

East Cocalico Township

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A Message from the Board of Supervisors:

The COVID experience has been hard on all of us.

These are definitely challenging times.

During this time of great uncertainty we are very humbled by the outpouring generosity and support from the community with their donations of meals, desserts, gift cards, kids drawings, and contributions to the first responders.

Everyone's support, thoughtfulness, and generosity is received and is noticed. We are very humbled and extend a big "thank you"!

YOU are the heroes and we "thank you" for helping to do your part.

Thank you all and stay safe!

East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisors
Alan R. Fry, Chairman
Romao R. Carrasco, Vice Chairman
Jeffrey W. Mitchell, Secretary

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Volunteer today! Support your local Fire Company and Ambulance.
- Reflective house numbers can be ordered through your local fire company.
- See this and previous newsletters [on-line](#) with working links.



TRICK-OR-TREAT



Trick or Treat Night in East Cocalico Township is held on

Friday, October 30, 2020 from 6pm to 8pm.

Trick-or-Treat night in East Cocalico Township continues to follow the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Commission's stated policy, which specifies that Trick or Treat night will be held on Friday, October 30th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This recommended date and time is determined for everyone's safety. Participation in Trick-or-Treat night is voluntary, and participants should make decisions based on their personal comfort level specifically with COVID-19. This Township will not be enforcing compliance with COVID-19 guidelines. Safety is always encouraged.

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TOWNSHIP NEWS



Visit your local Fire Companies website and Facebook page for information about them, what they do, have done, and what they offer:

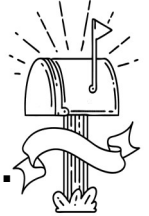
Volunteer, membership, events, call volume, hall rentals, and a lot more!

Smokestown Fire Company
Stevens Fire Company
Reamstown Fire Company

www.smokestownfire.com
www.stevensfire.org
www.reamstownfire.com

COMING SOON

Fire Company flyer coming to your mailbox. Look for it soon.



Thank you everyone for a great season at the Reamstown Pool!
See you again next year for a splashing good time!

LOOKING FOR YOU



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Reamstown Fire Company
www.reamstownfirecompany.com

Smokestown Fire Company
www.smokestownfire.com

Stevens Fire Company
www.stevensfire.org

Reamstown Ambulance
www.reamstownfirecompany.com/ambulance

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS

Can be viewed on YouTube. Visit YouTube at www.YouTube.com

Type in the "search" box:

East Cocalico Township
Board of Supervisor Meeting.



AGENDA. Would you like to know the discussion items at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting? If so, the "draft" Agenda is posted on the Township website at least 24 hours prior to a meeting at the link: www.eastcocalicotownship.com. Please note that the "draft" Agenda is subject to change.



what's the scoop?

CHECK THE EARTH DISTURBANCE AND STORMWATER PLAN REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SCOOPING

Per DEP requirements, NO excavation or fill in of soil is permitted without a stormwater plan and a permit. Projects involving earth disturbance (a construction or other human activity which disturbs the surface of the land) of less than 1,000 sq. ft. do not require a permit. Projects involving 1,000 sq. ft. to 2,000 sq. ft. may meet the Small Projects Exemption; however, they would require an earth disturbance permit. Larger projects need a stormwater management plan and an earth disturbance permit.

Please check with the Township Zoning Office before doing any earth disturbance activity.

Tony Luongo, Zoning Officer and Ken McCrea, Stormwater Technician



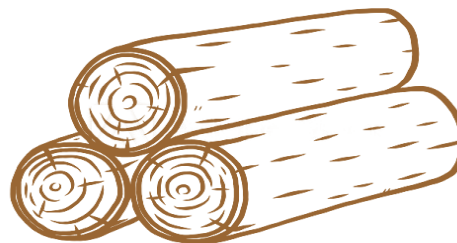


TOWNSHIP NEWS



Woody Waste Drop Off Area

East Cocalico Township has a gated/secured facility designated for the disposal of woody waste. An “access card” is needed to use the facility, and only residents of East Cocalico Township who have purchased an access card may deposit tree trimmings and branches at the Woody Waste Site located at 100 Hill Road, Denver.



Allowed: Woody yard waste which includes tree and shrubbery trimmings that are less than 1.5-inches in diameter, and stumps under 12-inches in diameter. All woody waste deposited at this facility *must* originate from within the East Cocalico Township area. Commercial and/or contracted landscaping companies are prohibited from depositing materials at this facility. Disposal of anything other than woody waste is not permitted.

Not Allowed: Weeds, grass, ornamental grass, leaves, clippings, sod, turf, mulch, roots, flowers, garden waste, treated or untreated lumber, saw dust, skids, furniture, picnic tables, pool tables, tires, appliances, bricks, clay or other pots, trash, trash bags, fruit, berries, leaves, needles or rocks. *Please call your trash hauler for disposing of these items.* All materials must be completely free of contaminants, i.e. no ropes or bags used in bundling together for transportation. **ABSOLUTELY NO ILLEGAL DUMPING IS ALLOWED. VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED.**

How to Start or Renew Your Card: By Mail: Fill out an application (can be obtained at the Township office or the Township website) and mail the completed application and fee* to: East Cocalico Township, 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. When your application and payment are received, an access card will be mailed back to you. See below for fee & schedule*. Check made payable to: East Cocalico Township. **Walk In:** applications are available at 100 Hill Road, Denver. Cash and check accepted; check payable to: East Cocalico Township (no debit cards accepted) Mon-Fri 8am-4:00pm. An access card will be issued to you on the spot. **After hours:** Complete an application and place in an envelope along with the proper fee (check or cash) and place in the locked drop box located at the Township’s front doors (100 Hill Road). When received, an access card will be mailed back to you.

Per Month Pro-Rate Costs*

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
\$15.00	\$13.75	\$12.50	\$11.25	\$10.00	\$8.75	\$7.50	\$6.25	\$5.00	\$3.75	\$2.50	\$1.25

Annual cost: \$15.00 per card (January 1st thru December 31st). Payments due before December 31st for the following year. Cash or check made to East Cocalico Township (no credit or debit cards accepted).

Lost or Damaged Access Cards should be reported to East Cocalico Township as soon as possible (717-336-1720). The lost access card will then be deactivated. You can purchase a replacement card for a cost of \$5.00.

Woody Waste facility is located behind the Township Municipal Building, 100 Hill Road, Denver. Please use the driveway to the right of the building (the Police driveway), drive straight back behind the Police Station, on your left. Follow signs.

Open January thru December: Open daily “dawn to dusk”.



REAMSTOWN STUDENT DESIGNS STREAM PROTECTING MARKERS

East Cocalico Township, like most local municipalities, is required to take actions to protect our waterways. State and Federal regulations, through the MS4 program (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems), require us to reduce the pollution entering local streams. One potential source of pollution is the dumping of any material into storm drains. Storm drains connect via pipes to streams. Therefore, anything other than pure rainwater entering a storm drain will eventually flow into and pollute a stream. All of the streams in our area eventually flow to the Chesapeake Bay. One way to help protect our streams and the Bay is to remind people that they should never dump anything into a storm drain. To engage local students in this effort, we held a contest for East Cocalico Elementary students to design markers to be placed on storm drains reminding people not to dump anything into a storm drain. The fourth and fifth grade classes at Reamstown Elementary School created many artistic entries for this contest. The winning entry and two runners-up were selected by the three Township Supervisors.

The winning entry was designed by William Saporetti, who was a 4th grader in Mrs. Hagel's class (but now in 5th grade). The two runners-up were Genesis Figueroa and Teira Hackman, also from the same class. William received a 2020 Reamstown Pool family pass, and all three winners received a gift certificate for Barnes and Nobel Bookstore. The markers have been cast in aluminum for mounting on storm drains. The castings were donated by Boose Aluminum. They will be mounted on over 400 storm drains throughout residential areas of East Cocalico Township. If there are any groups interested in helping to install the markers this fall, please contact the Township at (717) 336-1720.



Winning Entry



The winner of East Cocalico Township's contest to design storm drain markers was William Saporetti (right). The runners-up were Genesis Figueroa (left) and Teira Hockman (middle).

Photo by Kelly Zimmerman



We've definitely seen our share of rain... did you know that gentle rain soaks into the soil and will not necessarily cause problems, but the intense rainfall events we have experienced recently create large volumes of runoff causing problems. The stormwater systems in the Township were created to handle most storms, but some of the recent storms have exceeded to rainfall rate for which they were designed. This can result in water on the roadways, sometimes backing up at the storm drains, especially if they get clogged with leaves or other debris. We can't do anything about the rain, but keeping the stormwater inlet grates free from debris can help prevent flooding. If you have a storm drain on or near your property consider checking it occasionally to see that it is working properly. If you see major problems with storm drains, let us know. We can't redesign the systems to handle all storms, but checking to see that they are functioning as they were designed will prevent many issues. For more information on stormwater issues, see the Township's stormwater website at www.ECTMS4.com.



Lawn to Wildflower Meadow Conversion Plan



Goals

- To reduce Township funds spent on mowing
- To encourage Township residents to convert lawn to wildflower meadows
- To reduce mowing, saving money, time and fuel
- To decrease air pollution from gas powered mowers
- To reduce stormwater runoff and decrease pollutants in the runoff
- To reduce lawn chemical use - fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides, etc. that get into streams
- Support pollinators, especially honeybees
- To encourage meadows rather than lawn on steep slopes
- To improve the aesthetics of our community

Strategy

- Start with a demonstration project in Fishing Creek Park where it will be highly visible
- Inform residents that wildflower meadows are allowed under existing ordinance
- Publicize the demonstration project
- Offer free programs on how to create a meadow from lawn (no, just stopping mowing doesn't count)
- Start a database of converted lawn area to qualify for MS4 pollution reduction credit
- Encourage people starting a wildflower meadow to register with the Township to receive an informational sign about meadows so the neighbors don't think they are just forgetting to mow. This will also help track the area of lawn being converted.

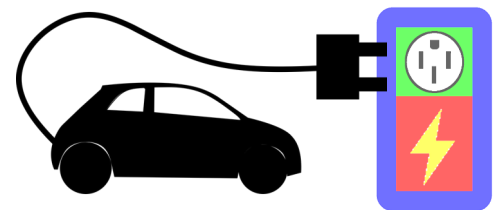


feedback

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

is anyone interested?

The issue has been raised by a Township resident concerning having the Township provide one or more electric vehicle charging stations at the Township Building at 100 Hill Road. We would like to know if there is enough interest to make the project worth the cost. There is some grant money available, but there would still be expenses to the Township, and it would take up spaces in our parking lot which is already too small. If you, or someone you know, would have an interest in a EV charging station(s) installed at the Township building, please email or call us by November 5th at township@eastcocalicotownship.com or (717) 336-1720.



welcome



My name is Bret Hoffert (33), and I am now the Roadmaster for East Cocalico Township. I currently live in Brownstown, Pa, with my wife, three sons, one daughter, and two eleven-year-old black labs. I graduated from Garden Spot High School in 2005. After graduation I went on to work at Brubacher Excavating in the paving industry. I started out as a laborer and worked my way up to running equipment, and small crews on a daily basis. In 2015, I had the opportunity to accept a road crew position at Manheim Township, where I worked when I took this position.

Some of my hobbies consist of spending time with my family, the beach, golf, baseball, wrestling, day trips, and football.

I look forward to learning a lot of new things, meeting a lot of new people, and this great opportunity here at East Cocalico Township!

There is a new face in the Township office, Judith Lumis, the Township's new Financial Administrator. Previously, Judi worked for the Governor Mifflin School District and the County of Berks Controller's Office for 18 years. She graduated from Alvernia University in 2000 with three majors; Accounting, Management, and Banking and Finance. She also maintains professional credentials as a Certified Government Finance Manager and Certified Controls Specialist. Mrs. Lumis is an avid history buff and has studied the Civil War extensively. She is a huge football fan, and has spent much of her life volunteering for boy and girl scouts and ambulance associations. Judi resides in Birdsboro with her son and daughter, husband, three dogs, and a menagerie of other critters.



WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517
E-Mail: water@ecocalicotwpauth.com

Phone: 336-1731 Fax: 336-1735
Website: www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION: DO WE HAVE YOUR “CURRENT” PHONE NUMBER?

The East Cocalico Township Authority uses an automated mass notification system called SwiftReach to quickly dial out and notify our water and sewer customers in the event of an emergency situation that may affect our community's public water supply or our sanitary sewer service. To ensure our SwiftReach system can notify you of an emergency situation with our water or sewer service, we need to have your most current phone number on file.



Over the past several years we have worked very hard to compile and maintain a data base of our customer phone

numbers and have acquired either landline or cell phone numbers for the majority of our customers. However, there are still some customers we are unable to contact because of missing phone numbers.

In order to help us serve you should an emergency situation arise, please note that if in the last year or two you have changed phone numbers, switched to a cell phone instead of a landline phone as your primary means of communication or moved into East Cocalico Township from another municipality, we need you to provide your updated phone number.

Updating your information is quick and easy! If you have not already done so, please visit our website at www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com and click on the “Swift911 Emergency Notification Services” link near the middle 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 members will be glad to assist you. You can also call our office to verify that your phone number is currently in our emergency notification system.

If you are a Windstream Communications customer and subscribe to the 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 middle of the home page.



HYDRANT FLUSHING & REPAIRS

During the summer and fall months, East Cocalico Township residents may notice Authority employees working at fire hydrants throughout the Township and see water flowing onto the streets from these hydrants. What you are seeing is the Authority hard at work conducting a very important part of its required water system maintenance program to ensure the hydrants are working properly and that the water system continues to operate efficiently and effectively at desired flows and pressures.

During the summer and fall months, the Authority attempts to flush every fire hydrant in our system as this flushing procedure will also help remove naturally occurring mineral deposits from the system and ensure that fresh water is always flowing through the water mains. This is one of the many things the Authority does to provide our customers with the highest quality water possible.

Residents may also notice and wonder why a particular fire hydrant is bagged and out of service. This occurs when the Authority discovers a non-working hydrant while performing its hydrant maintenance activities or if a hydrant has been damaged by a motor vehicle. The Authority will also bag a hydrant if it needs to be disassembled for repainting.

The Authority takes pride in its fire hydrant maintenance program and in all cases strives to have bagged fire hydrants back in service as soon as physically possible.

AT HOME WATER SYSTEM CARE

Preventive maintenance is also something that property owners can practice at home. For instance, it's good practice to drain and flush your home's hot water heater once a year. This helps keep your water heater working at peak performance and helps maintain the quality of water inside your home. If you go on vacation or don't use the water in your home for a week or more, it's a good idea to run your faucets for a minute or so upon your return to help clear any stagnant water that may have developed in your home's pipes while you were gone. Another good idea would be to turn off the water to your house if you'll be gone for an extended amount of time. This will help prevent costly home repairs and water usage bills if a water leak occurs during your absence.



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W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com E: township@eastcocalicotownship.com

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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

REAMSTOWN FIRE COMPANY 12 W Church St, Reamstown 17567 P: 717-336-3958 W: www.reamtownfirecompany.com

SMOKESTOWN FIRE COMPANY 860 Smokestown Rd, Denver 17517 P: 717-336-3311 W: www.smokestownfire.com

STEVENS FIRE COMPANY 91 Stevens Rd, Stevens 17578 P: 717-336-4200 W: www.stevensfire.org

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

TAX COLLECTOR call 717-336-1721, visit website www.eastcocalicotownship.com, or e-mail tax_collector@eastcocalicotownship.com

ZONING OFFICER Tony Luongo M-F 8-4:30 717-336-1708 (call ahead) W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com/Zoning E: zoning_officer@eastcocalicotownship.com

MS4 TECHNICIAN (Stormwater) Ken McCrea 717-336-1717 (call ahead) W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com/services/stormwater

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP 2020 MEETING DATES

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some meeting days and times may change. Please refer to the Township website or call us.

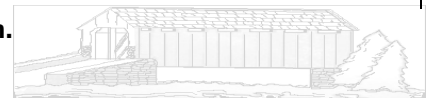
MONTH	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS		PLANNING COMMISSION	PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP	ZONING HEARING BOARD	RECREATION BOARD	WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY
	9:00 AM	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER		3, 17*	28	28	9	8	10
OCTOBER	1	15**	26	26	14	13	8
NOVEMBER		5, 19***	16	NONE	4	10	12
DECEMBER		3, 17****	14	NONE	9	8	10

*September 17th: Held at the Stevens Fire Hall, 91 Stevens Road, Stevens.

**October 15th: Held at the Reamstown Fire Hall, 12 West Church Street, Reamstown.

***November 19th: Held at the Smokestown Fire Hall, 860 Smokestown Rd., Denver.

****December 17th: Held at the Stevens Fire Hall, 91 Stevens Road, Stevens.



Township newsletter thoughts, comments, suggestions are always welcome!

Lisa A. Kashner, Newsletter Editor