

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

# East Cocalico Township

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'tis the season  
to be a team player

## WORK SMARTER - NOT HARDER

To avoid snow from ending up in your driveway, wait until the road has been completely plowed to the curb before shoveling the last 5-10

feet of your driveway. This way less snow from the road will end up in your driveway. And, if possible, please remove cars from the roads.

We say "thank you" to those who do park their cars in the driveways and off of the streets.

Thank you,  
The Road Crew

## SNOW CLEARING TIPS

If possible, residents are asked to remove vehicles from the street when a snow-storm is occurring.

It makes plowing safer and more efficient if the plow drivers do not have to maneuver around parked vehicles.

## 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.

## HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS

Can be ordered through your local Fire Co.:

**Smokestown Fire Company**  
860 Smokestown Road 336-3311

**Stevens Fire Company**  
91 Stevens Road 336-4200

**Reamstown Fire Company**  
12 West Church Street 336-3958



## Special Points of Interest:

- Support your local Ambulance Association and Fire Company. Volunteer today!

A smoke  
detector  
makes a  
great gift!



We are on the web!  
[www.eastcocalicotownship.com](http://www.eastcocalicotownship.com)

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## REAMSTOWN POOL

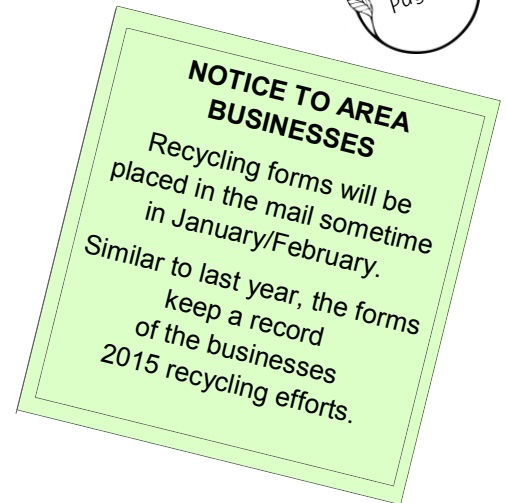


We wrapped up another successful season at the Reamstown Swimming Pool and have begun the countdown for next year.

A big "thank you" to everybody for helping make this past season a great and incident-free summer season.

We hope you were able to create some 'warm' memories to hold you over in the upcoming cold winter months.

*See you next summer!*



## LIFEGUARD APPLICATIONS

Applications for the Reamstown Pool will be accepted during the months of December 2015 through February 2016. They can be picked up at the Township Office, 100 Hill Road. Download and print at: [www.eastcocalicotownship.com](http://www.eastcocalicotownship.com) (click Departments, then Reamstown Pool).

Those under 18 yrs. of age will need working permits, see High School Office.

## Help Control Our Feral Cat Population

If you are feeding feral cats you are not doing them a favor if you are not getting them medically checked and fixed. Normally, feral cats stay away from people. They hide from people and prefer to have no contact at all. When feral cats do come into contact with humans the problems usually turn out to be minor. The only complaints we get about feral cats are usually that they're on people's property or on their lawns or using people's flowerbeds as a litter box. We never heard of a feral cat attacking a human. In order to keep it that way fixing feral cats is the most humane thing that could be done. It cuts down on aggression, helps them health-wise, and spaying and neutering is absolutely the key to controlling the feral cat population.

EAR  
TIP



If you see that one of the cat's ears are notched or tipped off, you will know right away the cat has been spayed or neutered and vaccinated for rabies.

EAR  
NOTCH



Feral cats do have some advantages, too. They are really useful community citizens who help deal with rats, rodents, and snakes.

**For a nominal fee, please see below for the places that take care of feral cats:**

Central Pennsylvania Animal Alliance Lancaster	(717) 921-2117	<a href="http://www.cpaal.info">www.cpaal.info</a>
Lancaster SPCA	Lancaster (717) 917-6979	<a href="http://www.lancasterspca.org">www.lancasterspca.org</a>
No Nonsense Neutering	Reading (866) 820-2510	<a href="http://www.nnnlv.org">www.nnnlv.org</a>
The Pet Pantry	Lancaster (717) 983-8878	<a href="http://www.petpantrylc.org">www.petpantrylc.org</a>
Nobody's Cat Foundation	Camp Hill 1-855-867-4228	<a href="http://www.nobodyscat.org">www.nobodyscat.org</a>
Paws of PA	Lancaster (717) 957-8122	<a href="http://www.pawsofpa.org">www.pawsofpa.org</a>



## ZONING OFFICER REMINDERS



### BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required for all construction projects as well as a fence, pond, or a change in the use of the property. Permits are not required for sealing driveways, painting, wallpapering, new flooring, sidewalks, swings and replacement of siding or roofs. Please call the Zoning Office at 336-1720 if you have any questions.



### DOGS

It is unlawful to allow your pet to run at large. All pets must be either on a collar and leash or confined in a cage or run area, or under reasonable control within the confines of your own property. It is the duty of the pet owner to keep pets secure, under control and quiet.



### WINTER STORMS

Please clean your sidewalks within 24 hrs. after a snow/ice storm (Ordinance #2004-02).



In addition, throwing, tossing, blowing, or depositing snow/ice onto any public road is prohibited (Ordinance #2006-10). Violators are subject to fines.

### HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATIONS

If you live in a development that has a homeowner's association, prior to applying for a building permit you need to check the homeowner's association requirements. For example, if the association does not



allow porches in the development, the Township

cannot issue a permit for you to add a porch.

### VEHICLES



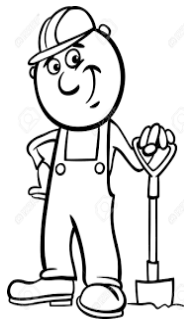
No uninspected unregistered vehicle is to be parked on the property other than in an enclosed building. This goes for parts of vehicles, tires, and other "junk".



Recreational vehicles can be parked behind the setback line in side or rear yard, so long as the unit is set back not less than five (5) feet from any adjoining line and screened from any adjoining property. Recreational vehicles cannot be parked or stored on public roadways.



### BEFORE YOU DIG



Whether you're laying the foundation of a building or just planting a tree, you must call to have the underground utility lines located before digging. By calling PA One Call at 811 or 1-800-242-1776 three working days before you start your project, all member facility owners in your work site area will be notified of your plans and will mark their lines in the vicinity. It is the responsibility of the person who is digging to place the call. If you do not call and the underground utility lines are damaged, then you could be held for all losses and expenses.



**THANK YOU** To all the residents who maintained their properties throughout the spring, summer, and fall months.



**BEST WISHES** To all for a safe, warm, and healthy winter season. Think early spring.

Tony Luongo, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer



## WOODY WASTE SITE

A site designated only for the residents of East Cocalico for trees and/or tree branches. No commercial dumping. Accepted are limbs and stumps less than 12" in diameter. No leaves, grass, furniture, bricks, treated wood, sod, green plants, flowers, mulch, pine needles, or any other trash of this nature. Open M-F, 8am to 4:30pm; Sat., 8am to 3pm. No Sundays or Holidays.

## CARDBOARD & PAPER

Corrugated cardboard only; please no paper-board products similar to cereal boxes, shoe boxes and tissue boxes. Paper accepted such as newspapers, phone books, books (tear off any hard binding), catalogs, magazines, computer paper, junk mail, manila folders, stationary, carbonless paper, office pa-

*It's okay to "over do" it.  
There's no pain,  
AND everything to gain.*

per, etc. No clips, paper-clips, strings or plastic bags. Dumpsters are open M-F, 8am-4:30pm; Sat., 8am-3pm. No Sundays/Holidays.

## CHRISTMAS TREES

During the season, there will be a drop off location for your Christmas tree located behind the Township building. Follow the posted signs. No decorations, string, or bags that are used in transporting. Open in Jan., M-F, 8am-4:30pm, Sat. 8am-3pm.

## FREE RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER

What: (1) Unused cell phones, batteries, and chargers. (2) CFL light bulbs (the small "spiral" bulbs) are collected in a sealed bucket (no long tubes, call your hauler or transport them to Lancas-

ter County Solid Waste Authority at 397-9968. Where: Township lobby, 100 Hill Road, Denver (M-F, 8:00am to 4:30pm).

## FREE RECYCLING PICK UP CENTER

What: (1) Kraft Bags for your leaves (contact your trash hauler for the pickup days and costs). (2) Recycling bins and buckets. (3) Battery bags (when the bag is full, place it beside your recycling bin on your normal trash pickup day).

## FREE EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLETS

Available in the lobby area, M-F 8am to 4:30pm.

*Follow these steps for some recommended moderate recycling ideas.*

## CONTACT INFO:

- (1) Your trash hauler,
- (2) Lanc. County Solid Waste Mgmt. 397-9968 or [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org),
- (3) Earth911: A search engine, type in the name of the item to be recycled and your zip code; the results display nearby locations [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com)
- (4) Martin Mulch 733-1602,
- (5) East Cocalico Township 336-1720.



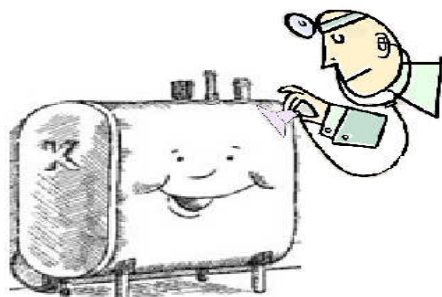
*It's recommended to do at least 15 minutes of moderate recycling 3-5 times per week.*

One in five Pennsylvania homes uses heating oil to stay warm in the winter. Owners of home heating oil tanks should consider inspecting their home heating oil tanks for potential problems prior to refilling. Preventing leaks will save owners energy, money, and in addition the owner's health.

When fuel is delivered, make certain the home address is clearly visible and the tank's fill line is clearly marked. If a resident cannot be home when fuel oil is delivered, mark the fill pipe with a red flag or marker and inform the oil company of the location.

For more information call DEP's Division of Storage Tanks at 717-772-5599, or see the document online at:

<http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/Get/Document-107008/2630-FS-DEP1681.pdf>



## Consider these tips:

- For safety reasons, always assume the tank contains at least some oil;
- Routinely inspect the exterior of the tank and all attached equipment;
- Check for signs of rusting on the tank and its structural supports;
- Examine the tank's fill line and feed line to the furnace for leaks;
- Never tip over or empty a tank onto the ground;
- Enlist a professional to perform maintenance or alterations to a heating oil tank system;
- Recognize that wet spots or odors near the tank may signal a problem.



SEPTIC SYSTEMS ARE NOT WHAT THEY USED TO BE



# OUT OF SIGHT **BUT** NOT OUT OF MIND

When an on-lot system fails due to neglect, improper installation, or just old age, that is not good for anyone!

The costs of a malfunctioning system can add up very fast. Homeowners could spend up to \$25,000 to replace a system; plus the surrounding community has untreated waste which can threaten the drinking water supplies, property values, and can cause disease, including cholera, hepatitis A, and typhoid.

As recommended in Act 537 the Sewage Management Program (or SMP), your township ensures that homeowners do the right thing - maintain their onlot systems.

East Cocalico Township adopted the On-Lot Sewage ordinance on August 6, 2003 ([Ord. 2003-02](#)), amended on May 19, 2004 ([Ord. 2004-06](#)).

Residents with on-lot systems are required to have their on-lot sewage disposal system inspected by a registered pumper/hauler (see list below) and then followed by regular inspections every 3 years when notified by the Township.

East Cocalico Township on-lot residents have been divided into 3 districts as follows:

District #1 Year to Pump: 7/1/16 to 6/30/17  
District #2 Year to Pump: 7/1/17 to 6/30/18  
District #3 Year to Pump: 7/1/15 to 6/30/16

In the event that a resident pumps before receiving notice from the Township, they will still be required to pump within their mandatory year as shown above.

Please call the Township at 336-1720 if you should have any questions about your on-lot system.

Dale High, Sewage Enforcement Officer

## *Special Funding for Homeowners of Septic System*

Special funding assistance is available to eligible homeowners who do not have access to a public sewage system and need to repair or replace their individual on-lot septic system; or, to connect for the first time to a public sewer system.

Please visit:

<http://www.phfa.org/consumers/homeowners/pennvest.aspx>

Special Funding is offered by:  
PA Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST)  
PA Housing Finance Agency (PHFA)  
PA Dept. of Environ. Protection (DEP)

## Township 2015 Pumper/Hauler List

John Kline Septic Services 717-898-2333	Sharp Septic 717-354-6147
Lloyd Nolt 717-733-7226	Sonlight Services 717-738-2149
Lonnie Stoltzfus Septic Service 610-913-0707	Thomas H. Erb & Sons 717-626-5591
Nolt Services 717-738-1066	Walter M. Strohl 717-733-2339
Red Rose Sanitation Solutions, Inc. 717-295-7673	

### *How does a septic system work?*

A typical septic system consists of septic tank and drainfield, or soil absorption field.

Here is a brief overview of how these systems work:

- (1) All water runs out of your house from one main drainage pipe into a septic tank.
- (2) The septic tank is a buried, water-tight container usually made of concrete, fiberglass, or polyethylene. Its job is to hold the wastewater long enough to allow solids to settle down to the bottom, where sludge forms, while the oil and grease float to the top as scum. Compartments and a T-shaped outlet prevent the sludge and scum from leaving the tank and traveling into the drainfield.
- (3) The liquid wastewater, or effluent, then exits the tank into the drainfield. If over-loaded with too much liquid, the field floods causing sewage to flow to the surface of your lawn or create backups in the toilets and sinks.
- (4) Finally, the wastewater in the drainfield percolates into the soil, which naturally removes harmful coliform bacteria, viruses, and nutrients.

Information courtesy of the  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



I can run much better when I'm clean.



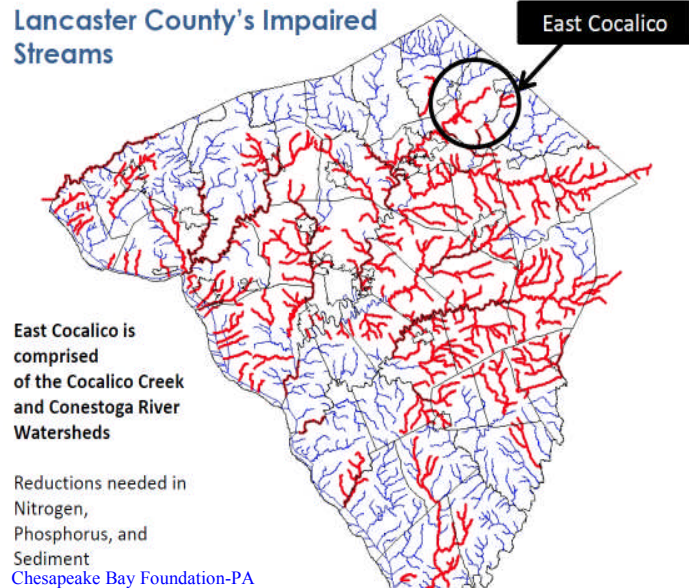
## Why Is Stormwater Management Important?

Did you know that agriculture and urban/suburban water runoff represents the largest man-made sources of nitrogen in our water?

Currently, Pennsylvania is not on pace to meet its 2017 or 2025 goals for nitrogen in the water by having necessary practices in place. The Commonwealth must reduce 23 million pounds of nitrogen to meet the 2017 outcomes; and East Cocalico Township is working to achieve full compliance with Pennsylvania's Manure Management Program and Agriculture Erosion and Sediment Control programs, which apply to 80-90% of the animal operations in Pennsylvania's portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

East Cocalico Township is helping combat this problem by (1) educating the public through meetings, (2) educating our local farmers, (3) informative documents, and (4) a website chocked full of material ([www.eastcocalicotownship.com](http://www.eastcocalicotownship.com)). If you have questions about stormwater management, please don't hesitate to call the Township at 717-336-1720.

### Lancaster County's Impaired Streams



## Stormwater Management / Riparian Buffers

The Township adopted the "East Cocalico Stormwater Management and Earth Disturbance Ordinance" to support the Township's on-going goals of properly managing runoff and improving water quality. The general purpose of the Ordinance is to control and minimize stormwater runoff impacts resulting from development. The ordinance requires stormwater runoff from new land development to be infiltrated and detained on-site in an effort to replenish groundwater aquifers, improve water quality, maintain natural stream conditions, preserve riparian buffer areas, and regulate the peak stormwater discharges from the development site. With limited exceptions, the Ordinance applies to all residential, commercial, and industrial development, including homes, barns, and home additions.

It is very important to maintain the riparian buffer zones in the Township, as they act as filters to all creeks and streams. Healthy forest buffers feed streams with organic matter, which in turn rejuvenates the stream. There is three to five times more biological activity in a stream with a healthy forest buffer. The goal is to reduce sediment, phosphorous, and nitrogen content in streams. The creeks and streams are the capillaries to our watershed. Riparian is defined as pertaining to a stream, river or other watercourse and also plant communities occurring in association with any spring, lake, river, stream, or creek, through which water flow at least periodically. A Riparian Buffer is defined as a best management practice that is an area of permanent vegetation along a water course.

While potential stormwater impacts from large scale developments are obvious to most people, the cumulative impacts from small projects such as newly constructed single-family homes, barns, or home additions may not be as obvious. These small scale projects can create significant problems to adjacent or downstream properties.

## A DOSE OF PROTECTION

**PA's New Yellow Dot:** It may sound crazy, but a yellow dot could save your life. This relatively simple idea has proven to be an effective way for drivers injured in an accident to relay important information to emergency re-

sponse teams. All you have to do is place a special yellow sticker in the bottom left corner of your vehicle's rear window. This alerts first responders to check the glove compartment for, among other things, your emergency con-

tact information, medical history, and a list of medications. The program speaks for people when they can't speak for themselves. **Where to Get a Kit?** [www.YellowDot.pa.gov](http://www.YellowDot.pa.gov) or the Regional EMS/County Health Center 877-724-3258.



*The Yellow Dot Program has given a voice to people in life-threatening situations.*





Do we have your phone number?



## Water & Sewer Authority

102 Hill Road, Denver, PA

Phone: 336-1731 Fax: 336-1735

Website: [www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com](http://www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com)

E-Mail: [water@ecocalicotwpauth.com](mailto:water@ecocalicotwpauth.com)



# Swift911 Emergency Notification Service

The East Cocalico Township Authority uses an automated, rapid telephone calling system to quickly notify our water customers of an emergency situation that may affect the water supply. In order to receive these messages we need your phone number.

Over the last couple of years we have worked hard to compile a data base of customer phone numbers in order to contact you in case of emergency. We have landline numbers or cell phone numbers for most of our customers. However, there are still some customers that we are unable to contact because of missing phone numbers.

Updating your information is quick and easy! If you have not already done so, visit our website at [www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com](http://www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com)

and click on the "Swift911 Emergency Notification Services" link at the bottom of the home page. You can also call our office at (717) 336-1731 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and one of our friendly staff will be glad to assist you.

Also, if you are a Windstream Communications customer and subscribe to the

*If in the last two years you have changed phone numbers, use a cell phone instead of a landline phone as your primary means of communication or have moved into East Cocalico Township from another municipality, we need your updated phone number.*

service that requires a caller to dial 1 and the pound sign (#) to complete the call, it is very important to add East Cocalico Township Authority's phone number to your "allowed list" of phone numbers. Failure to do so will block our call to your landline phone. For information on how to add the Authority's phone number to your "allowed list," visit our website and click on the "Swift911 Emergency Notification Services" link at the bottom of the home page.

## COLD WEATHER REMINDER

Much as we might want to think otherwise, cold weather is coming. The East Cocalico Township Authority wants you to prepare by ensuring that outside taps or hose connections are not 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.

## BILLING POSTCARDS HAVE a NEW LOOK

Beginning with the fourth quarter water and sewer billing that will be mailed about January 15<sup>th</sup>, the postcards you are used to seeing will have a new look. While the postcard format will remain the same, the front of the postcard has been redesigned to help you better understand your water and sewer usage and associated charges. On the back, you will find helpful information to assist in payment of your bill. Our contact information including mailing address, office hours, web address, and forms of acceptable payment are clearly listed. In addition you will also find information pertaining to Swift911, our rapid telephone notification system.

## 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.



*"Shoveling out a fire hydrant saves time for our fire crew AND imagine that you can burn approximately 152 calories in 30 minutes!"*



# EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

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**WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY OFFICE** 102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8am to 4:30pm. **P:** 717-336-1731 **F:** 717-336-1735  
**W:** [www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com](http://www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com) **E:** [water@ecocalicotwpauth.com](mailto:water@ecocalicotwpauth.com)  
**REAMSTOWN FIRE COMPANY** 12 W Church St, Reamstown 17567 **P:** 336-3958 **W:** [www.reastownfirecompany.com](http://www.reastownfirecompany.com)  
**SMOKESTOWN FIRE COMPANY** 860 Smokestown Rd, Denver 17517 **P:** 336-3311 **W:** [www.smokestownfire.com](http://www.smokestownfire.com)  
**STEVENS FIRE COMPANY** 91 Stevens Rd, Denver 17517 **P:** 336-4200 **W:** [www.stevensfire.net](http://www.stevensfire.net)  
**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 Rd., Reinholds, 17569. During office hours call 717-336-1721. During non-office hours 717-484-4975.  
Mar. through Apr. Hours: Tues. & Fri. 10am to noon, and Fri. 8pm to 10pm, April 30th 8pm to 10pm **W:** [www.eastcocalicotownship.com](http://www.eastcocalicotownship.com)  
May through Feb. Hours: First Fri. of month 8pm to 10pm, and first Sat. of month 10am to 12 noon **E:** [tax\\_collector@eastcocalicotownship.com](mailto:tax_collector@eastcocalicotownship.com)  
**ZONING OFFICER** Tony Luongo, 100 Hill Rd, Denver, PA 17517 Hours: M-F 8am to 4:30pm 717-336-1720 (call ahead) **W:** [www.eastcocalicotownship.com/Zoning](http://www.eastcocalicotownship.com/Zoning)  
**E:** [zoning\\_officer@eastcocalicotownship.com](mailto:zoning_officer@eastcocalicotownship.com)

2016 MONTH	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 7:30 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	4*, 21	25	20	13	19	14
FEBRUARY	4, 18	29	24	10	16	11
MARCH	3**, 17	21	16	9	15	10
APRIL	7, 21	25	20	13	19	14
MAY	5, 19	23	18	11	17	12
JUNE	2***, 16	27	22	8	21	9
JULY	7, 21	25	20	13	19	14
AUGUST	4, 18	29	24	10	16	11
SEPTEMBER	1****, 15	26	21	14	20	8
OCTOBER	6, 20	31	26	12	18	13
NOVEMBER	3, 17	14	9	9	15	10
DECEMBER	1, 15	19	14	14	20	8

\*January 4th: Held on a Monday, Organization Meeting. \*\*March 3rd: Held at the Stevens Fire Hall, 91 Stevens Road, Stevens. \*\*\*June 2nd: Held at the Reamstown Fire Hall, 12 West Church Street, Reamstown. \*\*\*\*September 1st: Held at the Smokestown Fire Hall, 860 Smokestown Road, Denver.

Thoughts, comments and suggestions are always welcome! Thank you! Lisa A. Kashner, Township Newsletter Editor