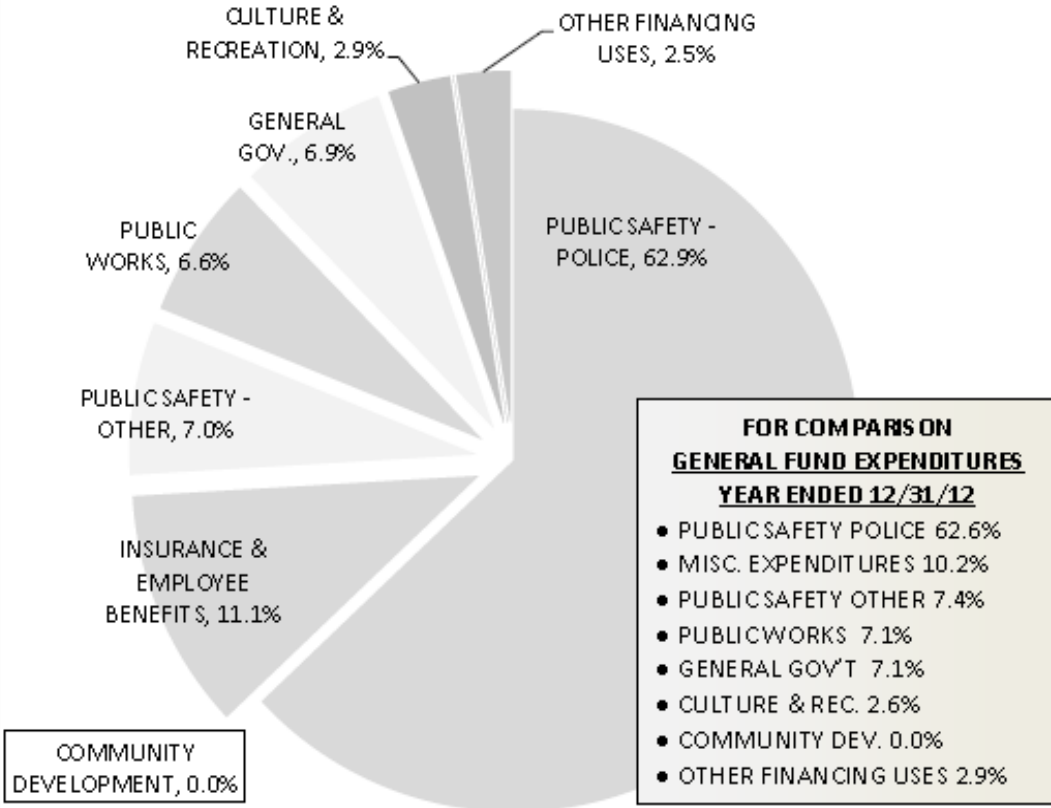
SPRING PUZZLE



what's in the pie?



GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDED 12/31/13



FOR COMPARISON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDED 12/31/12

- PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE 62.6%
- MISC. EXPENDITURES 10.2%
- PUBLIC SAFETY OTHER 7.4%
- PUBLICWORKS 7.1%
- GENERAL GOV'T 7.1%
- CULTURE & REC. 2.6%
- COMMUNITY DEV. 0.0%
- OTHER FINANCING USES 2.9%

GENERAL FUND

EXPENDITURES Public Safety:

Police, Fire Co. & Ambulance

contributions, Planning and

Zoning, Sewage Enforcement

Officer. **General Government:**

Wages, Advertising, Auditors, Tax

Collector Commission,

Professional Services, Supplies,

Building (utilities, maintenance).

Public Works: Highway Dept.

(wages, equipment), Supplies,

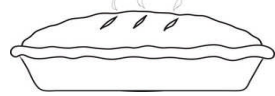
Traffic Signals & Signs,

Construction Projects.

NOTE: Public Safety (Police

Dept.) is shared with other

Townships and Boroughs.

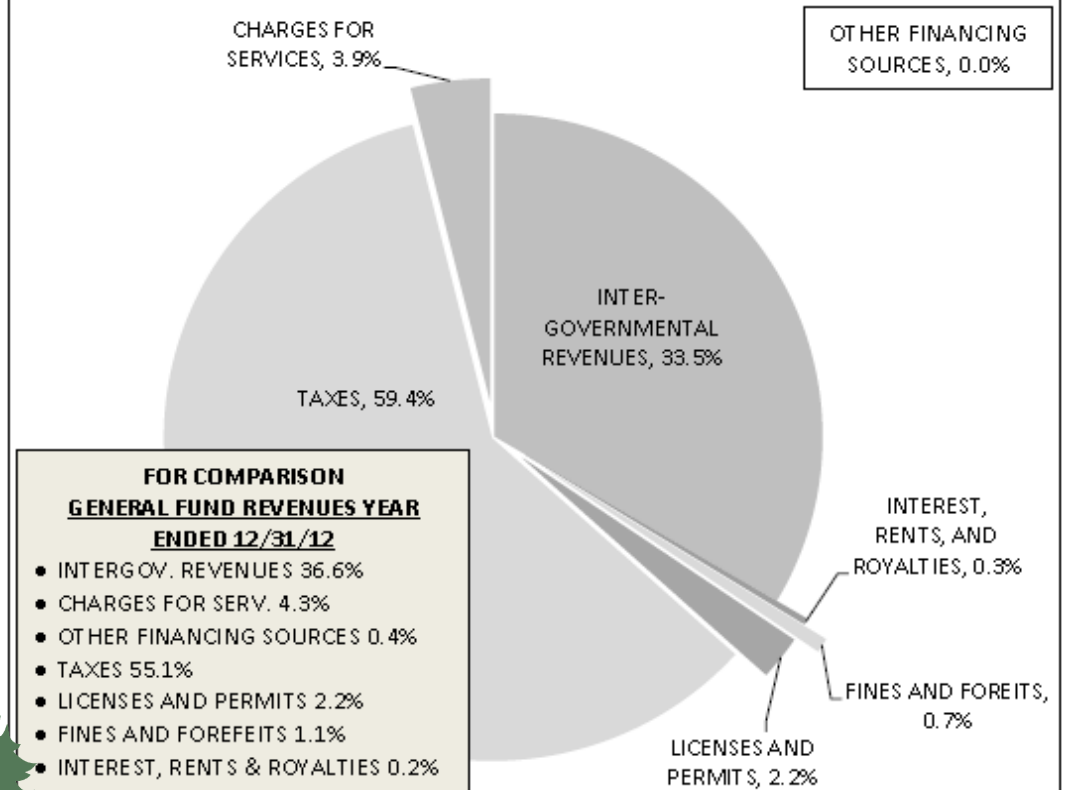


GENERAL FUND

REVENUES Taxes

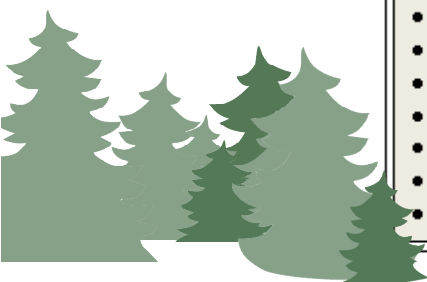
include: Real Estate (Spring Taxes), Earned Income Tax, Local Services Tax, and Real Estate Transfer Tax. **Charges for services include:** Subdivision and Zoning Fees, Permit Fees, Pool Memberships, Police Services.

GENERAL FUND REVENUES YEAR ENDED 12/31/13



FOR COMPARISON GENERAL FUND REVENUES YEAR ENDED 12/31/12

- INTERGOV. REVENUES 36.6%
- CHARGES FOR SERV. 4.3%
- OTHER FINANCING SOURCES 0.4%
- TAXES 55.1%
- LICENSES AND PERMITS 2.2%
- FINES AND FOREFEITS 1.1%
- INTEREST, RENTS & ROYALTIES 0.2%



WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517

P: 717-336-1731

F: 717-336-1735

E: water@ecocalicotwpauth.com

W: www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com

COLD WEATHER REMINDER

After last year's brutal cold temperatures, the East Cocalico Township Authority wants to remind you of some things you can do to prepare for this winter. Please ensure that outside taps are turned off and hoses disconnected so they do not become vulnerable to freezing. Also, please attend to any pipes that are in unheated areas of your house or business. Pipes can freeze if proper insulation is not in place. When a pipe freezes it can burst causing a leak when the pipe thaws. This type of condition can result in a great deal of water damage and a huge water bill. If you have specific questions, we suggest that you contact a plumber of your choice to evaluate your situation.

While we're on the topic of cold weather, this is normally the time of year the Authority experiences more breaks in our water lines and laterals. The Authority's public works staff makes every effort to keep our lines in good repair in order to provide you with uninterrupted service. However, repeated freezing and thawing cycles will sometimes cause the ground around our pipes to shift or move resulting in breaks and loss of service. If you see water coming to the surface or standing in the street or experience a sudden decrease in water pressure at your home or business, please report it to us as soon as possible. Call us at (717) 336-1731 and we'll promptly investigate the problem.

did you know?

According to the EPA:

- The average person in the developing world uses about 3 gallons of water a day. The average European uses 50 gallons of water per day. The average person living in the United States uses 100 gallons of water every day.
- Of the 100 gallons Americans use per day, flushing the toilet accounts for the largest amount of water.
- At 1 drip per second, a faucet can leak 3,000 gallons of water per year. A running toilet can waste up to 200 gallons per day.
- It takes more water to manufacture a new car (39,090 gallons) than to fill an above ground swimming pool.
- It takes 634 gallons of water to produce one hamburger and 1,000 gallons of water to produce 1 gallon of milk.



conserve

secure payment options

WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS

The East Cocalico Township Authority has a number of options customers can use to pay their water and sewer bills:

- Cash (not through the mail, please)
- Check or Money Order
- MasterCard, Visa Card, Discover Card (service fee will apply)
- Electronic Check Payment (online only; service fee will apply)

More information about payment options and service fees can be found on our website at

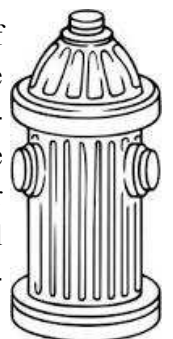
www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com.

Click on the "Pay Your Bill" link to get started.



HIDDEN FIRE HYDRANTS

The Authority currently maintains 326 fire hydrants throughout the Township. We regularly paint, repair and flush the hydrants to make sure they are working properly and ready in case of an emergency. As we move into the winter months we would like to encourage residents living near a fire hydrant to help us keep those hydrants accessible by removing any accumulated snow that may block or hide them. Snow should be removed a minimum of three feet completely around the hydrant in order to provide the fire company with unobstructed access. With the large number of hydrants we maintain it can take some time after a snow storm before our employees can inspect all of them. Please assist us wherever you can. Your neighborhood and fire company will benefit from hydrants that are readily visible and easily accessible.



EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

100 HILL ROAD

DENVER, PA 17517

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP OFFICE

100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm. P: 717-336-1720 F: 717-336-1724

W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com

E: township@eastcocalicotownship.com

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP POLICE

100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours 8:00am to 4:30pm M-F. **EMERG: 911**

P: 717-336-1725 F: 717-336-1737

W: www.eastcocalicopolice.com

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REAMSTOWN POOL

68 Ream Road, Stevens, PA 17578 P: 717-336-3537 (*only in operation when the pool is open*)

TAXES Joan Fischer 500 Mohns Hill Road, Reinholds, 17569 During office hours 717-336-1721 During non-office hours 717-484-4975

Mar. through Apr. Hours: Tues. 10:00am to noon, Fri. 10:00am to noon and 8:00pm to 10:00pm

E: tax_collector@eastcocalicotownship.com

May through Feb. Hours: First Fri. of month 8:00pm to 10:00pm and the first Sat. of month 10:00am to 12 noon

W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com

ZONING OFFICER Tony Luongo 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517 Hours: M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm 717-336-1720 (call ahead).

W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com/Zoning

E-Mail: zoning_officer@eastcocalicotownship.com

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP 2015 MEETING DATES

Unless otherwise noted, all of the meetings are held at: East Cocalico Township, 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517

MONTH	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 7:30 PM	POLICE BOARD 7:00 PM	PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP 7:30 PM	ZONING HEARING BOARD 7:30 PM	RECREATION BOARD 7:00 PM	AUTHORITY 7:00 PM
JANUARY	5*, 15	22	26	21	14	20	8
FEBRUARY	5, 19	26	23	11	11	17	12
MARCH	5**, 19	26	30	25	11	17	12
APRIL	1, 16	23	27	22	8	21	9
MAY	7, 21	28	18	13	13	19	14
JUNE	4***, 18	25	29	24	10	16	11
JULY	1, 16	23	27	22	8	21	9
AUGUST	6, 20	27	31	26	12	18	13
SEPTEMBER	3****, 17	24	28	23	9	15	10
OCTOBER	1, 15	22	26	21	14	20	8
NOVEMBER	5, 19	24	16	11	11	17	12
DECEMBER	3, 17	22	28	16	9	15	10

*January 5th: Held on a Monday, Organization Meeting; **March 5th: Held at the Stevens Fire Hall;

91 Stevens Road, Stevens; ***June 4th: Held at the Reamstown Fire Hall, 12 West Church Street, Reamstown;

****September 3rd: Held at the Smokestown Fire Hall, 860 Smokestown Road, Denver.

Lisa A. Kashner, Newsletter Editor
Comments and suggestions welcomed!