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Lorenzo Bonura is a local restaurant owner for the past 17 years in East Cocalico. In his spare time, he enjoys going to charity car events with his son, spending time with his wife and two kids, and enjoys volunteering as a soccer coach for the Cocalico Youth Soccer Club for the past 4 years. Growing up in New Holland, he attended Garden Spot Middle School, then his family relocated to Sicily, Italy where he finished High School. At the age of 17, he returned to the



Elected for a 6-year term (2022-2027)

LORENZO S. BONURA

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States with the goal of starting a business. Then, at the age of 18, the family business was opened in East Cocalico Township.

Lorenzo has a strong belief in community partnerships and has often been quoted as saying: I've always loved giving back to our community, it is my honor in serving as your newly elected Township Supervisor.

# Welcome Lorenzo!

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Romao Carrasco, Chairman Lorenzo Bonura, Vice Chairman Jeffrey Mitchell, Secretary



East Cocalico is a

Township of the Second

Class and is governed by a

three-person Board, the

Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors

are elected for

6-year terms.

**POOL DAYS ARE UPON US** 



Opening day for the Reamstown Pool is Memorial Day weekend.



See pages 2 and 3 for more information.





# **REAMSTOWN POOL**

The Reamstown
Pool "season
passes" and
"shared passes"
are available.

- Lounge chairs are cleaned every day and when you leave for the day. Place the chair in the seated, fully up-right position, and notify staff that you are leaving for the day.
- Do not throw any sports-related balls in the pool area. Please check with the pool office on what is allowed.

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.

REAMSTOWN POOL, 68 REAM ROAD, EPHRATA, PA

**Pool Phone:** (717) 336-3537 (only in operation during pool hours)

**OPEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND:** Sat., May 28-Mon., May 30, 12:30pm-8pm

**OPEN FOR SEASON:** Friday, June 3 - August 22 from 12:30pm - 8pm daily

**DAILY OPEN FOR THE SEASON:** Mon.-Sun., 12:30pm to 8pm except: **Swim Meet Dates closes at 6pm:** June 23 & 28, July 12, 19 & 23 **Friday Night Late Swims closes at 10pm:** June 24, July 8, 22, & Aug. 5

**SCHOOL DATES:** Pool Closed: August 23 - August 26

Pool Open: August 27 12:30-8pm, August 28 12:30-6pm

Pool Closed: August 29 thru September 1

**LABOR DAY:** Open Sept. 2, 3, 4 from 12:30-8pm & Sept. 5th 12:30-6pm

**POOL CLOSED FOR THE SEASON:** Tuesday, September 6th

#### **SEASON PASS OR SHARED PASS:**

On-Line payments are accepted using your Credit Card for both the "shared pass" and "seasonal pass". Please visit the Township website at: <a href="www.ECT.town/reamstown-pool">www.ECT.town/reamstown-pool</a> for more information and to purchase your pass. The "shared" and "seasonal" passes can also be purchased at the East Cocalico Township Municipal Building, 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517, Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:15pm, cash or check only.

**<u>DAILY PASS</u>**: Purchased at the pool office only, at least 15 min. before closing. Cash only.

#### **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.

**RENTALS:** Need to rent the pool for an private party? Hours are outside the regular public hours during the season. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due with the reservation application. For more information, please contact the Ephrata Recreation Center 717-738-1167 or e-mail ercpoolrentals@gmail.com.

FEELING SICK? Please stay at home and get medical care.

# 2022 Reamstown Pool Rates

DAILY RATES — PAID AT THE REAMSTOWN POOL - CASH ONLY				
Pay cash at: Reamstown Pool, 68 Ream Rd., Ephrata Call the pool for any questions: 717-336-3537	MONDAY—SUNDAY DAILY RATE	DISCOUNT AFTER 5PM (does not include weekends)		
PRE-KINDERGARTEN	\$3.00	\$2.00		
SENIOR CITIZEN	\$6.00	\$3.50		
STUDENTS	\$8.00	\$4.50		
ADULTS	\$11.00	\$6.00		

SEASONAL PASS RATES — PAID ON-LINE OR AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING				
Pay with card on-line at: www.ECT.town/reamstown-pool	DISCOUNT RATE WHEN	RATE 5/29/2022		
Pay cash/check at: 100 Hill Rd., Denver M-F 8am-4:30pm	PAID BEFORE 5/28/2022	AND AFTER		
GROUP PASS (5) + 1	\$180.00 + \$30.00	\$230.00 + \$25.00		
SENIOR	\$60.00	\$85.00		
ADULT	\$95.00	\$120.00		
STUDENT	\$60.00	\$85.00		
COCALICO SWIM TEAM - STUDENT	\$25.00	\$25.00		

#### SHARE PASS IS "ONE" PASS FOR BOTH THE REAMSTOWN & DENVER POOLS:

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 here:

SHARE PASS RATES — PAID ON-LINE OR AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING				
Pay with card on-line at: www.ECT.town/reamstown-pool	DISCOUNT RATE WHEN	RATE 5/29/2022		
Pay cash/check at: Township: 100 Hill Rd., Denver M-F 8am-4:30pm	PAID BEFORE 5/28/2022	AND AFTER		
POOL SHARE PASS: GROUP (5) + 1	\$250.00 + \$25.00	\$305.00 + \$25.00		
POOL SHARE PASS: STUDENT	\$100.00	\$155.00		
DEFINITIONS				

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Share Pass: Group (5) + 1:** *Includes unlimited daily access to both the Reamstown and Denver Community Pools for all members within the group during the 2022 pool season. See definition of "Group" below.* 

**Pool Share Pass: Student:** *Includes unlimited daily access to both the Reamstown and Denver Community Pools for the student during the 2022 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. Please note that 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.

# TOWNSHIP NEWS



East Cocalico Township residents have the opportunity to drop off their Christmas tree at no cost. Trees are collected until the last day in January of the following year. Here are the stats over the years:

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<u>Year</u>	<b>Count of trees</b>
2021	165
2020	259
2019	205
2018	286
2017	300

#### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

East Cocalico Township public meetings are held as "inperson" public meetings with social distancing. Unless otherwise specified, all meetings are held at the Township Municipal Building, 100 Hill Road, Denver.

**Attend Virtually:** Attend a Board of Supervisor meeting via "live" Zoom. See the Township website for dates, times, and log-in instructions (www.ECT.town).

Missed a Meeting: View the recording of the Board of Supervisor meeting. The recording is uploaded to YouTube approximately 24-hrs after a specific meeting date. Please visit YouTube (www.YouTube.com), type in the "search" box: East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisor Meeting.

Questions? Please call the Township at 717-336-1720 or e-mail us at: www.ECT.town.



**ZOOM:** Zoom is a free cloud-based video conferencing service you can use to virtually meet with others (by video or audio-only or both. Go to the Township website and click on the date of the Supervisors Meeting for log-in instructions.



**YOUTUBE**: YouTube is a free video sharing service that allows users to watch videos posted by others. Go to www.youtube.com and type East Cocalico in the search line.

#### CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Township residents can use the free cardboard dumpster that is located behind the Township Municipal building. Please park at the gate and walk your cardboard up to the dumpster. If you have a lot of cardboard, you can stop by the



Township during office hours and request a "temporary" pass. This temporary pass will open the gate allowing you to park very close to the dumpster for the ease of placing cardboard into the dumpster slots and not having to walk it up to the dumpster. This dumpster is for corrugated cardboard only.

For the year 2021, a whopping 9.79 tons of cardboard was collected from the residents (in 2020, it was 9.34 tons of cardboard was collected). This tonnage ultimately is captured for the annual recycling report resulting in a nice grant return. Your recycling efforts are appreciated. Thank you!!

## Congratulations!

### Give yourself a hand



The 2020 recycling figures are in..., a total of 40,147.1 tons of residential and commercial grant eligible recyclable materials were collected in the Township.

The grant came in the amount of \$325,472.03! Great job everyone!!

In 2019, recycled was 27,661.97 tons with a grant amount of \$225,116.16.

# TOWNSHIP NEWS



### **2022 ROAD PROJECTS**

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

#### **OVERLAY PROJECTS:**

- Reamstown Heights: Cardinal Drive (982), Blue Jay Drive (983), Oriole Drive (980), Audubon Circle (984)
- Peiffer Hill Road (850): Chestnut Hill Road to the Township line.

#### **OIL AND CHIP:**

- Glenwood Drive: South Reamstown Road to Township Line
- Faust Lane: Church Street to North Reading Road
- Keeler Avenue: Church Street to North Reading Road

#### **MICRO-SURFACE:**

• Hill Road: Winding Way to Smokestown Road

## **Recreation Board News**

As some of you might have seen, the ash trees in Fishing Creek Park were removed due to Emerald Ash Borer infestation. These trees were removed since they posed a risk of falling. We received a grant to purchase new trees that were planted to replace the dead ash and provide future shade in the park.

Our community tree planting project took place on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came out to help! In addition to the new trees at Fishing Creek, wildflowers have been planted in the meadow to help with the conservation program.

Community input is vital to the success of the recreation board. We are always open to comments, suggestions, and feedback as to how you would like to see our parks get upgraded. We have several new members on our recreation board this year and would like to welcome everyone to attend our meetings. They are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the township building, located on Hill Road Denver, starting at 7:00p.m.



## REMINDER—LICENSE YOUR DOG



2022 Dog Licenses Available at County Treasurers' Offices

All dogs three months or older must be licensed by Jan. 1 of each year. Pennsylvania State Law mandates that all dogs three months or older must be licensed. Dog Licenses must be purchased by January 1 of each year regardless of when the license was purchased the previous year. Licenses are valid from January 1 to December 31 for the current year. Violators can be cited with a maximum

fine of \$300 per violation plus court costs. An annual license is \$8.50 and a lifetime license is \$51.50. If the animal is spayed or neutered, the annual fee is \$6.50 and lifetime is \$31.50. Discounts are available to older adults and people with disabilities. The small license fee helps the millions of dogs in the state by funding the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement. Dog licenses are available from your local county treasurer and other licensing agents. Reasons for dog licensing:

- It's the law. All dogs three months and older must have a current license.
- If your dog gets lost, a license is the best way to get him back. A license helps animal control and shelters identify your dog and get him back home safely.
- The cost of a license is less than the penalty for being caught without one. Owners who fail to license their dogs could face a fine of up to \$300 for each unlicensed dog.
- License fees support animal control. The annual fee you pay to license your dog helps keep shelters running and supports the work of the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, which is responsible for ensuring the welfare of dogs, regulating dangerous dogs and overseeing annual licensing and rabies vaccinations.
- Lancaster County: Ms. Amber Martin, Treasurer, 150 N. Queen St. Suite 122, PO Box 1447, Lancaster, PA 17608-1447 Phone: (717) 299-8222 www.padoglicense.com



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 any dog waste that is left behind.



# HISTORICALLY SPEAKING



We are not makers of history. We are made by history

In October, a resident of the Township reported to us that a contractor was apparently demolishing a house and barn that were listed on the National Register of Historic Places. To demolish a building requires a permit, and no permit had been issued for the property. Through the National Archives web site, we confirmed that the structures are within an "Historic District," and were indeed on the National Register.

The Township Zoning Officer issued a "stop work order," to the company doing the demolition. We also contacted the Lancaster County Historic Preservation Trust to inform them of the situation. What we realized through this process is that neither the Township or the County have regulations that adequately protect our historic resources.

Our current Township Code does have provisions related to historic sites and structures. Unfortunately, the maximum fine for demolishing a historic structure without a permit is currently \$500. Given that \$500 is an insignificant amount compared to the other costs of land development and construction, it can simply be the case that it is easier to ask for forgiveness than permission.

East Cocalico Township was first settled by Europeans starting in the early 1700's. Few of the houses and other structures remain from the early years. Heritage is an important part of our cultural environment, and we should strive to maintain historic sites and structures to the greatest extent possible.

We would like to establish a volunteer group to investigate options for protecting our historic resources. In addition, our current list of historic properties and structures (in the Township Code, link below) is both incomplete an out of date. Some of the structures listed have already been torn down and others are not listed. We would like to develop a more accurate list. If you are interested in helping with this project please contact the Township at (717) 336-1720, or e-mail us through our website at: www.ECT.town.

View this newsletter on-line for working links:

- Code of East Cocalico Township—Historic Sites & Structures
- Township historic map

### LIVE-STAKE WORKSHOP

On Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> a group of around 20 people met at the East Cocalico Township Building to learn about using "Live-Stakes" to stabilize eroding streambanks. Ryan Davis, from the Alliance for the Bay, explained the use of live -stakes to plant shrubs and trees along streams. Live-staking involves pushing a 1.5-2 foot length of a freshly-cut branch into the ground along a stream. Various species such as willows, dogwoods and others can grow from the stakes to form new plants. This process is very quick and much easier than planting larger plants with roots. During the program, the group tried out the technique in the areas of Stony Run where we had repaired the streambank last summer. Participants were also given various species of live stakes to use on streambanks in their own yards. The program was very well received and will probably be repeated next spring.



## **WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY**

102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517

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

# ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

Each year the East Cocalico Township Authority (ECTA) is required by the PA DEP 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 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report by typing the following web address into your browser: www.ECT.town/east-cocalico-townshipauthority/files/ccr2021. You can also view the 2021 report on our website at www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com and click on the "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report" link found on the left side of the page.

#### **SWIMMING POOL REMINDER**

Customers with swimming pools are reminded that per the ECTA'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 PA DEP prohibits the discharge of any pool water to a storm sewer or land in which a storm sewer is accessible. Customers 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. ECTA encourages customers to properly dispose of pool water and, with prior notification, will allow discharge to the public sanitary sewer system.

#### **NEW WATER AND SANITARY SEWER RATES IN EFFECT**

As a result of increasing costs to run our 14 well facilities, water treatment plant and five sewer pump stations coupled with a 30% increase in chemicals, \$200,000 increase in wastewater treatment costs and a capital improvements plan totaling approximately \$23 million, the ECTA Board approved a 4% water and sewer rate increase. **Beginning with usage on January 1, 2022**, the water rate changed from \$6.85 to \$7.10 per thousand gallons of usage and the sewer rate changed from \$12.10 to \$12.55 per thou-

sand gallons of usage. The flat rate sewer charge for sewer customers NOT connected to the water system changed from \$157.30 per quarter to \$163.15 per quarter. The last water rate increase was in April 2017, and the last sewer rate increase was in March 2009. The new water and sewer rates will first appear on the quarterly bill you receive in April 2022.

#### **WATER/SEWER 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, ECTA reads meters and mails bills on a quarterly basis. ECTA's yearly billing cycle is as follows:

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

Please be aware that per ECTA's Rates, Rules and Regulations: 1) failure to receive your water/sewer bill is not an excuse for nonpayment and 2) water/sewer bills are issued to the owner of the property, not to tenants. If you do not receive your quarterly bill within a few days after the mailing date or you misplace it, please contact the ECTA office and a replacement bill will be issued to keep your account current and avoid any late penalties.

#### **ECTA PROJECTS ON THE HORIZON**

ECTA has continued with its construction and design efforts this year aimed at improving/expanding our water and sanitary sewer facilities to better serve our community's current needs and growth. Some key efforts include the following: **Stevens Pumping Station Upgrade/Expansion** – Despite supply chain issues and equipment delivery delays, ECTA has continued to accomplish a good level of progress with on-going construction activities for the upgrade and expansion of our sanitary sewer pumping station located in Stevens along Line Road near the intersection of Wabash Road. The station has been approaching full capacity and required an upgrade to support future growth. On-site construction is scheduled to be completed by July 2022.

**Meadowbrook Area Water and Sewer Rehabilitation & Replacement** – ECTA has recently completed final engineering and design activities for a \$6.0 million project aimed at repairing and replacing over 9,000 feet of damaged or leaking sanitary sewer main and over 10,000 feet of antiquated cast iron water line. The bidding process and contract award for this project should be completed this Spring with initial construction activities potentially starting in late Spring/early Summer and proceeding through December 2023.

**Well M Project** – Again, despite supply chain issues and equipment delivery delays, ECTA is nearing the end of construction activities for our new public water supply Well M located along Line Road. We will soon be moving forward with final design and bidding of a \$1 million water treatment plant upgrade to finalize the connection of Well M to the water treatment plant and begin treatment and utilization of this water supply source. The upgrade project is scheduled to be completed and Well M be put into service by the end of 2022. The addition of Well M will help ensure our customers a reliable and steady supply of water for many years to come.

In addition to the above construction-related projects, ECTA has continued to work closely with PA DEP and PA Rural Water on a grant-funded effort to accomplish a comprehensive Source Water Protection Plan for all of our 14 well facilities to protect our precious water resources.

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

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

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP 2022 MEETING DATES Unless otherwise noted, all of the meetings are held at: East Cocalico Township, 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517

PLEASE NOTE: Meeting days/times may change, and in-person meetings may require social distancing and require mask wearing.

The Board of Supervisors Meetings are held via "live" Zoom and recorded. If you missed a particular meeting, you can view on YouTube.

Please refer to the Township website for up-to-date meeting information or call us (717) 336-1720.

MONTH		RD OF VISORS	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		3*, 20	24	19	12	11	25
FEBRUARY		3, 17	28	16	9	8	22
MARCH	17	3**	28	16	9	8	29
APRIL		7, 21	25	20	13	12	26
MAY		5, 19	23	18	11	10	31
JUNE		2***, 16	27	15	8	14	28
JULY		None, 21	25	20	13	12	26
AUGUST		4, 18	22	17	10	9	30
SEPTEMBER	15	1****	26	21	14	13	27
OCTOBER		6, 20	24	19	12	11	25
NOVEMBER		3, 17	28	16	9	8	29
DECEMBER		1, 15	19	None	14	13	27

<sup>\*</sup>Organizational Meeting, held on Monday, January 3rd @ 7:00pm.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Meeting held at the Reamstown Fire Hall, 12 West Church Street, Reamstown.





<sup>\*\*</sup>Meeting held at the Stevens Fire Hall, 91 Stevens Road, Stevens.