



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



Dear East Cocalico Township Residents:

As the coronavirus sweeps the globe, people are facing unprecedented amounts of stress and uncertainty. Struggling with huge changes in the way of living in order to protect themselves and their loved ones. We are all looking for some positive news of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we all move through these challenging times together, we needed to quickly shift into new methods of communicating and operating to ensure the welfare of the Township staff and residents.

Until further notice the East Cocalico Township Municipal Building will be closed with limited access by appointment only. For now, public meetings will be held via Zoom (further instructions on where, when and how the meeting will be held, including instructions on how to access Zoom, will be posted on the Township website). Staff is working remotely Monday thru Friday from 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m. If you should have a question, concern, need to pick up a building permit, etc. you can contact staff by e-mail or phone, and they will be happy to help you. Their "direct" contact information is shown on page 2 of this newsletter. When calling, please leave a voicemail, as all messages will be answered promptly. Thank you and stay safe!

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CONTACTING THE TOWNSHIP STAFF DIRECTLY

Due to a COVID-19 exposure, the Township is following all CDC guidelines, the Township Offices are closed. Staff is working remotely (Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm). Voicemails and e-mails are continually monitored and will be answered promptly. See the list below to directly contact a Township staff for questions or concerns. Up-to-date information will be on the Township website at: www.EastCocalicoTownship.com

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In Memory Elwood "Woody" Schwartz



Elwood "Woody" Schwartz passed away on Nov. 22, 2020, he was 89 years old. Woody was a tireless volunteer, and always went out of his way to help people in need. Woody loved to help

with Fire Prevention programs. His friends would joke about him taking too long on his presentations. Everyone loved him!

In 1998 he became an Alternate Delegate to the Lancaster County Firemen's Assoc. from Reamstown Fire Co. No. 1, served in the position from 1998 through 2008.

Woody joined Reamstown Fire Co. No. 1 in October of 1996 serving as President of Reamstown Fire Co. No. 1 from 1999 thru 2003, served as a Trustee in 2010 & 2011 (serving 2 years as he filled an unexpired term), served as an active fire fighter, and was in charge of the Dedication of the new hall and was the person who set up the 911 Memorial Programs at the fire hall. He also started the Reamstown Fire Co. annual banquets that he and his wife, Marion, would set up.

As a member of the Lancaster County Firemen's Association, Woody served on the Executive Committee and he along with another member of the board were in charge of the design and decorating the new lobby at LCFA Headquarters; he also served that organization in other areas.

Woody was a great guy and will be missed!

2011-2012: East Cocalico Township Risk Management Advisor.

2007-2010: Township Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer for the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans, Cocalico Consortium Representative, Assistant Recycling Coordinator. Special Assignments: Alternate Township Liaison on Park N' Ride Matter; Township Building Feasibility Study Project Manager, Financial Advisor on Regional Recreation Efforts.

2004-2005: Board of Supervisor.

2001-2003: Appointed to Lancaster County Planning Commission Advisory Committee & Redevelopment Authority Regional Advisory Committee.

1997-2003: Planning Commission member.



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.



YOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

VISIT THEIR WEBSITES TO SEE THEIR 2021 EVENTS

www.reamstownfirecompany.com

www.smokestownfire.com

www.stevensfire.org

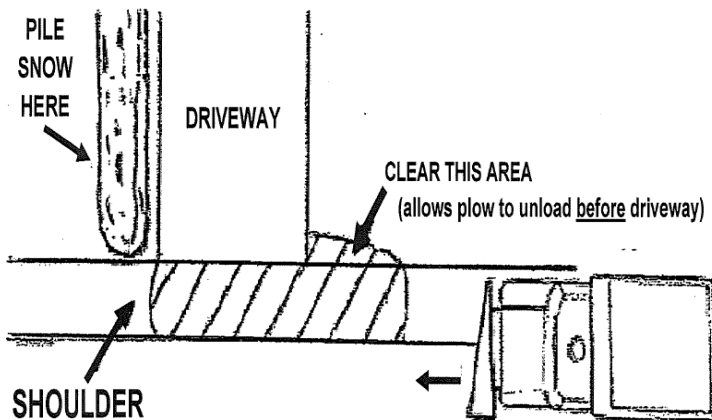
www.reamstownfirecompany.com/ambulance



Smoke detectors makes a great gift!



Volunteer Today! Your local Emergency Services need you!



Clearing the area to the right of the driveway opening, allows the snowplow to unload the snow before it reaches the driveway opening; therefore not plowing your driveway shut.

CLEAR THE SIDEWALKS OF ICE AND SNOW

Ice and snow must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours after a snow storm. The pathway should be at least 24-inches wide.



SNOW CLEARING TIPS

When possible, residents are asked to remove their vehicles from the street when a snowstorm is approaching. This makes plowing safer and more efficient if the plow drivers do not have to maneuver around parked vehicles. Remember snow cannot be blown or shoveled into the streets.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

Methods that have been determined to be the most effective and practical means of preventing or reducing non-point source pollution to help achieve water quality goals.



David Weaver, an East Cocalico Township farmer, shows Township Supervisor Jeffrey Mitchell improvements he made to his farm to reduce soil erosion and improve soil health.



East Cocalico Township farmer David Weaver attended the Township's program, presented this March in cooperation with TeamAg, on agricultural best management practices (BMPs) for soil health and water quality on farms. The program showed methods that can be used to decrease soil loss from erosion while improving soil health and enhancing crop production. One of the BMPs discussed was the use of "grassed waterways." In areas where there is concentrated flow of stormwater through farmland, without protecting the soil from erosion, water will eventually carve deep channels into the soil. All the soil removed by the flowing water is carried downstream, and in most cases ends up in our streams.

A grassed waterway is created by moving soil to create a channel with a smooth rounded bottom. After the channel is reshaped, the soil is protected from erosion with the use of special mesh matting that holds the soil in place. The waterway is then seeded with sturdy grasses so that their roots will hold the soil in place when rainwater is flowing in the channel.

In the case of David Weaver's farm, there was an eroded area on a significant slope. Water flowing down this area had carved an eroded channel into the soil. While at the Township's program he was inspired to see if he could solve this erosion problem with a grassed waterway. At his own expense, he installed a waterway on the eroded area. The project has completely eliminated the eroded channel, greatly reducing soil loss. He still needs to do some reseeding for additional protection from soil loss, but he has done a great job in protecting his soil and our streams.

Free help is available for farmers to install BMPs including help designing the projects, and also for the cost of installing them. Funding sources include state programs for farmers, and also through private organizations such as TeamAg. If you are interested in reducing erosion and increasing soil health on your agricultural property, contact TeamAg at (717) 721-6795, or East Cocalico Township at (717) 336-1720. Reductions in erosion help farmers, but also helps the Township by providing water quality improvements we are required to make under the State's MS4 stormwater program.

Steps to Earth Fitness

WOODY WASTE

*It's okay to "over do" it.
No pain. No gain.*



**Recommended to do at
15 minutes of moderate
recycling 3-5x per week.**



**Follow these simple steps
to keep the earth in shape.**

East Cocalico Township has a gated/secured facility designated for the disposal of woody waste. Access cards are needed to use the facility. Only residents of East Cocalico Township who have an active "Woody Waste Access Card" may deposit tree trimmings and branches at the Woody Waste Site (100 Hill Rd., Denver).

Purchasing a Access Card or Renew Your Card: (1) Mail: Fill out and send your 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*. Please make check payable to: East Cocalico Township. (2) Walk in: Applications are available at 100 Hill Road, Denver. Cash and check accepted (no debit cards accepted) Mon-Fri 8am-4:00pm. An access card will be issued to you on the spot. (3) After hours: Complete the 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. When received, an access card will be mailed back to you.

*Woody Waste Applications at www.EastCocalicoTownship.com or the Township, 100 Hill Rd., Denver.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
\$15	\$13.75	\$12.50	\$11.25	\$10	\$8.75	\$7.50	\$6.25	\$5	\$3.75	\$2.50	\$1.25

**Annual fee (January—December) \$15 a year. A pro-rated fee is applied if purchasing during the year (for example, purchasing an access card in June, the cost is \$8.75).

CARDBOARD Corrugated cardboard only; no paperboard products similar to cereal boxes, shoe boxes and tissue boxes. No strings when transporting. Open dusk to dawn every day. Park at the entrance gate and walk your cardboard up to the dumpster. If you have a lot of cardboard, come to the Township office for a "temporary pass" which will open the gate allowing you to get closer to the dumpster. The temporary pass must be returned immediately after disposal.

CHRISTMAS TREES During the season, there will be a drop off location to disposal of your Christmas tree. It is located behind the Township building, 100 Hill Road, Denver. Follow the posted signs. Please, no decorations, strings, or bags used in transporting. Open in January, M-F, 8am-4:30pm, Sat. 8am-3pm. For East Cocalico Township residents only.

RECYCLE CENTER Drop Off: (1) Unwanted cell phones, (2) cell phone batteries, (3) cell phone chargers, (4) CFL bulbs (small "spiral" bulbs only, no long baluster tubes—call your hauler for those). Pick Up: (1) Kraft Bags for your leaves (contact your trash hauler for pickup days and costs), (2) recycling bins, (3) battery bags for used/old batteries (when bag is full, place it beside your recycling bin), and (4), educational recycling pamphlets.

Timber Harvesting

Timber Harvest Ordinance Has Been Updated

Timber harvesting in East Cocalico Township requires a permit which is issued by the Zoning Officer, Tony Luongo. Earlier this year, the Township was notified by the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office that our current ordinance was not in compliance with other state regulations related to timber harvesting.

The Township Supervisors recently adopted an updated timber harvest ordinance that is in compliance with the relevant state regulations. The new ordinance, section 220.58 of the township's Zoning Ordinances, "Forestry Uses," can be viewed on the Township's website, Code of Ordinances New Laws (<https://www.ecode360.com/laws/EA2191>). With this revised ordinance, a timber harvest permit is required when the value of the trees, logs or other timber products removed exceeds \$2,000.00. It is not required for the cutting of trees for personal use of the landowner or for pre-commercial timber stand improvement.



Corrugated cardboard only, *please flatten the boxes.*
Please no Styrofoam, plastic, wood, cardboard with wax (*similar to chicken meat boxes*).

CARDBOARD DUMPSTER STATS

WOW! The residents of the
East Cocalico Township
recycled a lot of cardboard!
Congratulations everyone!!!



The amount of cardboard recycled at the
Township from January 2020 thru October
2020 was: 269,400 pounds or 7.99 tons.

ATTENTION AREA BUSINESSES

This is a friendly reminder that early in 2021 recycling forms will be mailed to all area businesses.

The forms keep track of your recycling efforts for past year.

Please call the Township if your business has not received a form by the end of January 2020.

COLD WEATHER REMINDERS

With cold weather on the way, here are some cold weather tips you can follow to keep your water service working as intended:

- Wrap exposed water pipes with insulating material to help prevent freezing.
- Check outside faucets to make sure they are turned off and disconnect any hoses.
- Make sure heat can reach your water pipes and water meter. Pay particular attention to water pipes enclosed in bathroom or kitchen cabinets or in crawl spaces.
- Locate your water shut off valve. Typically, the shut-off valve is located near where the water service enters your home, usually close to the water meter. In case of a water leak within your home or other water-related problem, this is the valve to close in order to shut off the municipal water supply entering your home.

ACCESS TO FIRE HYDRANTS

The East Cocalico Township Authority currently maintains 351 fire hydrants throughout the Township. We regularly paint, repair and flush the hydrants throughout the spring, summer and fall months to make sure they are working properly 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 throughout our water system, it can take some time after a snow storm before our employees can inspect and clear all of them. Any assistance you can give us in keeping our hy-



drants clear of snow is greatly appreciated and your neighborhood and local fire companies will benefit from hydrants that are readily visible and easily accessible.

DID YOU KNOW ???

Rain and snow that falls onto the ground does not just wash straight into our rivers and streams; it also seeps through the soil into the groundwater. Groundwater can become contaminated when pollutants on the land seep into our underground water supplies known as aquifers. As the Authority currently obtains all of its water supply from 14 groundwater sources to serve our community, we all need to be aware that there are a number of human activities that can pose a serious threat to our groundwater supplies. Some examples of potential groundwater pollution activities include: leaking or damaged oil and gasoline storage tanks; abandoned chemical containers; uncontrolled spills of chemical or hazardous wastes; fertilizers and pesticides applied to our lawns and fields; salts applied to our driveways and roads; and leaking on-lot septic systems.

To protect our most precious water supplies, we must all do our part, as our everyday actions or simple changes in the way we think will determine the viability of this life sustaining resource for generations to come. For more information about the importance of protecting the groundwater that serves our community, or if you see or are aware of any ongoing groundwater pollution activities, please call our office at (717) 336-1731, Monday through Friday, 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.

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DENVER, PA 17517

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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 4pm 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

TAX COLLECTOR 717-336-1721

W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com

E: tax_collector@eastcocalicotownship.com

ZONING Tony Luongo M-F 8-4:30 717-336-1708

W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com/zoning-codes

E: zoning_officer@eastcocalicotownship.com

MS4 (Stormwater) Ken McCrea 717-336-1717

W: www.ECTMS4.com

REAMSTOWN POOL 68 Ream Rd, Stevens, PA 17578

P: 717-336-3537 (only in operation when the pool is open)

REAMSTOWN FIRE COMPANY 12 W Church St, Reamstown 17567

P: 717-336-3958

W: www.reastownfirecompany.com

SMOKESTOWN FIRE COMPANY 860 Smokestown Rd, Denver 17517

P: 717-336-3311

W: www.smokestownfire.com

STEVENS FIRE COMPANY 91 Stevens Rd, Denver 17517

P: 717-336-4200

W: www.stevensfire.org

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP 2021 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		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
JANUARY		4*, 21	25	20	13	12	14
FEBRUARY	4	18	22	17	10	9	11
MARCH		4**, 18	29	24	10	9	11
APRIL	1	15	26	21	14	13	8
MAY		6, 20	24	19	12	11	13
JUNE		3***, 17	28	16	9	8	10
JULY		15	26	21	14	13	8
AUGUST	5	19	30	18	11	10	12
SEPTEMBER		2****, 16	27	15	8	14	9
OCTOBER	7	21	25	20	13	12	14
NOVEMBER		4, 18	22	17	10	9	11
DECEMBER		2, 16	20	15	8	14	9

*January 4th: Held on a Monday @ 7:00pm for the Organization Meeting.

**March 4th: Held at the Stevens Fire Hall, 91 Stevens Road, Stevens.

***June 3rd: Held at the Reamstown Fire Hall, 12 West Church Street, Reamstown.

****September 2nd: Held at the Smokestown Fire Hall, 860 Smokestown Rd., Denver



Your thoughts, comments,
suggestions are always welcome!
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