SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 33

**ISSUE 1** 

# EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

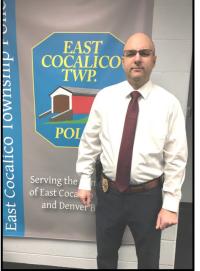
Address: 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517 Phone: 717-336-1720 Fax: 717-336-1724 Website: www.eastcocalicotownship.com E-Mail: Township@eastcocalicotownship.com

ongratulations.

**ROMAO "RC" CARRASCO** East Cocalico Township Supervisor



The newly elected East Cocalico Supervisor, Romao "RC" Carrasco is a Geneva College B.S. He brings an extensive background in international marketing and finance from the high-tech arena along with a background in casualty litigation. Prior public service includes being vicechairman of sewer and water authority in Ontelaunee Township, Berks County. His first Supervisor's meeting was January 2, 2018. DARRICK KEPPLEY East Cocalico Township Chief of Police



On February 4, 2018, Chief Darrick Keppley started his new duties as Chief of Police at the East Cocalico Township Police Department. Chief Keppley has 21 years experience on the East Cocalico Township Police Force. He looks forward to leading the Department and serving the Cocalico Community.

### **STONEY POINTE PARK**

East Cocalico Township is requesting community input and help as we design and build our newest park — Stoney Pointe Park.
To learn more on how you can participate in the Stoney Pointe Park
Community Build please visit <u>www.eastcocalicotownship.com</u> or visit the Stoney Pointe Park Community Build Facebook page.

### POOL DAYS ARE UPON US

The opening day for the Reamstown Pool is Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28. Visit our website at: <u>www.eastcocalicotownship.com</u> See pages 2 and 3 for more information.



#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Support your local Fire Company and volunteer today! The Lancaster County Fire Chiefs have launched a County wide volunteer recruitment campaign. Connect through Facebook "become a firefighter", or their website at www.BecomeaFirefighter.org, or call 888-914-JOIN.
- Reflective house numbers can be ordered through your local fire company.



- 364 is the number of Christmas trees dropped off at the Township this past season. Thank you for recycling efforts. Recycling is a good habit to have!
- East Cocalico Twp. Police Dept. serves the Communities of East Cocalico Town-



- ship and Denver Borough.
- Check your local Fire Co. and Ambulance Assoc. for upcoming fund drive information, as well as the statistics the volunteers do.

### **INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

Pool Dates & Rates	2-3
Welcome Local Service Tax Info. Park Info.	4
Medicine Disposal Vehicle Car Seat News 2018 Road Projects Fire Co. Happenings	5
2020 Census Township Happenings	6
Water & Sewer Dept.	7
2018 Meeting Calendar	8

### 2018 Reamstown Pool Dates

WEATHER PERMITTING

**OPEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND:** May 26, 27, 28 from 12:30 to 8:00 p.m.

WEEKEND AFTER MEMORIAL DAY: June 2, 3 from 12:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**OPEN FOR SEASON:** Friday, June 8 from 12:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**DAILY OPEN FOR THE SEASON:** Mon.-Sun., 12:30 to 8:00 p.m. with exception of:

(1) Swim Meet Dates: Closes at 5pm: June 12, 19 & 26, July 10

(2) Friday Night Late Swims: Open until 10 p.m. June 22, July 6, 20, and Aug. 10

SCHOOL DATES: Closed Tues., Aug. 21st through Fri., Aug. 24th

Open Sat., Aug. 25th through Sun., Aug. 26th from 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Closed Mon., Aug. 27th through Fri., Aug. 31st

**OPEN LABOR DAY WEEKEND:** Sept. 1st and Sept. 2nd open from 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sept. 3rd open from 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

POOL CLOSED FOR THE SEASON: Tues., Sept. 4th

**PASSES:** Can be purchased at the pool office at least 15 min. before closing. Credit Cards are on-line only. Please see the box shown below on this page for more information concerning payment options.

PHONE: (717) 336-3537 (only in operation during pool hours).

SWIM LESSONS: Please call the Adamstown YMCA at 484-4996 or 341-8258

Website: http://www.ymca-berkscounty.org/locations/adamstown/

**SWIM TEAM:** Registration is open. Sign up today! The practices and swim meets are held in the mornings at the Reamstown pool. For more information, please check the website <u>www.ecdolphins.com</u>, or e-mail Jamie Schneider at <u>jamieschneider23@yahoo.com</u> or call 717-669-7944.

## \* NEW! PAY ON-LINE \*

PRE-SEASON DISCOUNT PAYMENTS ARE ONLY ON-LINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ON-LINE ONLY FOR SHARED PASSES AND THE SEASONAL PASSES (NO DAILY)

PLEASE VISIT <u>www.eastcocalicotownship.com</u> CLICK POOL ICON

### CASH OR CHECK FOR DAILY PASS, SEASONAL PASS OR SHARED PASS ACCEPTED AT THE REAMSTOWN POOL OFFICE (68 Ream Rd., Stevens)

Should be done during the "open hours" and up until 15 minutes before closing.





DO NOT THROW ANY SPORTS-RELATED BALLS IN THE POOL AREA. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE POOL OFFICE ON WHAT IS ALLOWED.



### 2018 Reamstown Pool Rates

2018 POOL "DAILY" RATES — TO BE PAID AT THE REAMSTOWN POOL <u>ONLY</u>		
		AFTER 5:00 P.M.
PRE-KINDERGARTEN	\$2.00	\$1.00
SENIOR CITIZEN	\$5.00	\$2.50
STUDENTS	\$7.00	\$3.50
ADULTS	\$10.00	\$5.00

2018 SEASONAL PASS RATES — PAY AT THE REAMSTOWN POOL OR ON-LINE		
	DISCOUNTED RATE WHEN PAYING ON-LINE	POOL RATE
GROUP PASS + 1	\$175.00 + \$25.00	\$200.00 + \$25.00
SENIOR	\$65.00	\$75.00
ADULT	\$110.00	\$115.00
STUDENT	\$75.00	\$80.00
COCALICO SWIM TEAM - STUDENT	N/A	\$45.00

### POOL SHARE PASS — A PASS FOR THE REAMSTOWN POOL & DENVER POOL

The pool share pass is a pool pass that merges the Reamstown Pool with the Denver pool. Denver residents who have a pool share pass will be able to attend the Reamstown Pool, and East Cocalico residents who have a pool share pass will be able to attend the Denver Pool. See pricing and definitions shown below.

2018 SHARE PASS RATES — PAY AT	THE REAMSTOWN POOL OR	ON-LINE
	DISCOUNTED RATE WHEN PAYING ON-LINE	POOL RATE
POOL SHARE PASS: GROUP + 1	\$250.00 + \$25.00	\$275.00 + \$25.00
POOL SHARE PASS: STUDENT	\$100.00	\$110.00

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Share Pass: Group + 1:** *This includes unlimited daily access to both the Reamstown Pool and the Denver Community Pool for all members within the group during the 2018 pool season. See definition of "Group" below.* 

**Pool Share Pass: Student:** This includes unlimited daily access to both the Reamstown Pool and the Denver Community Pool for the student member during the 2018 pool season.

**Group Membership Pass + 1:** A Group Membership + 1 includes up to five (5) people in the group for a flat rate. One additional person to the group can be added to the pass for an additional fee of \$25.00. At least one member of the group must be 18 years old or older.

**Cocalico Swim Team Student:** This reduced student rate is available for all members of the Cocalico Swim team.

Page 4



Melcome!

East Cocalico Township is pleased to welcome Kathleen O'Connell as their newest member on The East Cocalico Township Planning Commission and Traffic Impact Fee Committee.

Kathleen is a local Realtor®, and a Seniors Real Estate Specialist® with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Homesale Realty in Ephrata, PA.

Kathleen lives in the Township and she is also an avid gardener and Master Gardener with Penn State.

Local Servíces Tax The East Cocalico Township Local Services Tax is a tax that is levied on all individuals who hold

a job or profession, and all business owners, within our taxing jurisdiction. East Cocalico Township's Local Services Tax rate is \$52 a year per person, the maximum allowed by law.

Local Services Tax revenue must be used to fund police, fire or emergency services (although volunteer fire and emergency services depend more heavily on private donations), road construction or maintenance, or the reduction of property taxes.

The Local Services Tax allows a township to collect revenue not only from township residents who are employed within the township but, even more commonly, from residents of other areas of the county and state who choose to work within our township limits, and from township residents who work from home for a business that is headquartered outside of the township, and often outside of the state of Pennsylvania. In that way, the township is able to require those who work within our township to contribute to the benefits they incur by doing so, including the maintenance of the roads they use, emergency services they may need while working within the township, etc.

Taxing all of those employed within the township also allows our supervisors to keep property taxes significantly lower than they otherwise would be. The sixteen businesses whose employees pay the most Local Services Taxes to our township include (in descending order of total LST revenue to the township):

SuperValu Pepperidge Farm Four Seasons Produce High Concrete Technology Henry Schein Dorma USA Weaver's Markets Acme Sunrise Transport Champion Homebuilders MGS Kalas Manufacturing Boose Aluminum Precision Medical Products Dentech Progressive Logistics Services These sixteen businesses alone supply close to a quarter of a million dollars in tax revenue to the township each year, more than 70% of the total Local Services Taxes collected annually. All **450+** businesses employing people within our township provide more than \$350,000 in tax revenue annually. Joan Fischer, Tax Collector 717-484-4975 <u>Tax Collector@EastCocalicoTownship.com</u> www.eastcocalicotownship.com/departments/taxes



All parks in East Cocalico Township are <u>closed</u> after dark with the exception of prior permission for Special Events. The parks are closed at dark for public safety and security reasons. Any person found in the parks after dark can be charged with trespassing.

Don't leave anything behind. Taking your dog for a walk is a wonderful way to exercise! Your pet will enjoy it as much as

you! Please be respectful when walking your dog. Keep your dog on a leash and clean up after it. Properly disposing of the waste at home. East Cocalico Township Ordinance 2007-03 states fines can be imposed up to \$600.00 for dog waste left behind.



## **Medication Disposal**



The East Cocalico Township Police Department is pleased to announce we have partnered with Rite Aid and Kid Cents to acquire a Safe Medication Disposal box. The box, which was provided free through a federal grant, is located in the lobby of our Police Department. The box is available during normal business hours of 8 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday. Residents may also contact an Officer to make arrangements to drop off medicines during off hours. The Safe Medication Disposal Box makes it easier and more con-

venient for East Cocalico Township and Denver Borough residents to take an active role in the fight against the nationwide epidemic of opiate and heroin abuse, which often is fueled by the abuse of prescription painkillers. Persons may wish to remove the labels of their medications but are not required to do so.

### Items accepted include:

Prescription drugs Over-the-counter medications

### Items not accepted are:

Illegal Drugs Inhalers Needles Aerosol cans Lotions or Liquids Thermometers Hydrogen Peroxide

**CAR SEAT NEWS** 

Anyone with questions may contact the East Cocalico Police Department at 717-336-1725.

Officer Dave Fisher of the East Cocalico Township Police Department is certified through The National Child Passenger Certification Training Program as a child passenger safety (CPS) technician. Officer Fisher completed a three day course, which combines classroom instruction, hands-on work with car seats and vehicles. CPS technicians put their knowledge to

work by conducting child safety seat checks, where parents and caregivers receive hands-on assistance with proper use of child restraint systems and safety belts. If you have questions or concerns about installing a child seat, please call the police department at 717-336-1725 to speak to Officer Fisher.



Officer Dave Fisher with his granddaughter, Rylee.

## **2018 ROAD PROJECTS**

Weather permitting, the street sweeping will begin around the second week of April.

Buzzard Road and Indiandale Road are planned to be widened this year and to have at least a leveling course put on those roads next year. Oil and Chip will be performed on: Woodcrest and Briar Lanes, Cocalico Creek, White Oak, Martzall, Brunners Grove, Holtzman, Yetter, Bonview, Dogwood, Dennis, Violet, and Faust Drive.

Ralumac is also planned for

Holtzman Road from the intersection of Black Horse Road to the Township Line with Spring Township doing their portion to Fritztown Road.

Also included, is Denver Road to be repaved this summer.

Thank you, The Road Crew

## FIRE COMPANY HAPPENINGS

Reamstown Fire Company	Stevens Fire Company 2017 Stats
	138 emergency calls down from 166 in 2016
07/07/2018 – Chicken BBQ 9:30am until sold out	<ul> <li>585 man hours invested in emergency calls</li> </ul>
09/23/2018 – Breakfast 7am – 11am	• Busy day was Wednesday
10/06/2018 – Chicken BBQ 9:30am until sold out	• Busy times were between 3 and 4 pm , 7 and 8 pm
10/13/2018 – Pot Pie Sale 10am – 2pm	• Average response time after calling 911 was 3 min 5 sec
10/28/2018 – Breakfast 7am – 11am	• Invested 1789 man hours in training, fundraising, and
11/10/2018 – Craft Show 8am – 1pm	meetings. This was tracked in August 2017, expecting the
	yearly totals to be between 2500 and 3000 man hrs/year
	• Average fund drive return is about 28%. Thank you!

## **WE NEED TO COME TO OUR CENSUS!** *Preparation for the 2020 Decennial Census has begun*

The U.S. Census Bureau has started the process of getting information for the 2020 Census. The Township has also started gathering the information we need to satisfy the requirements of the U.S. Census. To date, we have gotten information from owners of multi-family housing units in the Township. If you are the owner of a multifamily housing unit and have not been contacted by the Township for your information, please contact the Township Zoning Office at (717) 336-1720.

The primary purpose of the decennial census is to apportion the seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Over 1,000 federal programs utilize census data to allocate monies to tribal, state, and local governments. Census data support grant applicants for funding community and regional development programs and projects, and can also help our community plan for future needs. In 2015 Pennsylvania received \$2,093 per person in funding. Missing just 10 people in our count would mean that we would lose approximately \$20,000. This is why we need everyone to respond to the questionnaire they will receive from the Census Bureau.

### **Census Bureau Schedule**

- February April 2018: 2020 Census materials shipped to the Township.
- Township begins review and update of the Census Bureau's address list.
- February September 2018: Census Bureau begins processing 2020 submissions.
- April 2018 June 2019: Census Bureau validates 2020 addresses.
- August September 2019: Census Bureau delivers 2020 feedback.
- April 1, 2020: Census day!

All information received by us and the Census Bureau is confidential. Names are not used; it is strictly based on addresses and occupants. Look for more information on the 2020 Census in the future issues of the Township newsletter. Your cooperation in helping the Township come to their 2020 Census is and will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### WHAT IS HAPPENING OR HAS HAPPENED IN YOUR TOWNSHIP

- UGI is building their Corporate Headquarters in the Township.
- Tru Hilton is in the planning process for an 84 room hotel on North Reamstown Road.
- Garden Spot Frame & Alignment is building on North Reading Road.
- New Holland Transport Distribution Center is building on 340 S Muddy Creek Road.
- Phases III, IV, & V of Heatherwoods Development on Hill Road will be constructed by Berks Homes. Construction will start with Phase III and will include 24 Town Homes and 66 Single Family Dwellings.
- Stevens Feed Mill built a new feed mill and mixing/loading tower on 28 Stevens Road.
- WEH built a new warehouse on 54 Denver Road.
- 19 New Homes and 8 Mobile/Modular Homes were built in 2017.
- Bench Dogs, Inc. located on 10 Industrial Way bought the Kalas property on 68 Denver Road to expand their facilities.
- Due to renewed interest and development in this area, Benderson Corporation (Cocalico Commons developer) will be in discussion with the Township on changes to their site.

#### Page 7

REPORT CARD

## WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517 E-Mail: <u>water@ecocalicotwpauth.com</u> Phone: 336-1731 Fax: 336-1735 Website: www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com

### **2017 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT**

Each year the East Cocalico Township Authority is required by the PA Department of Environmental Protection to provide our customers with the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the previous year. This report contains important information about the quality of the drinking water we supply to our customers. **Beginning July 1st** you can view the 2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report by typing the following web address into your browser: www.eastcocalicotownship.com/AUTHORITY/CCR2017.pdf.

You can also view the 2017 report as well as reports from previous years by visiting the Authority website at, <u>www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com</u> and clicking on the "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report" link found on the left side of the page.

### EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION ARE YOU INCLUDED?

The Authority uses an automated rapid notification system to contact our water customers in the event of an emergency or problem with the water supply. In order to contact you we need your landline or cell phone number. The Authority has landline or cell phone numbers for most of our customers. However, if you have recently moved into the area, changed your phone number or recently changed from a landline to a cell phone as your primary means of communication we need to hear from you. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to update your contact information. Updating your information is quick and easy. Visit our website at:

www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com and click on the "Swift 911 Emergency Notification Services" link at the bottom of the page or you can call the ECTA 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.

### SWIMMING POOL REMINDER



Property owners with swimming pools are reminded that in keeping with the East Cocalico Township Authority's Rates, Rules, and Regulations no relief is given from sanitary sewer charges for filling swimming pools or for any other domestic or residential use that does not involve sanitary sewer disposal. Also when draining your pool please remember that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection prohibits the discharge of any pool water to a storm sewer or land in which a storm sewer is accessible. Property owners who discharge swimming pool water to any waters of the Commonwealth without a permit are in violation of the Clean Streams Law and may be prosecuted. The East Cocalico Township Authority encourages property owners to properly dispose of pool water and with prior notification will allow discharge to the public sanitary sewer system.

### WATCH OUT FOR FOG!

FOG refers to fats, oils, and grease from food preparation and kitchen clean up. Sources of FOG include meat fats, cooking oil, food scraps, sauces, salad dressings, mayonnaise, lard, butter, shortening, and dairy products. When FOG is put into the sanitary sewer it solidifies and sticks to the walls of the pipes. Eventually FOG buildup can block your sewer line causing drains to clog and possibly sewage to back up into your home. The end result is expensive cleanup and property damage. To avoid these problems, scrape food scraps into the garbage and wipe dishes free of fats, oils, and grease. Clean grease spills with absorbent material and then dispose of it in the garbage. Many people think running hot water down the drain or using the garbage disposal will avoid the problem. Unfortunately the grease will eventually cool and still solidify in the sewer pipe and the garbage disposal only grinds food items before discharging them into the savet system. The garbage disposal does not eliminate FOG from these items. Also chasing FOG down the drain with dish washing soap is not a good solution since the soap will eventually lose its effectiveness allowing the grease to once again solidify in the sewer system. If you are interested in more information regarding FOG, stop by the Authority office and pick up a free brochure.

### EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP 100 HILL ROAD DENVER, PA 17517

### PR SRT STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID DENVER, PA PERMIT NO. 35

WATER

& SEWER

AUTHORITY

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP OFFICE 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8am 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 M-F 8am to 4:30pm EMERG: 911 P: 717-336-1725 F: 717-336-1737 W: www.eastcocalicopolice.com

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 E: water@ecocalicotwpauth.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 (Please call ahead before stopping in or to schedule an appointment with the Zoning Officer) E: zoning\_officer@eastcocalicotownship.com/

 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

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

REAMSTOWN POOL68 Ream Road, Stevens, PA 17578REAMSTOWN FIRE COMPANY12 W Church St, Reamstown 17567SMOKESTOWN FIRE COMPANY860 Smokestown Rd, Denver 17517STEVENS FIRE COMPANY91 Stevens Rd, Denver 17517

MONTH

- P: 717-336-3537 (only in operation when the pool is open) P: 717-336-3958 W: www.reastownfirecompany.com
- **F.** 717-330-3938 **W.** <u>www.reastownniecompany.com</u>
  - P: 717-336-3311 W: <u>www.smokestownfire.com</u> P: 717-336-4200 W: <u>www.stevensfire.net</u>

#### EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP 2018 MEETING DATES Unless otherwise noted, all of the meetings are held at: East Cocalico Township, 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517 BOARD OF H PLANNING SUPERVISORS PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING HEARING BOARD RECREATION BOARD V & AUT 7:30 PM 7:3

	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
JANUARY	2*, 18	29	24	10	9	11
FEBRUARY	1, 15	26	21	7	20	8
MARCH	1**, 15	26	21	14	13	8
APRIL	5, 19	30	25	11	10	12
MAY	3, 17	21	16	9	8	10
JUNE	7***, 21	25	20	13	19	14
JULY	NONE, 19	30	25	11	17	12
AUGUST	2, 16	27	22	8	14	9
SEPTEMBER	6****, 20	24	19	12	11	13
OCTOBER	4, 18	29	24	10	9	11
NOVEMBER	1, 15	12	NONE	14	27	8
DECEMBER	6, 20	17	12	12	11	13

\*\*\*June 7th: Held at the Reamstown Fire Hall, 12 West Church Street, Reamstown.

\*\*\*\*September 6th: Held at the Smokestown Fire Hall, 860 Smokestown Rd., Denver.