



East Norriton Township

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Fall 2009

Congratulations and Thank You!



The Board of Supervisors recognizes Helmuth J.H. Baerwald on his retirement at a public meeting on June 23, 2009. Pictured (left to right): Kandy Heckman, Supervisor; Lewis K. McQuirns, Chairman; Helmuth J.H. Baerwald; James J. Serratore, III, Supervisor; Donald J. Gracia, Vice Chairman; James K. Staufenberg, Supervisor.

The Board of Supervisors, staff, Norriton Fire Engine Company, East Norriton Township community, state officials and adjacent municipalities all congratulated Helmuth J.H. Baerwald on his retirement from East Norriton Township on June 30, 2009 and thanked him for his 32+ years of dedicated and loyal service to the community. Helmuth had been an honored and valued official of East Norriton Township since 1977 when he was hired as the Finance Officer/Assistant Township Manager. In 1980, Helmuth was appointed Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer where he held that position through his retirement. Helmuth's leadership and dedication was instrumental in the creation and financing of the Township's Veterans' Memorial and the Centennial/Friendship Garden, as well as, all activities celebrating the Township's Centennial anniversary. Helmuth was also the prime organizer of the Sister City Program between East Norriton Township and the current city of Treptow-Köpenick, Berlin, Germany. Since 1992, he has fostered this relationship between the two communities which has proven to be an educational experience for all involved. During his 32 year tenure, Helmuth was actively involved with many diverse national, state and local organizations which contributed to benefit and improve the operations and functionality of East Norriton Township's government.



The Norriton Fire Engine Company congratulates Helmuth J.H. Baerwald on his retirement from East Norriton Township. Pictured (left to right): George Myers, Fire Chief; Helmuth J.H. Baerwald; Theodore Fonash, President; Ralph Neelman, Chairman Board of Trustees.

Congratulations Helmuth and best wishes for your future endeavors.

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East Norriton Centennial Events

East and West Norriton Township's Division Reenactment

The East Norriton Township Centennial Celebration continued during the Spring with the reenactment of the splitting of Norriton Township into East and West Norriton Townships. The reenactment took place on the 100th anniversary of the splitting of the Township on March 9th, 2009. The Honorable Joseph Smyth, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas presided over the ceremony at the Montgomery County Court House with present day Supervisors from East Norriton Township and Commissioners from West Norriton Township in attendance. Judge Smyth read the Decree declaring the Township of Norriton be divided into two separate Townships called East Norriton and West Norriton Township on March 9th, 1909.



West Norriton Township Commissioner President George Stojanovich and Chairman of the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors Lewis McQuirns.



Commissioners of West Norriton Township and Supervisors of East Norriton Township meet with the Honorable Judge Joseph Smyth during the reenactment of the separation of Norriton Township into East and West Norriton Townships on March 9th, 2009. Pictured from left, West Norriton Township Commissioners Ralph Panzullo, Brian Kennedy, Paul Piantone, Joseph Byrnes, and George Stojanovich, Court of Common pleas Judge Joseph Smyth, East Norriton Supervisors Lewis McQuirns, Donald Gracia, James Serratore, Kandy Heckman, and James Staufenberg.

Historic Home and Site Tour and Art League Exhibit



The East Norriton Township Centennial Historic Home and Site Tour was held on Saturday, May 9th. Eight locations were visited by over 113 participants during the afternoon. The historic sites participating in the tour included the Norris City Cemetery, with recorded burials dating back to 1857 and has over 138 Civil War Veterans buried here. A Civil War encampment was held near the cemetery gates by Winfield Hancock Society. The Norriton Presbyterian Church, constructed in the mid 1700's, and used as a military hospital during the Revolutionary War was hosted by General George Washington and General Nathaniel Green of the Continental Army. A Carding Mill previously owned by Enoch Supplee on Swede Road started operations in 1811. Bartle Bartleson's Tavern, which was listed on maps of the area in 1759 and the area where both the English and Continental troops camped during the Revolutionary War. The Barley Sheaf Inn which was built in the 1700's and housed the Montgomery County Democrats and Montgomery County Militia meetings in the early 1800's. The Inn was also known as the Sign of General Jackson during the 1800's. The Norritonville School, built in 1894, now the home of the Greater Norristown

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Art League sponsored an Art Show depicting scenes of East Norriton. Seventy-four entrants participated in the show which was open to the public during the tour. Holly Hill Farms which was built in 1827 and later became a dairy farm in the 1920's and the Beyer Schoolhouse, original school constructed in 1849, present day structure was constructed in 1888. The Historic Home and Site tour was provided by the East Norriton Township Historical Advisory Committee.



Centennial Parade

On Saturday May 30th, East Norriton Township sponsored its Centennial Parade. The Parade started at 11 a.m. from the Norriton Fire Engine Company on Swede Road and traveled down Germantown Pike to Stanbridge Street and onto the grounds of Stanbridge Street Park behind the Municipal Building. Festivities including band performances, displays of antique vehicles, and refreshments were served to the participants and parade spectators. The parade

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which consisted of over 55 entrants included; bands, drum and bugle corps, dance groups, floats, antique cars, marching units, mascots, businesses, fire trucks, and police vehicles were divided into four divisions with a band leading each section. Grand Marshal for the parade was NBC news reporter Dianna Durante with other dignitaries participating including U.S. Congressman James Gerlach 6th district, State Senator Daylin Leach 17th District, State Representatives Matthew Bradford 70th District and Mike Vereb, 150th District, County Commissioner Chairman James Matthews, past members of the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors Fritz Ahlfeld, John Fichter, Bud Denner, and Herman Marks, as well as, present day Supervisors Lewis McQuirns, Donald Gracia, Kandy Heckman, James Serratore and James Staufenberg . *(continued on page 5)*



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East and West Norriton Townships' 5K Run

On July 4th, East and West Norriton Townships sponsored a 5K run and 1 mile fun walk which started at the Norristown High School, and continued onto the grounds of the Norristown Farm Park and back to the High School. 161 entrants participated in this Celebration 5K run.

Trophies were presented to the top male and female finishers, top male and female from East Norriton, top male and female from West Norriton and Celebration paperweights were awarded to the top three finishers in 9 age categories for both male and female participants. The 5K run was sponsored by PECO as a part of the two townships' Centennial Celebration.

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Female overall winner Christa Johnson center, with Brian Kennedy, left, West Norriton Commissioner and Neil Schaefer race organizer on right.



1st place male, East Norriton Township resident, Robert Hicks with race organizer, Neil Schaefer



Male overall winner John Gries center, with Brian Kennedy, West Norriton Commissioner (left) and Neil Schaefer, (right) race organizer.



1st place female, East Norriton Township resident, Andrea Stickley with race organizer Neil Schaefer



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Community Day Celebration

Upcoming events include a two day Community Day Celebration on Friday, September 11th and Saturday, September 12th. Friday's festivities starting at 5:00 p.m. include rides, refreshments, a band concert with fireworks at 8:30 p.m. Saturday's program starts at 12 noon with games, rides, craft vendors, business tables, refreshments, entertainment throughout the day and evening and another fireworks display at 8:30 p.m.



Members of the East Norriton Township Centennial Fund Raising Committee pose outside the East Norriton Township Building in the Centennial Friendship Garden. The Fund Raising Committee started 2008 with a goal of raising \$100,000 for the festivities for the Township's Centennial in 2009. To date, the committee has already exceeded their goal and has raised over \$115,765. Pictured left to right from bottom, Joan Morello, Helmuth Baerwald, Cherifa Howarth, middle section, Geoffrey Brandon, Anthony Taormina, James (Skip) Oliver, Bud Denner, and Gus Mandracchia. Pictured left to right in the top section, Charles Tornetta, James Serratore, Larry Brown, and Lew McQuirms. Missing at time of picture are Marc Salamone, Joe Gambone, Harry Mirabile Jr., Jim Staufenberg, Kandy Heckman, and Donald Gracia.

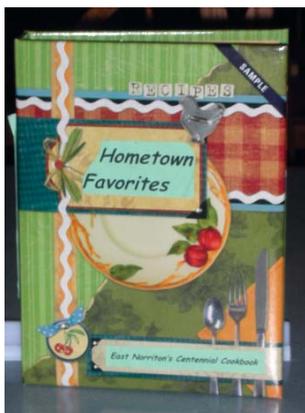
Time Capsule Dedication

Recently added to the schedule of events is the dedication of a Time Capsule with artifacts from 2009 to be placed in the container and to be opened in 100 years in 2109. Students from the Norristown Area School District have been invited to participate in providing items for the time capsule. Also, participating in this event are two students and the Buergermeisterin, (mayor) of Treptow Köpenick Gabriele Schöttler. Treptow Köpenick which is East Norriton Township's Sister City from Germany is celebrating its 800th Anniversary in 2009. The dedication ceremony will take place on Tuesday, October 27th at 5:00 p.m. at the East Norriton Township Building.



Buergermeisterin/Mayoress Gabriele Schöttler of Treptow Köpenick von Berlin will be visiting East Norriton Township this fall from October 23rd to October 29th. Mrs. Schöttler will

participate, with two students from schools of our sister city in the centennial time capsule dedication to be held on Tuesday, October 27th at 5 p.m. at the East Norriton Township Building. All expenses associated with the visit of our guests from Berlin, Germany will be defrayed through funds and services donated by the East Norriton-Treptow Köpenick Association.



East Norriton Centennial Cookbook

Residents and friends are reminded that the East Norriton Centennial Cookbook is for sale at the East Norriton Township Building for \$8.50 per copy. Over 284 recipes are included in this hard-bound three ring binder. Also, copies of the Centennial's History Book of East Norriton Township are available at the Township Building.

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FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS 2009

All East Norriton residents will be given first preference with space availability in all programs, trips, and special events.

Parks and Recreation Department
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Website: eastnorritontwp.org
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NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

When you register for any of our recreation programs, don't wait by the phone or camp out by your mailbox.

THE ONLY TIME YOU WILL HEAR FROM US IS:

- If a class is full or canceled
- If there is a change in time or day for the class

So if it's almost time for your class to begin, and you haven't heard from our friendly staff, that's good news.

IT MEANS YOUR IN!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

All activities held in schools are canceled when:

- Schools are closed due to inclement weather
- Early dismissal occurs due to inclement weather
- Special school events are planned at the school
- Schools are closed for holidays (unless otherwise noted on your schedule)

Any questions call our office at 610-275-2800 and push 4 for Parks and Recreation.

Norristown Area School District school closing number is 304.

Pee Wee Soccer

5 to 6 yrs. old

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex
ON: Saturday mornings, beginning September 19th
TIME: 11:15 p.m.
FEE: \$35 per child
Beginning soccer stressing rules and fundamentals, and scrimmages.
Register by Friday, September 18th

Youth Soccer

7 to 13 yrs. old

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex
ON: Saturday mornings
TIMES: 7-9 yr. old league – 9 a.m.
10-13 yr. old league – 10 a.m.
FEE: \$40 per child
Register at the Parks and Recreation office prior to Friday, September 4th. Teams will be picked at Stanbridge Street Park: 7-9 yr. olds at 6 p.m., Wednesday, September 9th and 10-13 yr. olds at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 10th. League play commences on Saturday, September 19th.

U. K. Elite Petite Soccer Clinic

3-5 yrs. old

AT: Stanbridge Street Park
ON: Friday afternoons, beginning September 25th to October 30th
TIMES: Session 1, 1-2 p.m. or Session 2, 2-3 p.m.
FEE: \$80 per child
A fun introduction to the world of soccer. Through exposure to exciting and stimulating physical activities, tremendous developments can be made in children's motor skills and coordination as well as social skills. Program taught by U.K. Elite Soccer teaching staff using Games Based Approach. Limited space is available. Minimum to run class 8 registrants for each session. **Deadline to register is Friday, September 18th.**

Men's Adult Basketball League

AT: East Norriton Middle School
ON: Monday evenings, beginning September 21st
FEE: \$650 resident team (70% East Norriton residents)
\$700 non-residents teams
Roster plus a \$50 refundable deposit due at the Recreation Office by Friday, September 4th. **Registration accepted by team basis only.**

Women's Adult Basketball League

AT: East Norriton Middle School
ON: Thursday evenings, beginning September 17th
FEE: \$450 resident teams (70% East Norriton residents)
\$500 non-resident teams
Rosters plus \$50 refundable deposit due at the Recreation Office by Friday, September 4th. **Registration accepted by team basis only.**

Tennis Lessons

Youth 8-16 yrs. old

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex
ON: Saturday mornings, beginning September 19th
TIMES: 8-10 yr. olds – 9 a.m.
11-16 yr. olds – 10 a.m.
FEE: \$25 per student
Five one-hour lessons taught under excellent supervision. Class size limited to first 20 registrants. **Register prior to Friday, September 11th.**

Tennis Lessons Adults

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex
ON: Saturday mornings, beginning September 19th
TIME: 11 a.m.
FEE: \$25 per person
Program consists of five one-hour lessons. Class size limited to first 15 registrants. **Register prior to Friday, September 11th.**

Karate Classes

Beginners 5-12 yrs. old

AT: Paul Fly School

ON: Monday evenings, beginning September 14th for 8 weeks

TIMES: 5-12 yr. olds – 6-7 p.m.

13 yr. olds to adult – 7-8 p.m.

FEE: \$35 for 8 week session

An introduction to Taekwon-Do Karate. The class teaches basic techniques in self defense, self discipline, coordination and exercise while having fun. Instructor Master Harry Plichta 7th degree black belt. **Register at the Recreation office or at the first class.**

East Norriton Taekwon-Do School

6-12 yrs. old & Adults 13 & up

AT: Paul Fly School

ON: Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday, September 9th

TIMES: 6-12 yr. olds – 6-7 p.m.

Adults 13 & up – 7-8 p.m.

FEE: \$25 per person/month

An internationally certified Taekwon-Do school. The classes cover all aspects of this defensive art, with opportunities to advance to black belt. The classes are open to beginners or advanced students, male or female. Instructor Master Harry Plichta, 7th degree black belt. **Sign-up at first class or at the Recreation Office.**

Youth Softball Fast Pitch Pitching Lessons

9-17 yrs. old

AT: East Norriton Middle School gym

ON: Tuesday evenings, beginning October 6th for 5 weeks

TIMES:

Beginners: 9-11 yr. olds – 6-7 p.m.

Intermediate: 12-15 yr. olds – 7-8 p.m.

Advanced: 15-17 yr. olds – 8-9 p.m.

FEE: \$55 per student

Group fast pitch pitching lessons are being offered by Tara White Fitch. Tara was starting varsity pitcher for Norristown High School 1995-1998 and starting pitcher for Kutztown University for three years. She has 15

years of competitive pitching experience.

Fundamentals of windmill pitching will be covered with emphasis on proper form and technique for various pitches depending on age and skill level.

Drills and proper practice routines will also be established. Minimum of 4 per class and a maximum of 8. Certain players may be asked to move to another session after 1st week depending on skill level. **Deadline to register is Friday, October 2nd.**

Babysitting for a Job

11-13 yrs. old

AT: East Norriton Middle School

ON: Wednesday evenings, beginning September 23rd for 8 weeks

TIME: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

FEE: \$15 per child

Program will teach students the proper skills and functions of a responsible babysitter. Class is instructed by a certified Red Cross Instructor. Class size is limited to 20. **Deadline to register is Friday, September 11th.**

Boys Basketball League

8-18 yrs. old

FEE: \$55 residents, \$65 non-residents
Basketball League play will commence in early January. Registration will be accepted at the Township Building beginning Thursday, October 1st and ending Friday, November 27th. Proof of age required of all new participants. League age is determined by age of October 1st, 2009. Non-residents will be accepted on a space availability basis as of November 30th.



ENGAA Basketball

Girls 5-13 yrs. old

FEE: Instructional 5-8 yrs. old – \$60 per person, Lassies 9-10 yrs. old – \$70 per person, Juniors 11-13 yrs. old – \$70 per person

Plus \$25 per family fund-raising fee
(Family discount \$10 off additional players with lowest fee)

Registration will be held at the East Norriton Township Building Monday through Friday beginning September 8th to October 30th.

Norristown Area Youth Lacrosse Association

Boys in grades K-8 and Girls in grades 5 & 6

Registration will be held at the PAL Center in December. For exact dates and times go to www.norristownlax.com

East Norriton Youth Wrestling Program

Boys in grades K – 8th

AT: Norristown Area High School Wrestling Room

FEE: \$25 per child

Parents may register their children at any of the following sessions:
Thursday, October 22nd – 7-8 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27th – 7-8 p.m.
Thursday, November 5th – 7-8 p.m.
Tuesday, October 10th – 7-8 p.m.

First practice is on Tuesday, December 1st. For more information please contact Mark Harner, 610-584-8529 or e-mail Harner13@comcast.net

TRIPS

Washington D.C.

ON: Tuesday, September 29th, 2009
FEE: \$40 per person

Bus departs from the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Office at 7 a.m. for a leisurely ride to our nation's capitol. Upon arrival in Washington D.C., you will be dropped off at the Smithsonian Institute mall area to visit the many building, museums, and memorials located in between the Washington Monument and the Capitol Building. You will be on your own to visit these places so that you can spend as much time as you want at each area. We will board the bus for home at 4:30 at the Air and Space Museum (mall side) to return to East Norriton. We will make a short stop for food (on your own) en route for home. Trip is limited to 45 registrants and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to register, call the Recreation Office at 610-275-2800 x122.

Deadline to register is Friday, September 11th.

New York on Your Own

ON: Saturday, October 24th
FEE: \$35 per person

Bus departs from East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Office at 7:45 a.m. Upon arrival in New York City you will be on your own to shop, sight-see or purchase tickets for a Broadway Show. Bus will leave New York City at 5:30 p.m. for our return home.

Deadline to register is Friday, October 2nd.



Casino Trip

ON: Wednesday, November 4th
FEE: \$30 per person

Bus departs from the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Office at 7:45 a.m. Upon arrival at the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City, you will be on your own for the day. Bus will depart for East Norriton Township at 4:15 p.m. **You must be 21 years of age or older to participate on this trip.** The trip includes round trip motor coach transportation and \$25 slot play. Limited space is available and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Deadline to register for this trip is October 16th.

Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular

ON: Thursday, December 3rd and Tuesday December 8th

FEE: \$90 per person which includes round trip transportation and Front Mezzanine/Orchestra seats for the 2 p.m. matinee show.

Bus will leave the Parks and Recreation Offices at 7:45 a.m. and return at approximately 6:30 p.m. Plenty of free time is available for shopping, sight-seeing and lunch on your own. Show is 2 p.m. with door opening at 1 p.m. Forty-five seats are available for both trip dates and will be sold on a first-come first-served basis. A \$50 deposit per ticket is needed with your order. No dinner stop is planned for these trips.

SPECIAL EVENT

EAST NORRITON COMMUNITY DAY

AT: Stanbridge Street Park

ON: **Friday, September 11th**, 5 p.m. to after dark & **Saturday, September 12th**, NOON to after dark (rain date for Saturday events will be Sunday, September 13th)

In celebrating East Norriton Township's 100th Anniversary, we have planned a two day Community Day program with fireworks planned each night. Friday night will feature rides, a concert and fireworks. Saturday will again consist of plenty of games, rides, food, entertainment, crafts and businesses. Plan to bring the entire family and friends out for our 31st Annual Community Day Celebration at Stanbridge Street Park. Spend the day and ride the rides all day for one low price. Plan to spend the evening with us for our fireworks display at 8:30 p.m. each night. Rides will operate from 12 noon until 7:30 p.m. Ride wrist bands can be purchased for all rides for one low price.

BIKE HELMETS FOR SALE

The East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Department is selling bike helmets at the Recreation Offices, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. These helmets are ANSI and Snell B-90 certified. Helmets are being sold to promote bicycle safety and the state law which requires all youths under 12 years of age to wear helmets. Cost for the helmets is \$12 each.

31st ANNUAL EAST NORRITON COMMUNITY DAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 2009

5 PM to FIREWORKS at 8:30 PM

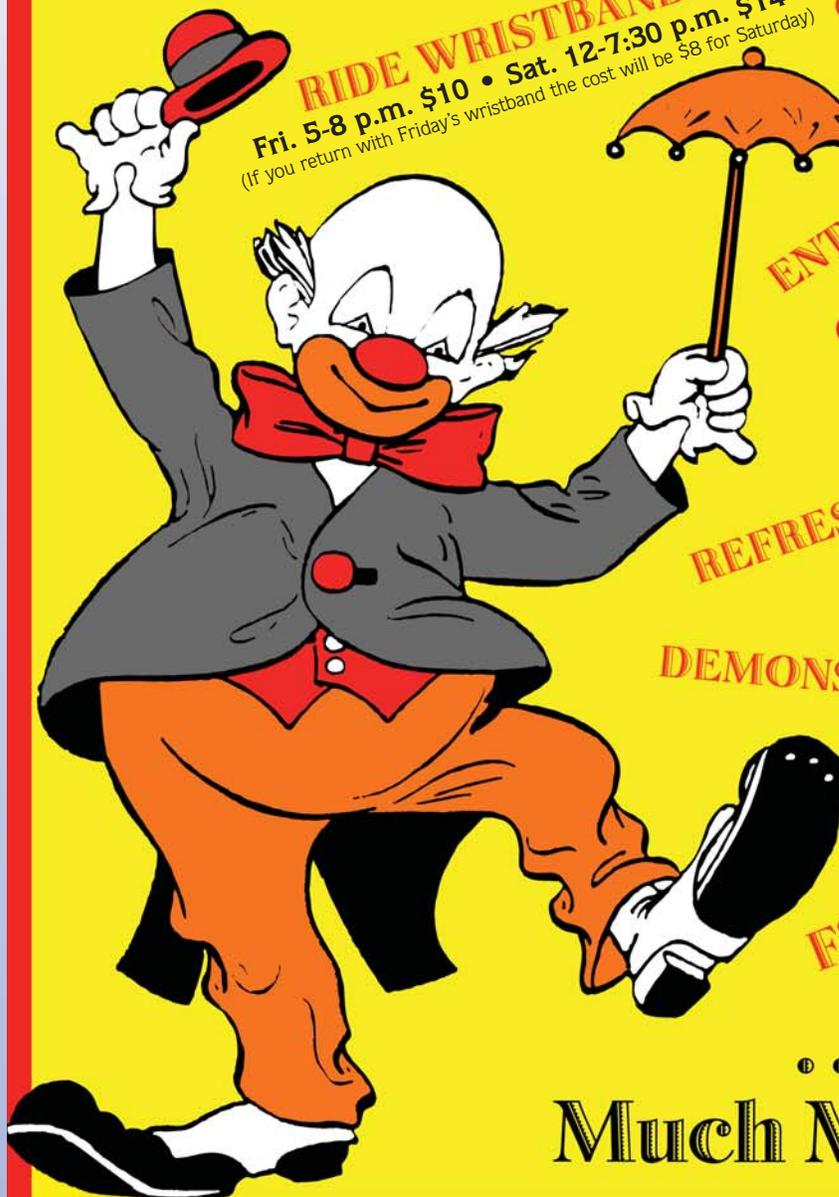
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 2009

12 Noon to FIREWORKS at 8:30 PM

Raindate: Sunday, September 13th

STANBRIDGE STREET PARK COMPLEX

(Behind East Norriton Municipal Building)



RIDE WRISTBANDS
Fri. 5-8 p.m. \$10 • Sat. 12-7:30 p.m. \$14
(If you return with Friday's wristband the cost will be \$8 for Saturday)

GAMES

ENTERTAINMENT

RIDES

CONTESTS

REFRESHMENTS

CRAFTS

DEMONSTRATIONS

Fireworks
Friday & Saturday
at 8:30 p.m.

**... and
Much More!**

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



East Norriton Township Holiday Parade at Hillcrest Plaza

ON: Saturday, December 5th

AT: 11 a.m.

Parade starts at East Norriton Middle School and proceeds to Hillcrest Plaza via Germantown Pike. Plan to bring the kids out to line the roadway to see the many floats, bands, fire trucks, Santa Claus and much more. Special festivities including the 4th annual East Norriton Idol Contest will be held in the afternoon at the Hillcrest Plaza.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Once again this Holiday Season, our committee will be traveling throughout the neighborhoods of East Norriton to judge the many beautifully decorated homes. To be included in this year's contest, please call the Parks and Recreation Office with your name and address before December 11th. Only homes that are entered will be judged.

Santa Visits The Neighborhoods

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

East Norriton Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the Norriton Fire Engine Company will once again be bringing Santa to the residents of East Norriton via fire truck. Check our winter brochure and newsletter for this event.

Disney On Ice Trip

DATE AND SHOW TO BE ANNOUNCED IN NOVEMBER

We are once again planning to run a bus to this annual trip to the Wachovia Center. Detailed flyer will be available at the Parks and Recreation Office in November for this Christmas season show. Details will also be available in our Winter newsletter and on the Township website.

PAVILION AND DUNK BOOTH RENTALS

Need a place for your family reunion or picnic?

Call the Parks and Recreation Department to reserve our pavilion. Fee includes a \$50 refundable deposit and \$75 rental fee. Our dunk booth is also available for fund raising or family outings. Fee includes a \$50 deposit and \$75 rental fee for the weekend. Reservations for both of these items go fast, so call early to place your reservations.

ENGRAVED BRICK SALE FOR EAST NORRITON VETERANS MEMORIAL

Engraved bricks can be purchased for the East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial. These bricks line the walk-way to the memorial. Over 455 bricks have been purchased to date. Bricks cost \$50. These bricks can accommodate three lines of writing with 15 characters per line. Forms can be picked up at the Township Building or the Parks and Recreation Office.



MEMORIAL PARK DEDICATION PROGRAM

The Parks and Recreation Department has initiated a program for residents who wish to honor or remember a relative or friend through the purchase of a gift to the parks. Picnic tables, benches, bike racks and trees can be purchased with an engraved dedication plaque. The purchase of these items is a personal tax deduction. Through this program, residents are able to remember someone special to them, while contributing to the enhancement of our parks.



REGISTRATION FORM FOR PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Resident of East Norriton Township (Yes or No) Payment method: _____ Payment date: _____

Parent/guardian or participant if over 18 years old:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Night Phone: _____

Cell: _____ E-mail Address: _____

(Note: For use by the Parks and Recreation department only. Email addresses will not be shared.)

Special accommodations requested: _____

Emergency Contact: *(if different from above)*

Name: _____ Relation: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

East Norriton Township reserves the right to cancel any program, trip or activity due to insufficient participants, inclement weather or for any other reasonable cause. Should such a cancellation occur, a refund of fees will be provided. Participants who are unable to attend a program should notify the park and recreation department 48 hours before the event in order to qualify for a refund of registration fees. Refunds will not be provided for participant cancellations less than 48 hours before an event. There is a \$25.00 fee on all returned checks. Trip refunds will only be made if a replacement can be found. All refunds due to participant cancellation will result in a \$5 administrative charge.

PARTICIPANTS NAME	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	PROGRAM NAME	FEE

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP – PARK AND RECREATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANT LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE

All participants (or their legal guardians if the participant is under age 18) must review and sign the liability waiver and release below.

In consideration for being permitted to use East Norriton Township "Township" and/or Norristown Area School District facilities under the jurisdiction of East Norriton Township Recreation programs and/or to participate in Township-sponsored programs, I agree, for myself and/or for any minors in my care, to fully and completely release Township, its employees, boards, departments, agents and affiliated entities from all claims, liabilities or actions for any injuries to me, injuries to minors in my care and/or any loss or damage to my personal property or the personal property of any such minors arising from our use of Township facilities or participation in Township-sponsored activities and programs.

I agree to hold harmless and defend Township, its officials, employees, successors and assigns from any and all personal injuries and property damages sustained by others by reason of our use of Township facilities or participation in Township-sponsored activities or programs.

I understand that no health and/or accident insurance is provided by the Township. I also understand and agree, for myself, and/or for any minors in my care, that I am solely responsible at any sole cost and expense for furnishing medical or other insurance to cover any expenses related to any such personal injuries or property damage.

I hereby give Township staff permission to secure emergency medical care for minors in my care who may suffer an injury or illness while in the temporary care of Township representatives.

I agree, for myself and/or for any minors in my care, to comply with all

Township rules and regulations, including any rules and regulations governing any programs for which I, and/or any minors in my care, have registered, and understand and agree that noncompliance with any such rules and regulations by me, or any minors in my care, may result in termination of the privilege to use Township facilities and/or participate in Township-sponsored activities and programs. In the event of such a termination for cause, I understand that I will not be entitled to be reimbursed for any registration fees.

I further agree, for myself and/or for any minors in my care, that I will furnish a certified birth certificate or proof of birth upon request by the Township, as may be required for participation in Township activities and programs.

I grant the right to use my/our name, image, photograph and video, including composite or modification, representations in publications, brochures, newsletters, reports, website and any other material relating to Township parks and recreational programs, activities and facilities. I waive the right to inspect or approve versions of my/our image used for publication or the written copy that may be used in connection with the image. I fully release, indemnify and hold harmless Township for any liability for actions taken on our behalf as well as for use of my/our name or image as set forth herein.

Intending to be legally bound hereby, and with full authority, I acknowledge, agree to and accept the terms of this Liability Waiver and Release on behalf of myself and/or on behalf of any minors in my care.

Print Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Names of Minor(s) *(if any)* _____



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 10, 2009

I am pleased to join you and your community in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of East Norriton Township. Such a momentous occasion is an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the history of your community and the people who made Norriton what it is today.

America has experienced many transformations since her founding. Your community has also evolved while witnessing important milestones in our history. Starting not long after the turn of the century, Norriton experienced the depths of the First World War, the heights of the Roaring Twenties, a Great Depression, and an even greater triumph over forces of hatred and intolerance. In the last fifty years, you've seen America draw inspiration from Dr. King's dream and watched Neil Armstrong land on the Moon.

Through thick and thin, family and friendship formed the cornerstones of American communities. Today, as we work to fulfill America's promise, we look to our shared history for lessons on persistence and determination.

As America's journey continues, I hope you find inspiration in the hard work and sacrifice of our ancestors and the great moments in our history that Norriton has been a part of. You represent an important piece of the American narrative that will always be treasured.

Congratulations on your centennial, and may you celebrate many more years as friends and neighbors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama".

Special thank you to Mary Pat Tomei, Director of Community Outreach from Senator Daylin Leach's office for her assistance in obtaining this letter.

Montgomery County Health Department Announces Immunizations by Appointment

The Montgomery County Health Department announces that to better serve the residents of Montgomery County in a more timely and efficient manner, immunizations will now be given by appointment only effective August 2009.

“Appointments will decrease our client’s waiting time and allow ample time for each client’s needs,” said Kalyn Roberts, public health nurse supervisor for MCHD.

In addition, the Norristown Health Center is moving the Immunization Clinic Day from Thursday to Monday. Immunizations remain free of charge to county residents.

To make an appointment, East Norriton residents should call:

NORRISTOWN HEALTH CENTER
Montgomery County
Human Services Center
1430 DeKalb Street
Norristown, PA 19401
610-278-5145



TOWNSHIP POLLING DISTRICTS

*Make your opinion count and be heard!
 Register to vote and exercise your right as a citizen.*

- EN 1-1 Olivet Church, Township Line Rd.
- EN 1-2 St. Titus Church, Keenwood Rd.
- EN 1-3 Paul Fly School, Potshop Rd.
- EN 1-4 Norriton Presbyterian Church, Trooper Rd.
- EN 2-1 Norriton Fire Engine Co., Swede Rd.
- EN 2-2 Cole Manor Elementary School, Springview Rd.
- EN 2-3 Teamsters Hall Local 380, Hannah Ave.
- EN 2-4 Automobile Dealers Association, 3311 Swede Rd.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009

VENDORS WANTED FOR EAST NORRITON COMMUNITY DAY

Vendors are being sought for the 31st Annual East Norriton Community Day slated for Saturday, September 12th, 2009. The festivities will be held at Stanbridge Street Park located directly behind the East Norriton Township Building, 2501 Stanbridge Street in East Norriton. Rain date is Sunday, September 13th.

East Norriton Community Day features a day full of games, rides, entertainment, demonstrations, food, crafts, businesses and civic organizations. The day begins at 12 noon and continues to the fireworks display at 8:30 p.m.

Applications are being accepted for craft vendors, businesses, civic organizations and food vendors. Please call the Recreation Department for the appropriate application and further information.

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP BUILDING TO BE CLOSED FOR UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

The East Norriton Township Municipal Building will be closed on the following dates in observance of the remaining holidays during 2009. The Police Department will continue to operate twenty-four (24) hours per day, however, the Police Administrative Offices will also be closed for the following holidays.

- Monday, September 7th, 2009 Labor Day
- Monday, October 12th, 2009. Columbus Day
- Wednesday, November 11th, 2009. Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 26th, 2009 Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 27th, 2009. Day after Thanksgiving
- Thursday, December 24th, 2009 Christmas Eve
- Friday, December 25th, 2009 Christmas Day
- Friday, January 1st, 2010. New Year’s Day

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Police 911
 Non-emergency 610-272-0747 or 610-275-1222
 Fire. 911
 Business Phone 610-279-3456
 Ambulance 911

Montgomery County
 Radio Room 610-275-1222

PECO Emergency Power
 Outage Emergency 800-841-4141

East Norriton Township
 Municipal Building. 610-275-2800
 Fax. 610-277-1879
 e-mail info@eastnorritontwp.org

Hospitals
 Montgomery 610-270-2000
 Mercy Suburban 610-278-2000
 Poison Control 215-386-2100

PA Game Commission
 Regional office 610-926-3136 or 610-926-3137
 Fax 610-926-8835

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Police Department has remained busy during the last several months. Officers from East Norriton continually attend training to improve the quality of service provided to East Norriton residents.

East Norriton Police would like to advise citizens that department officers are actively involved in both the Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education program and Click it or Ticket program. Both programs involve putting additional officers out on traffic patrol and are funded by State and Federal grants. Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving targets aggressive drivers. Click it or Ticket targets seat belt compliance. Both programs are designed to reduce accidents and accident related injuries on the targeted roadways. Warnings for violations will not be given by these officers so please drive safely.



Officer Tim Brennan (Citation for Merit – March) and Anthony Caso (Aggressive Driver Education and Enforcement Program “Officer of the Year”). Also recognized Officer Michael Patrick (Citation of Merit – April) and Officer Tim Warner (Citation of Merit – June) not available at time of picture.

Officer Anthony Caso was named by PENDOT as the PA. Aggressive Driver Education and Enforcement Program’s “Officer of the Year.” Anthony and the other Officers involved in the program continue their hard work in both programs.

Six Officers received “Citations for Merit” from the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors during this report period. **Officer Timothy Brennan** was recognized in March for solving a 2008 case which involved the theft of two motor vehicles and thefts from nine others with the arrest of the suspect. **Officer Michael Patrick** received his award during the April meeting for his arrest of an alleged criminal gang member wanted by Federal Authorities. **Detective Jean Morrison** was lauded in May for a complex 2008 identity theft investigation which involved a dozen

Points to Remember...

- 1) SCHOOL’S OPEN** — Please remember to drive safely and watch for children on their way to and from School. Obey the speed limits especially in school zones. The school zone/speed zones are strictly enforced by the Police department
- 2) INCLEMENT WEATHER** — This is the time of year for wet leaf covered roadways. Snow and ice are a possibility. Keep your vehicles in good condition. Remember to leave plenty of space between your vehicle and the car ahead. Turn on your lights during periods of inclement weather for greater visibility.

victims, numerous suspects, and a monetary loss in excess of \$100,000.00. During the June Township Meeting **Officers Anthony Caso and Timothy Warner** received a standing ovation from the audience when they were honored for rescuing a Township resident from a house fire. Both Officers entered the house through a heavy smoke condition and removed the unconscious resident who was inside to safety. Lastly **Detective Sgt. Peter Mastrocola** received an award in July for his joint investigation with West Norriton Police of a series of robberies. His investigative work solved three robberies that occurred in the shopping district of East Norriton. Congratulations to all for the recognition of your hard work.



Detective Sergeant Pete Mastracola (Citation of Merit – July) and Detective Jean Morrison (Citation of Merit – May)

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS HOURS

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency: 9-1-1 • Non-Emergencies: 610-272-0747
Both numbers twenty-four hours a day.

EAST NORRITON TWP. VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial Committee held a Wreath Laying Ceremony on Sunday May 24th at the Veterans Memorial in commemoration of Memorial Day. The event featured guest speaker John Nowak of the Montgomery County Veterans Affairs Outreach program. Also participating in the program were the Norristown High School ROTC Honor Guard, representatives from the Vietnam Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, American Legion Post, United States Marine Corp, and members of the East Norriton Veterans Memorial Committee. A special flag presentation was made by East Norriton resident James Dougherty. This United States flag will be flown at the Veterans Memorial. Master of Ceremonies for the program was East Norriton Township Supervisor's Chairman Lewis K. McQuirns.

The Veterans Memorial Committee also held a special Flag Cremation Ceremony at Norris City Cemetery on Friday, June 12th. The Committee properly disposed of several hundred worn and tattered flags during this ceremony. Many of these flags were dropped off at the special flag container located on the porch of the Municipal Building.

The Veterans Committee is continuing to sell U.S. flags, Pennsylvania flags, military flags, MIA/POW flags, Eagles and Phillies flags and much more throughout the year as a fund raiser for the upkeep of the Memorial. Forms can be picked up at the Parks and Recreation Office or at the Township Building. Flags will usually be available a day or two after order is placed.



The Veterans Memorial Committee is also continuing to sell engraved bricks for the Veterans Memorial. Cost for the brick is \$50 which allows three lines of lettering with 15 spaces on each line. Over 655 engraved bricks already line the walkway to the Monument. Forms can be picked up at the Township Building, the Parks and Recreation Office or call the Parks and Recreation Office to have one mailed out.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Sewer Bill Update

Third quarter sewer bills are mailed on September 30th, 2009. This bill is based on water consumption for the periods March, April and May 2009. Fourth quarter sewer bills will be mailed on December 31st, 2009. This bill will cover the water consumption period of June, July, and August 2009.

Tax Collection

Current Real Estate Tax bills are still payable prior to December 31st, 2009. Following this date, a tax lien will be filed against all delinquent properties. There are two (2) additional Interim Real Estate Tax bills issued to property owners for newly constructed homes. The tax bills are issued by Berkheimer Associates for the Norristown Area School District and by the East Norriton Township Tax Collector for Montgomery County and East Norriton

Township. Should there be any questions, or you require additional information, please contact Kevin McDevitt at 610-476-7087 or the East Norriton Township Finance Department at 610-275-2800. For information about all other Township taxes, please contact Berkheimer Associates at 800-360-8989.

Mark Your Calendar

Berkheimer Associates has one additional date remaining where a representative will be available at the East Norriton Township Building to review and discuss any resident's Earned Income Tax questions and /or concerns. Forms and Earned Income Tax Information may be obtained from Berkheimer Associates 50 N. Seventh Street, Bangor, PA 18013 or call 1-800-360-8989.

Thursday, October 28th, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Leaf Collection Guidelines

Leaf collection in East Norriton Township begins the 3rd Monday of October each year and ends approximately the 2nd Friday of December. The following is the proposed schedule (weather permitting):

- **MONDAYS:**
Coleston & Dekalb Manor
- **TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS:**
Arch Rd. to North Wales Rd.
- **THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS:**
North Wales Rd. to Trooper Rd.

Thursdays will also be bag day (plastic trash bags to be used). The following roads will be bag collection only: DeKalb Pike, Swede Rd., Johnson Highway, Old Arch Rd., Germantown Pike, Township Line Rd., Whitehall Rd., Burnside Ave., Trooper Rd., Marion Ave., Hilltop Rd. and Sardaro Ln., New Hope St. and all side streets of the Rahway Avenue Section.

It is requested that leaves be gathered in small piles, approximately eighteen (18) inches high by eighteen (18) inches wide in size to ensure efficient collection. All leaves must be placed in street along the curb line. Township employees are not permitted to enter private property to rake leaves. Any delay in the schedule because of inclement weather will postpone collection to the following day. Residents are asked not to park on the leaf piles as this hinders the leaf collection process. Also limbs, brush, grass clippings and other debris should not be mixed with the leaves.

Yard Waste Recycling Reminder

To effectively meet the solid waste and recycling needs of the community, the Township continues to offer Yard Waste Recycling services to our residents. This service should not be confused with the Leaf Collection program as they are 2 separate collection services performed by different entities. As a reminder, listed below are key aspects of the Yard Waste Recycling program.

- Collections take place on the **3rd Thursday of each month**
- Residents **must call** the Township 610-275-2800 x111 schedule collection **at least 7 days in advance**
- **Includes** shrubbery, branches, bundled limbs and garden residue
- **Not included** are stumps, weeds, grass or leaves
- **Everything** must be bundled or placed in 32 gallon cans and placed within 5 ft. of curb with cut ends facing street (not in the street)
- **Limits:** Bundles – max 2 ft. diameter and/or 40 lbs.; Individual Branches – max 5 in. diameter
- **Quantity Limits:** 2 c.y. per property per collection day (approximately ten 32 gallon cans or six bundles of material)
- Materials not properly prepared (in plastic bags, unacceptable materials, etc.) or excessive quantities of materials will not be collected.

Please contact the Township with questions regarding this program or any other Township services.

MESSAGE FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

With fall and winter approaching:

- 1** Trim tree branches to height of eight feet above sidewalk and eighteen feet above road. This will ensure the safety of people using the side walk and prevent damage to Township vehicles when plowing and picking up leaves.
- 2** Never park on top of dry leaves and be sure that leaves placed at the curb for leaf collection do not project out into the street.
- 3** Keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Provide a three foot width no later than one day after snow ends.

Maintain heating systems:

- 1** Have your heater serviced by a certified HVAC contractor.
- 2** Change filters on regular basis to maintain efficiency.
- 3** Keep chimneys clean to prevent creosote buildup.
- 4** Be sure to have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



East Norriton Township's Sewer Cleaning Truck

FAT-FREE SEWERS

HOW TO PREVENT FATS, OILS, AND GREASE FROM DAMAGING YOUR HOME AND THE ENVIRONMENT

FATS, OILS, AND GREASES AREN'T JUST BAD FOR YOUR ARTERIES AND YOUR WAISTLINE; THEY'RE BAD FOR OUR SEWERS TOO!



This photo shows the buildup of grease in a manhole. As you can see, the outlet pipe has become clogged with grease. If we had not found this in time there could have been an overflow of raw sewage on your street or in your home.

Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage home interiors, and threaten our environment. An increasingly common cause of overflows is sewer pipes blocked by grease. Grease gets into the sewer from household drains as well as from poorly maintained grease traps in restaurants and other businesses.

WHERE DOES THE GREASE COME FROM?

Most of us know grease as a byproduct of cooking. Grease is found in such things as:

- Meat Fats*
- Lard*
- Cooking Oil*
- Shortening*
- Butter and Margarine*
- Food Scraps*
- Baking Goods*
- Sauces*
- Dairy Products*

Too often, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usu-

ally through the kitchen sink. Grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes (*both on your property and in the streets*). Over time, the grease can build up and block the entire pipe.

Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system. These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent grease from going down the drain. Commercial additives, including detergents, that claim to dissolve grease may pass grease down the line and cause problems in other areas.

THE RESULTS CAN BE:

1. Raw sewage overflowing in your home or your neighbor's home;
2. An expensive and unpleasant cleanup that often must be paid for by **you, the homeowner**;
3. Raw sewage overflowing into public areas causing potential contact with disease-causing organisms

4. High operation and maintenance costs for our sewer department, which causes higher sewer bills for customers.

THIS IS GREASE FROM



These are pictures of grease at the sewage treatment plant. All of this grease comes from your homes and businesses and must be removed from the facility manually.



DID YOU KNOW THIS?

- Recently, the *Wall Street Journal*, reported that **75%** of the sewer systems in the United States work at only half capacity because of grease clogs.
- Keeping sewers open, a cost borne by customers and taxpayers at a local level, is **\$25 billion** per year.

PROPER GREASE DISPOSAL

DO:

1. Scrape all food from plates and utensils into the garbage before rinsing, washing, or placing in dishwasher
2. Put all solid and liquid food, including dairy products, batters, sauces, and gravy into the garbage and not down the drain
3. Use a sink basket strainer to collect food waste
4. Keep empty soup cans or small jars to collect cooking grease for disposal into the garbage

DON'T:

1. Pour grease down sink drains or into toilets
2. Put grease down garbage disposals

Information provided by the Water Environment Federation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



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Annual Christmas Parade & East Norriton Idol Contest Planned

The Annual East Norriton Township Holiday Parade at Hillcrest Plaza is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th with a rain date of Sunday, December 6th. The Parade is scheduled to leave the East Norriton Middle School at 11 a.m. and travel down Stony Creek Road to Germantown Pike, turn east and proceed to the Hillcrest Shopping Center. Festivities begin at the shopping center at 10 a.m. To enter the parade or set up a table

at the shopping center, please contact the Hillcrest Plaza Merchant's Association at 610-279-4848.

The fourth annual East Norriton Idol contest will be held at the shopping center at the conclusion of the parade festivities with guest celebrity judges. To enter the contest call 610-279-4848 or visit the website at www.hillcrestplazashops.com Applicants must be 15 years old or older.

2009 TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES AND TIMES

- Board of Supervisors . 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
 (Except November 17th and December 15th)
- Zoning Hearing Board Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission Third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Shade Tree Commission Third Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.
- Historical Advisory Commission . . . Fourth Monday every other month (Jan. – Nov.) at 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Municipal Building, 2501 Stanbridge Street, East Norriton, PA 19401-1616

Watch the web site for upcoming information:
EASTNORRITONTWP.ORG

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please

contact the Township Administration Building for exact times and dates. **610-275-2800**

Persons with a disability who wish to attend any of the above meetings and require an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to participate in the meeting, please contact East Norriton Township's ADA Coordinator at 610-275-2800.

2009 EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

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- Vice-Chairman:** Donald J. Gracia
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 James J. Serratore III
 James Staufenberg

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 Director of Public Safety:**
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 Zoning Officer:**
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- Public Works Director:**
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 Police Sgt. David Boyer
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- Finance Office Supervisor:**
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- Code Enforcement Officers:**
 John Altomari
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- Fire Chief:**
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