

East Cocalico Township

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TOWNSHIP APPRECIATION

During the difficult time of the COVID-19 pandemic the East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisors extends a big “thank you” to the area businesses and residents for their generous contribution lunches/food and other donations.

Everyone’s general support, thoughtfulness, and generosity is received and noticed.



ALAN R. FRY

**Wishing you success
in all future endeavors**

It is with sincere appreciation to Alan R. Fry for his genuine commitment to East Cocalico Township and to the community as a whole.

Alan is retiring!

Alan is an individual who has truly “given back” to the community.

He will be missed.

*Thank you for the 16 years of
dedicated service!*

TOWNSHIP CONTINUES TO FOLLOW ALL CDC GUIDELINES

Since the declining COVID numbers, starting March 29th, the Township staff will be at the Municipal Building Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm.

Public meetings will be held in-person following the CDC guidelines of social distancing and wearing a mask, with the option to log-in via Zoom and view live. For up to date information on meetings, see the Township website www.eastcocalicotownship.com or call 717-336-1720.

POOL DAYS ARE UPON US



Opening day for the Reamstown Pool is Memorial Day weekend



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for more information.

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*READ THE TOWNSHIP
NEWSLETTER WHILE
ENJOYING YOUR
MORNING CUP
OF COFFEE!*



REAMSTOWN POOL

NOTICE: AT THE TIME OF PRINTING THIS NEWSLETTER, THE POOL OPENING DAYS/TIMES SHOWN BELOW ARE TENTATIVE AND ARE NOT TO BE PRESUMED AS DEFINITE. THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE FOLLOWING THE GOVERNORS' ORDERS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE OR BY CALLING 717-336-1720.

OPEN FOR MEMORIAL DAY: Saturday, May 29—Monday, May 31, 12:30pm-8pm

OPEN FOLLOWING WEEKEND: Saturday, June 5—Sunday, June 6, 12:30pm-8pm

OPEN FOR SEASON: Wed., June 9 from 12:30pm-8pm daily through

DAILY OPEN FOR THE SEASON: Mon.-Sun., 12:30pm to 8pm except:

Swim Meet Dates: June 22, 24, 29 and July 1

Friday Night Late Swims: June 25, July 9 & 23, and Aug. 6 from 12:30pm to 10pm

SCHOOL DATES: Closed Aug. 23-27.

Open Aug. 28-29, 12:30pm to 8pm.

Closed Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

LABOR DAY: Open Sept. 3rd thru Sept. 5th, 12:30pm-8pm, and Sept. 6th, 12:30pm to 6pm

POOL CLOSED FOR THE SEASON: Tuesday, September 7th

SEASON PASS OR SHARED PASS:

Purchased at the pool office (68 Ream Road, Stevens) during the pool open hours and up to 15 minutes before closing (cash or check only). Credit Cards are accepted on-line only for both "shared passes" and "seasonal passes" Please visit the [Township website](#).

DAILY PASS: Purchased at the pool office only, at least 15 min. before closing. Cash only.

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

SWIM LESSONS:

Adamstown YMCA 484-4996 or 341-8258

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

SWIM TEAM:

Registration is open. Sign up today! Practices and swim meets are held in the mornings at the Reamstown pool. See www.ecdolphins.com, or e-mail Amy at nedimya@gmail.com.

- The 'season passes' and 'shared passes' are available and can be purchased.
- Face masks are encouraged to be used in the pool areas outside of the water.
- Social distancing of 6 feet is to be followed.
- Limit the number of people in the restrooms so social distancing can be accomplished.
- Lounge chairs are cleaned before the pool opens. When you leave the pool for the day, place the back of the chair in the seated, fully upright position, and notify staff to reclean them.
- Pool staff will be cleaning surfaces.

Feeling sick? Stay at home and get medical care.

2021 Reamstown Pool Rates

2021 POOL "DAILY" RATES — PAID AT THE REAMSTOWN POOL ONLY (CASH ONLY)

	MONDAY-SUNDAY DAILY RATE	DISCOUNT AFTER 5PM 1/2 PRICE <i>(does not include weekends)</i>
PRE-KINDERGARTEN	\$2.00	\$1.00
SENIOR CITIZEN	\$5.00	\$2.50
STUDENTS	\$7.00	\$3.50
ADULTS	\$10.00	\$5.00

2021 SEASONAL PASS RATES — PAY AT THE REAMSTOWN POOL OR ON-LINE

	DISCOUNTED RATE WHEN PAYING BEFORE 5/28/2021	POOL RATE 5/29/2021 AND AFTER
GROUP PASS (5) + 1	\$175.00 + \$25.00	\$225.00 + \$25.00
SENIOR	\$55.00	\$80.00
ADULT	\$90.00	\$115.00
STUDENT	\$55.00	\$80.00
COCALICO SWIM TEAM - STUDENT	\$25.00	\$25.00

SHARE PASS IS "ONE" 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.

2021 SHARE PASS RATES — PAY AT THE REAMSTOWN POOL OR ON-LINE

	DISCOUNTED RATE WHEN PAYING BEFORE 5/28/2021	POOL RATE 5/29/2021 AND AFTER
POOL SHARE PASS: GROUP (5) + 1	\$250.00 + \$25.00	\$300.00 + \$25.00
POOL SHARE PASS: STUDENT	\$100.00	\$150.00

DEFINITIONS

Share Pass: Group (5) + 1: Includes unlimited daily access to both the Reamstown Pool and the Denver Community Pool for all members within the group during the 2021 pool season. See definition of "Group" below.

Pool Share Pass: Student: Includes unlimited daily access to both the Reamstown Pool and the Denver Community Pool for the student members during the 2021 pool season.

Group Membership Pass (5) + 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: Reduced student rates are available for members of the Cocalico Swim team.

Did you know that SEVEN days without swimming makes one WEAK? Come to the Reamstown Pool for a splashing good time!

TOWNSHIP NEWS

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The East Cocalico Township Municipal building is open for public meetings. If you have any questions please call 717-336-1720 or e-mail us at: Township@eastcocalicotownship.com.

EAST COCALICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Emergency calls dial 911 anytime (please notify the dispatcher if you are experiencing any flu like symptoms).
- For non-emergency calls dial 717-336-1725 (after hours calls are automatically transferred to County on a non-emergency line).
- The Department has suspended all fingerprinting services.
- If you need to visit the Police Department, please call first (717-336-1725) to discuss any possible alternative options.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

In-person public meetings will be held with social distancing and wearing a mask. Meetings can also be viewed live via Zoom. See the Township website for log-in information or call 717-336-1720.

All Board of Supervisor meetings are recorded, and the video is available on YouTube, with the most current meeting usually available the day following a particular meeting. Visit YouTube at www.YouTube.com, then type in the "search" box: East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisor Meeting.



PARKS

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 by keeping your dog on a leash, clean up after it, and properly dispose 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.



CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

A huge thank you to the East Cocalico Township residents using the cardboard dumpster located at the Township for recycling cardboard. For the year 2020, a whopping 9.34 tons of cardboard was collected. This tonnage ultimately gets captured for the annual recycling report resulting in a nice grant return. Thank you!!

Congratulations!

Give yourself a hand



The 2019 recycling figures are in..., a total of 27,661.97 tons of residential and commercial grant eligible recyclable materials were collected in the Township.

The grant came in the amount of \$225,116.16! *Great job everyone!!*

In 2018, the tons recycled was 27,083.7 and a grant amount of \$220,190.00 .

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Stormwater and MS4 Notes

Reducing Backyard Erosion

Do you have a stream running through or along your property? If so, you've probably seen rainstorms in which the water in the stream is raging or even flooding out of its banks. During these storms the water is usually very brown, carrying considerable soil (sediment). In these storms, part of your property is headed downstream towards the Chesapeake Bay. This is a problem for two reasons. First, you are slowly losing part of your property as it becomes part of the stream channel. The other problem is that you are contributing to the pollution entering the stream and Bay.

What can a landowner do to help reduce this streambank erosion? The erosion takes place because of the amount and velocity of the water – faster moving water erodes soil more than slow moving water. Although in most cases you can't control the amount of water, you can take steps to reduce the damage that it does. Soil is eroded when fast moving water comes into contact with bare soil that is not protected by plant roots, rocks or other solid objects.

Mowing right up to the top of bank in a stream or even down the bank to the water line, although frequently done for aesthetic reasons, is one major reason for soil loss. If plants are allowed (or encouraged) to grow on the stream bank and in the area adjacent to the stream (called a "riparian buffer"), the roots can prevent much of the soil loss. Root systems on healthy plants are deeper and do an excellent job of keeping soil in place. Mowed lawn, because of the small size of each individual plant, has very shallow roots that don't work well for retaining soil. Larger plants, such as wildflowers, flowering shrubs, small trees and unmowed native grasses have much deeper root systems and are better able to reduce erosion. Changing from mowed lawn to other undisturbed vegetation will have a positive impact on water quality in the stream.

Planting water-tolerant shrubs, such as willows, elderberry and shrub-type dogwoods onto the streambank, once established, will do an excellent job of preventing erosion. Many of these plant species can be established using the "live-stake" method. Cuttings around two feet long are taken from established plants (usually 1-1.5" in diameter). These cuttings can be planted directly into the streambank by first making a hole about a foot deep using a metal rod or wooden pole. The live-stakes are then pushed into the soil (keeping the growing tip upward) and the soil is pushed up against the stake. In wet weather they should root and quickly become established without any additional work. If the soil is dry, it could require watering until they become established.

East Cocalico Township is planting a "live-stake" nursery along Stony Run next to the township building. In a year or two, when these plants are well established, they can serve as the source for live-stakes for use of township residents along the streams on their property. When these plants are ready for use as live-stakes, we will provide demonstrations on how to use them, and also give the participants stakes for use on their own property.



2021 ROAD PROJECTS



Weather permitting, street sweeping will begin the 2nd week of April

OVERLAY PROJECTS

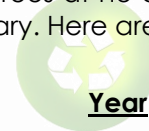
Rose Hill Development: Rosemont Dr. (721), Shupp Ln. (725), Cheery Ln. (716), Rande Ln. (723)

Muddy Creek Village: Bill Dr. (708), Dubson Cr. (709) Ray Dr. (712), Robin Dr. (713)

OIL AND CHIP

Steffy Road: Red Run Road to Township Line
Napierville Road: Hahnstown Road (SR 1051) to Landis Road
Napierville Road: Landis Road to Frysville Road
Frysville Road: Township Line to Township Line

The East Cocalico Township residents had the opportunity to drop off their Christmas trees at no cost, until the last day in January. Here are the stats:



<u>Year</u>	<u>Count of trees</u>
2020	259
2019	205
2018	286
2017	300

Swinging into Spring with the Park & Recreation Board

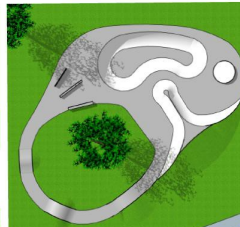
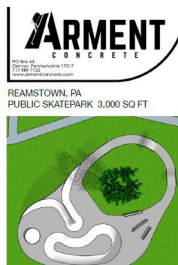


The Park and Recreation Board has been hard at work over the winter months planning some great new additions to the East Cocalico Township parks.



Basketball Court Resurfacing: After surveying the local residents and pool community members, the board is taking the communities recommendation and the project is currently underway. The newly resurfaced court is located at the Reamstown Municipal Park.

Skateboard/Scooter/Bike Park: The above mentioned survey also showed that the community was interested in a skateboard, scooter, bike park. Below is the ADA compliant approved park for the lower half of the Reamstown Municipal Park. This project will create a safe place for our youth to scooter, skateboard, and bike without the dangers of cars or roadway hazards. We are hoping to get this project kicked off this Spring and completed before the start of Summer.



Stoney Pointe Park: The working group and Park & Recreation Board received approval for the Stoney Pointe Park project. The project will kick off May 17, 2021 and includes a climbing wall, balance beam, and jungle gym; based on prior community market research. We also want to give a BIG "Thank You" to Eagle Scout Evan Haldeman for installing a gaga ball pit at the park!

Reamstown Pool Committee: The Park & Recreation Board along with the Board of Supervisors restarted the Pool Committee. For more information or if you have any interest in joining this committee please e-mail:

Township@eastcocalicotownship.com

East Cocalico Park & Recreation Board

Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Visit the Township website or call 717-336-1720 for any updates to the meeting dates/times. Please consider attending to share your ideas to enhance our parks as we strive to keep *Community First!*



WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517

Phone: 336-1731 Fax: 336-1735 E-Mail: water@ecocalicotwpauth.com Website: www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com

ECTA BOARD MEETING DATES CHANGED

The East Cocalico Township Authority (ECTA) Board has changed their regularly-scheduled meeting dates from the second Thursday to the last Tuesday of every month. Therefore, the following are the scheduled

ECTA Board meeting dates for the remainder of the year 2021, all starting at 7:00 pm:

May 25, June 29, July 27, Aug 31, Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 30 and Dec 28.

"All meetings are again being held at the East Cocalico Township Municipal Building, 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517 and will follow CDC guidelines for mask wearing and social distancing."

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 our 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report by typing the following web address into your browser: <https://www.eastcocalicotownship.com/east-cocalico-township-water-sewer-authority/files/ccr2020>.

You can also view the 2020 report by visiting the Authority's website at, www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com and clicking on the "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report" link found on the left side of the page.

SWIMMING POOL REMINDER

Property owners with swimming pools are reminded that per 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 Authority encourages property owners to properly dispose of pool water and, with prior notification, will allow discharge to the public sanitary sewer system.

AUTHORITY BILLING CYCLE

From time to time, we get calls from customers asking when the next water/sewer bill will be mailed. Occasionally a customer will misplace their bill and not realize it until the payment due date has passed. Except for our larger customers, the Authority reads meters and mails bills on a quarterly basis. The Authority's yearly billing cycle is as follows:

<u>Meter Read Date</u>	<u>Usage Period</u>	<u>Mail Date</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
January 2	October, November, December	January 15	February 15
April 1	January, February, March	April 15	May 15
July 1	April, May, June	July 15	August 15
October 1	July, August, September	October 15	November 15

It is the Authority's policy to only mail water/sewer bills to the owner of the property, not to tenants. If you are a property owner and do not receive your quarterly bill within a few days after the mailing date or you misplace it, please give the Authority a call at (717) 336-1731. We will be happy to issue you a replacement bill so you can keep your account current and avoid any late penalties.

AUTHORITY PROJECTS ON THE HORIZON

The Authority has been very busy in the planning, engineering and design phases for multiple upgrades and improvements to our water and wastewater systems. In order to continue to provide our customers with safe, reliable and effective water and wastewater services well into the future, older components of our systems must sometimes be upgraded or replaced with newer components and additional facilities must be added to give us a strong backup to existing facilities. With this being said, the Authority will be accomplishing some major projects in 2021 and 2022 including the construction and implementation of an additional public water supply well; the upgrade/expansion of Sewage Pump Station No. 2 located on Line Road in Stevens; approximately 20,000 lineal feet of sanitary sewer main rehabilitation/replacement and water main replacement in the Meadowbrook area; a major upgrade to the process controls and monitoring system for all of our wells, pump stations and treatment plant; and finally, an upgrade at our water treatment plant. In addition to these construction related projects, the Authority has also received grant funding to accomplish a comprehensive Source Water Protection Plan for all of our 14 well facilities and is working closely as a team with DEP and Pennsylvania Rural Water to accomplish this effort for the protection of our precious water resources.

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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
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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

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meeting days/times may change, in-person meetings require social distancing and mask wearing, and some meetings may be held via Zoom. Please see below here or refer to the Township website for up-to-date information or call us (717) 336-1720.

MONTH	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS <i>*Held in person AND via Zoom</i>		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
MAY		7, 21	18	18	13	12	25
JUNE		4***, 18	29	29	10	9	29
JULY		16	27	27	8	14	27
AUGUST	6	20	31	31	12	11	31
SEPTEMBER		3****, 17	28	28	9	8	28
OCTOBER	1	15	26	26	14	13	26
NOVEMBER		5, 19	16	NONE	4	10	30
DECEMBER		3, 17	14	NONE	9	8	28

***June 4th: Held at the Reamstown Fire Hall, 12 West Church Street, Reamstown.

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

Community First! Your thoughts, comments, suggestions are always welcome!

Lisa A. Kashner, Twp. Newsletter Editor