

East Cocalico Township

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Community First!

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



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EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

Visit the Township website for recent Township news, draft agendas, approved meeting minutes, live Zoom Supervisor Meetings, past meetings via YouTube, tax information, voting information, Water & Sewer Authority, building permit applications, subdivision applications, ordinances and resolutions, recycling information, trash haulers within the Township, on-lot sewer, plus a lot more!

www.ECT.Town



We wrapped up a season at the Reamstown Swimming Pool. A big “thank you” to everybody for helping make this past season a great and incident-free summer season.

We hope you were able to create some ‘warm’ memories to hold you over in the upcoming cold winter months. See you next summer!

Did you know there is a weather station at the Township building that monitors the local weather?

**Cocalico
Weather
Channel**



See the Township website home page at: www.ECT.Town shown under the NEWS tab.

BUSINESS RECYCLING FORMS

As done annually, recycling forms will be mailed to the Township area businesses in late December 2022 to early February 2023. The forms are generated from Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority for the purpose of logging the recycling efforts for the past year.

Please call the Township if your business has not received a form by late January 2023.

TOWNSHIP CONTACTS

Twp. Office: 717-337-1720 **Police Dept.:** 717-336-1725 **Water&Sewer:** 717-336-1735 **Tax:** 717-336-1724

Technicon Enterprises Inc., II

~Zoning Permit Questions: Ted Nelson 610-286-1622 ext. 102 tnelson@technicon2.com

~Building Permit Questions: Joe Tyndall 610-286-1622 ext. 105 jtyndall@technicon2.com

Zoning Assistant, Arlene Crouse 717-336-1718 ZA@ECT.Town

MS4 Stormwater, Ken McCrea 717-336-1717 MS4@ECT.Town

Financial Administrator, Judi Lumis 717-336-1709 FA@ECT.Town

Human Resources, Cherly Tapia 717-336-1706 HR@ECT.Town

Recording Secretary/Recycling Officer/Office, Lisa A. Kashner 717-336-1707 RecSec@ECT.Town

Looking for something else? Please visit the Township website at: www.ECT.Town

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BUILDING / ZONING 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 for any questions:

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YOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

VISIT THEIR WEBSITES TO SEE THEIR 2023 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!

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS on YouTube



Visit YouTube at www.YouTube.com
Type in the "search" box: East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisor Meeting.

TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

View this and other newsletters on the Township website, and notice the links are fully activated!

www.eastcoclaicotownship.com

HOW LONG 'TIL IT'S GONE?

An estimated decomposition rate:

- Plastic grocery bags, 1-20 yrs.
- Disposable diapers, plastic bottles, 450 yrs.
- Aluminum cans, 200 yrs.
- Paper towels, 2-4 wks.
- Newspapers, 6 wks.
- Cotton ropes, 1-5 mo.
- Apple cores, 2 mo.
- Cardboard boxes, 2 mo.
- Waxed milk cartons, 3 mo.
- Plywood, 1-3 yrs.
- Wool socks, 1-5 yrs.

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USE
cycle



Let it SNOW 'tis the season

SNOW CLEARING TIPS

Residents are asked to remove vehicles from the street when a snowstorm is occurring. It makes plowing safer and more efficient if the plow drivers do not have to maneuver around parked vehicles. To avoid snow from ending up in your driveway, wait until the road has been completely plowed to the curb before shoveling the last 5-10 feet of your driveway. This way less snow from the road will end up in your driveway. Please remove cars from the roads. When the roads are plowed curb to curb, there will be room to park your cars after the storm. "Thank you" for parking your cars in the driveways and off of the streets. *Thank you, Road Crew*

SNOW AND ICE

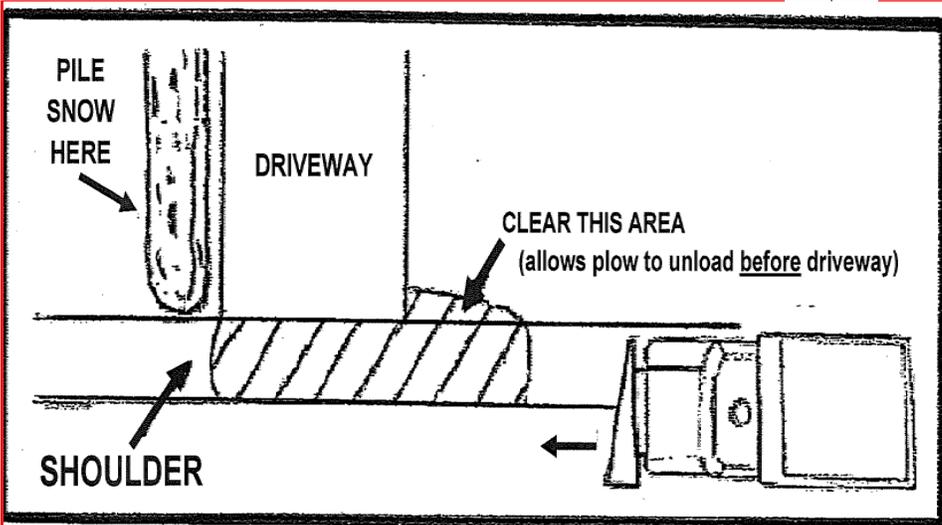
Snow and ice must be cleared from the sidewalks within 24 hours after a snow/ice storm to a pathway width of 24 inches. Throwing, tossing, blowing, or depositing snow/ice onto any public road is prohibited. Please keep the fire hydrants cleared of snow and ice.



FIREPLACE SAFETY

Make sure your chimney is cleaned at least once a year or more. Use only dried wood (causes less smoke and dirt) and never use flammable liquids to start a fire. Dispense of the cool ashes in a metal container with a lid away from the house; *and not on the porch*. Never leave a fire unattended. When burning, please keep the damper open, flammable material away, and the glass door/screen closed. *Have a safe wood-burning season!*

A special thankyou in advance to the residents for being patient and cooperative during the snow plowing season. If at all possible please wait to shovel the last 5 feet of your driveway until the road has been plowed to the curb. This is greatly appreciated!
Thank you, The Road Crew



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.

CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF



Christmas trees can be dropped off after the holidays behind the Township municipal building, 100 Hill Road, from 12/26/2022 thru 1/31/2023 dawn to dusk. A designated area is marked off, please follow the signs. Please remove all decorations including the tree bags used for transporting.



Steps to Earth Fitness

WOODY WASTE

*It's okay to "over do" it.
There is no pain
AND everything to 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 a 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.ECT.Town or at the Township building, 100 Hill Rd., Denver.

**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). If you let your card expire say over the winter months, it can be reactivated again whenever you choose to start it up again after payment:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
\$15.00	\$13.75	\$12.50	\$11.25	\$10	\$8.75	\$7.50	\$6.25	\$5.00	\$3.75	\$2.50	\$1.25

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. Remember corrugated cardboard is the "fluted" look on the inside.



To date, the Township residents recycled 8.75 tons of corrugated cardboard! That is 17,420 pounds! Great job everyone, keep up the good work!

CHRISTMAS TREES During the season, there will be a drop off location to dispose of your real 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. This site is 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.

Farmers Saving Soil and Stopping Sediment (FS4) Our New FS4 Program Is Working!

Our efforts to promote farming conservation practices have paid off! The Township is required under our MS4 permit (municipal separate storm sewer system) to reduce the amount of sediment (fine soil particles) released into our streams by 10%. That represents a reduction of 186,089 pounds of sediment per year.

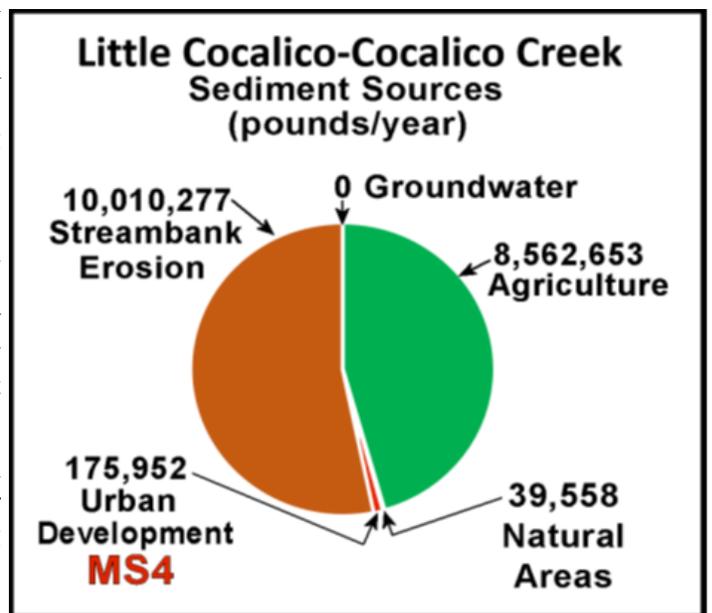
Best Management Practices (called BMPs) that can reduce sediment for MS4 include upgrading storm-water detention basins to improve water quality (that were previously designed to just control flow rate and volume), and streambank stabilization projects that reduce erosion. To get MS4 sediment reduction credit they must all be within the areas that the U.S. Census Bureau defines as “Urban Areas.”

East Cocalico Township is unusual since we have many farms located in our urban areas. This allowed us to start our FS4 program with farmers that pays them for BMPs that reduce soil loss and sediment. The pie chart shows the sources of sediment in the Cocalico & Little Cocalico Creeks watersheds (based on modeling).

Most of our sediment comes from streambank erosion and agricultural runoff. The tiny red slice of the pie is what is covered by the MS4 program – urban and developed areas. Making reductions there will have little impact on the goal of reducing pollutants entering the Chesapeake Bay.

The conservation practice we are using to reduce sediment is to protect the soil surface from rain with crop residue left on the ground after harvest. Raindrops hit the residue and don't excavate soil particles as they would on unprotected soil. This can reduce soil loss by as much as 79%, producing very significant sediment reductions.

We anticipate our participating farmers will achieve their 2022 goals, giving the Township credit for a reduction of over 270,000 lbs. of sediment, exceeding our MS4 requirement by over 60%. Using our FS4 program rather than a previously proposed streambank restoration project in the Reamstown Municipal Park has saved the Township over \$600,000 thanks to conservation by our farmers.



Harvesting corn and spreading the residue on the soil to protect it from erosion and soil loss.

Pay Your Water/Sewer Bill Anytime, Anywhere Using Our New, Online Customer Portal! And Now With Even More Payment Options!

- View and pay your water/sewer bill electronically at your convenience
- No registration required for one-time payment
- Go paperless - Receive water/sewer bills, reminders, and receipts via email
- Set it and forget it with AutoPay - Save time and avoid late payment fees
- Pay by text - Sign up to get text notifications about your water/sewer bill and have the option to pay through text
- Service fee will apply - For electronic check transactions, there is a \$1.50 service fee. For all other payment methods shown below, there is a 2.75% service fee with a minimum fee of \$2.75.

To pay online, view your water/sewer bill, or register your account, go to www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com and click the link on the home page to get started.



**ECTA PROJECTS ON THE HORIZON...
 STRENGTHENING OUR ABILITY TO SERVE YOU BETTER**



Meadowbrook Area Water and Sewer Rehabilitation & Replacement – ECTA recently completed the public bidding process for a \$6.0 million project aimed at repairing and replacing over 9,000 ft of deteriorated sanitary sewer main and over 10,000 ft of antiquated cast iron water main. Contract award and Notice-to-Proceed for this project should be completed in November 2022 with initial construction activities potentially starting in late November/early December 2022. ECTA is looking to submit an application for funding assistance to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) to finance the project with a low interest loan. We have also submitted a grant application to the County and are awaiting word as to whether any of the County’s excess ARPA grant funds may be awarded to ECTA to cover a portion of the costs of the project.

Phased Water System Improvement Project – In addition to the Meadowbrook Area project listed above, ECTA is also planning for the replacement of antiquated/deteriorated/undersized water mains in Kurtz Road, Wabash Road, Reamstown Road and Stevens Road as well as an estimated \$1 million Tank 4 rehabilitation project. ECTA is also looking to submit an application for funding assistance to PENNVEST to finance the estimated \$9 million project with a low interest loan.

Source Water Protection (SWP) – ECTA has worked closely with PA Rural Water to complete a public education/outreach program and will be providing a link to it on our ECTA Facebook page as well as a reference to the link in the next Township newsletter. It is basically an educational WATER 101 PowerPoint presentation explaining where our water comes from, what a watershed is, why it is so important to all of us and shares valuable insight on how we can all work together to help protect our precious water resources.



No one likes a paper cut... Go Paperless!

On the fence about paperless billing?
 Here are some key benefits to consider:

- Receive water/sewer bills, reminders, and receipts via email.
- Email reminders ensure you’re aware of upcoming payment due dates.
- Online access to your water/sewer bill anytime 24/7.
- Enjoy a faster, more convenient payment process.

To sign up, you will have to register your account using our customer portal. Go to our website and click on “Go Paperless” to get started!

PLEASE HELP KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR OF SNOW

ECTA currently maintains 365 fire hydrants throughout the Township. 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 hydrants clear of snow is greatly appreciated. Your neighborhood and our local fire companies will benefit from hydrants that are readily visible and easily accessible when the need arises.



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EAST COCALICO POLICE, 100 Hill Rd, Denver, PA 17517 M-F 8am-4pm **EMERG: 911** P: 717-336-1725 F: 717-336-1737 W: www.eastcocalicopolice.com
WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY, 102 Hill Rd, Denver, PA 17517 M-F 8am-4:30pm P: 717-336-1731 F: 717-336-1735
W: www.ECT.town/east-cocalico-township-authority E: water@ecocalicotwpauth.com
TAX COLLECTOR Jill Cordan 717-336-1721 W: www.ECT.town/tax-collector E: TaxCollector@ECT.town
ZONING/BUILDING, Technicon Enterprises, Inc. II Phone: 610-286-1622 (Building questions: Jo Tyndall, ext. 105) (Zoning questions: Ted Nelson, 102)
MS4 (Stormwater), Ken McCrea 717-336-1717 W: www.ECT.MS4.com E-mail: MS4@ECT.town
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, Stevens 17578 P: 717-336-4200 W: www.stevensfire.org

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP 2023 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	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
JANUARY		3*, 19	23	18	11	10	31
FEBRUARY		2, 16	27	15	8	21	28
MARCH	16	2**	27	15	8	14	28
APRIL		6, 20	24	19	12	11	25
MAY		4, 18	22	17	10	9	30
JUNE		1***, 15	26	21	14	13	27
JULY		NONE, 20	24	19	12	11	25
AUGUST		3, 17	28	16	9	8	29
SEPTEMBER	21	7****	25	20	13	12	26
OCTOBER		5, 19	23	18	11	10	31
NOVEMBER		2, 16	27	15	8	14	28
DECEMBER		7, 21	18	NONE	13	12	26

POLICE PENSION MEETINGS: Start at 8:30am: Jan. 18, April 19, July 19, and Oct. 18.

*Organizational Meeting, held on Tuesday, January 3rd @ 7:00pm.

**Meeting held at the Stevens Fire Hall, 91 Stevens Road, Stevens.

***Meeting held at the Reamstown Fire Hall, 12 West Church Street, Reamstown.

****Meeting held at the Smokestown Fire Hall, 860 Smokestown Rd., Denver.

Community First! Your thoughts, comments, suggestions on the newsletter are welcomed!

Lisa A. Kashner, Twp. Newsletter Editor