



# East Norriton Township

## Issues

Winter 2012/2013

## East Norriton Township Now Accepts Credit/ Debit Cards

In an effort to provide additional payment options to residents, the Township has partnered with Muncipay, a national electronic payments firm, to enable the Township to accept credit and debit cards for Township services. Residents and customers can now pay their sewer bill, permit costs, recreation program fees, and other Township charges in a secure fashion with a credit or debit card at the Township Building.

East Norriton is also providing residents and customers with the ability to pay for certain Township charges online. Currently, sewer and tax payments can be accepted online through a link on the Township's website. The Township is investigating the feasibility of expanding online payment options to other Township departments.

Due to the merchant and processing fees associated with electronic payment transactions, there is a convenience fee that is charged in addition to the Township charge. The fees are \$1.50 minimum or 2.45% of the total charge for all credit cards transactions, \$1.50 for an e-check, and \$3.95 for Visa Debit transactions. These processing fees are paid directly to Muncipay's parent company, Nationwide Payment Solutions, to cover the merchant and processing fees, not to East Norriton Township.

Overall, these changes will modernize the payment options the Township provides residents and offer the convenience of paying

online. For additional information on this topic please visit the Township's website.



*East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors Chairman John Zurzola presents a check to Plymouth Ambulance Chief Tom Trojansky for the Township's annual contribution to the Plymouth Community Ambulance at the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 23rd, 2012. Mr. Trojansky and Captain Gerald Watson of the Plymouth Ambulance explained the coverage's and costs for running the ambulance squad which covers East Norriton Township and much of the surrounding area.*

## On-Line Registration for Monthly Yard Waste Collection

East Norriton Township has now provided our residents the ability to register for the monthly yard waste collection and spring leaf collection on-line. Go to the Township web site [www.eastnorritontwp.org](http://www.eastnorritontwp.org), on the right side of the home page click the information for Yard Waste and Spring Leaf Collection Registration. This will take you to a page to pick which one you are signing up for. Click the proper registration form then complete the form with your name, address and phone number and hit submit. Monthly Yard Waste Collection remains the third Thursday of each month. To be included in that month's collection list, please fill-out the form or call the Township Building 610-275-2800 ext. 111 by noon on the Tuesday prior to the collection date.

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**2012 EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*Chairman:* John A. Zurzola  
*Vice-Chairman:*  
 Harris A. Dainoff  
*Supervisor:* Marc Alfarano  
*Supervisor:* Donald Gracia  
*Supervisor:* Tina Howell

*Township Manager/  
 Treasurer and Secretary:*  
 Donald D. Delamater

*Assistant Township Manager/  
 Director of Parks & Recreation:*  
 Larry L. Brown

*Police Chief/  
 Director of Public Safety:*  
 Karyl Kates

*Director of Code  
 Enforcement/Zoning Officer:*  
 Bryan Bortnichak

*Public Works Director:*  
 Douglas Jones

*Building Inspector:*  
 Code Inspections, Inc.

*Fire Marshal/Emergency  
 Management Coordinator:*  
 Frank Ludwig

*Finance Director:*  
 Eric Traub

*Assistant Director of  
 Parks & Recreation:*  
 Jane C. Delaney

*Code Enforcement Officers:*  
 John Altomari  
 Joseph Perkins

*Fire Chief:*  
 James Staufenberg

*Consulting Engineers:*  
 Christopher Fazio, P.E.  
 Kenneth Heydt, P.E.

*Township Solicitor:*  
 Sean Kilkenny, Esq.

*Township Planner:*  
 Richard Cramer, PP, AICP

*Township Actuary:*  
 Conrad M. Siegel Inc.

# Proceeds Raised from the 5K Run Presented to the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library



*Members of the 5K Celebration Run Committee present a check to the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library in the amount of \$4,140 from the proceeds raised from the 4th Annual Celebration 5K Run held on July 4th, 2012. Pictured from left are Heather Schrack, East Norriton Township, William Plichta, Norristown, Lauren Irizarry, West Norriton Township, Jane Delaney, East Norriton Township, Kathy Arnold-Yerger, Library, Cheryl Milligan, Library, Jon Dzedzy, West Norriton Township and Carolyn Camper, Library. Missing at time of photo Brian Kennedy, West Norriton Township, Larry Brown, East Norriton Township and Neil Shafer, Race Coordinator.*

## 2012 EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES AND TIMES

- BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** . . . . . Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
(Except December 11th)
- ZONING HEARING BOARD** . . . . . Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
(Except December 18th)
- PLANNING COMMISSION** . . . . . Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION** . . . . . Fourth Monday every other month  
(January to November) 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: **WEB SITE: EASTNORRITONTWP.ORG**

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please contact the Township Administration Building for exact times and dates. **610-275-2800**

**The Board of Supervisors will announce the meeting dates and times for 2013 at the Reorganization Meeting on Monday, January 7th, at 7:00 p.m.**

*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.*

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY ALERT

### CALLING 9-1-1 FROM A CELL PHONE

The Montgomery County Department of Public Safety asks that anyone who calls 9-1-1 from a cellular phone in communities near the County border immediately state that "I'm calling from Montgomery County" when the call-taker answers the phone.

If the nearest cell tower to where the call is placed is across the border in a neighboring county, the call will be routed to the 9-1-1 centers in Philadelphia, Bucks, Berks, Chester or Delaware counties, depending on where the tower is located.

The neighboring 9-1-1 centers will transfer the call to Montgomery County, but the time it takes to figure the actual location out, transfer the call and then supply the information about the incident again could make a difference in saving someone's life.

Stating "I'm calling from Montgomery County" at the outset will greatly reduce any delay in getting people the help they need.

Using a landline to call 9-1-1 will result in the call automatically being routed to the proper call center.

## Vacancies on Township Boards and Commissions

East Norriton Township will have a number of vacancies available on the various Boards and Commissions, beginning with the New Year. The Board of Supervisors will be making appointments to the Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, the Historical Advisory Commission, the Industrial Development Authority, Human Relations Commission, Vacancy Board, and the Traffic Advisory Committee. The terms on the appointments vary and individuals serve on an honorary basis. There is customarily only one evening meeting per month held at the township building.

Individuals who are interested in serving their community in any of the above capacities are encouraged to send a brief resume to the following. Please indicate in your letter of introduction, which Board or Commission may be of interest to you.

Donald D. Delamater, Township Manager  
East Norriton Township  
2501 Stanbridge Street, East Norriton, PA 19401-1616  
PHONE: 610-275-2800 | FAX: 610-277-1879

## 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 2012. 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, December 24th, 2012 . . . . . Christmas Eve  
(floating holiday)

Tuesday, December 25th, 2012 . . . . . Christmas Day

Tuesday, January 1st, 2013 . . . . . New Year's Day

Monday, January 21st, 2013 . . Dr. Martin Luther King  
Birthday

Monday, February 18th, 2013 . . . . . Presidents' Day

Friday, March 29th, 2013 . . . . . Good Friday

## SIGN-UP FOR E-NEWSLETTERS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

East Norriton Township is continuing to take an e-mail list for residents who would like to receive their township newsletters and other important township information sent via e-mail.

By signing up for this service, you will receive the three newsletters each year plus reminders about upcoming special events such as Community Day, Christmas Parade, the Easter Egg Hunt, as well as, important information on upcoming road work, road closures, important township meetings, and other important information that affects the residents of East Norriton Township.

To be included in this list please e-mail the following information to [info@eastnorritontwp.org](mailto:info@eastnorritontwp.org). Once you are signed up for this list and go paperless, you will be removed from our regular mailing list saving tax dollars and impacting our environment.

Newsletter E-Mail List

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

# Sears Hardware Holds Grand Reopening



*East Norriton Township Supervisor, Tina Howell, cuts the ceremonial ribbon (wood plank) with a chain saw with the help of Sears Store Manager, Tom Goldblum at the Sears Hardware Grand Reopening on Saturday September 15, 2012.*



# East Norriton Township Holds 3rd Annual Shredding Event

East Norriton Township held its 3rd Annual Shredding Event on Saturday October 6th at the Public Works Garage from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The Township brought in Richter's Mobile Shredding truck for residents to dispose of unwanted personal and confidential items by shredding them into the truck. A steady stream of residents utilized this program this year to properly dispose of items which contained confidential or personal material. Due to the popularity of this program it will be continued and held in again in October of 2013. Plan to bring your unwanted and confidential items to the Public Works garage again next year to dispose of these items in a safe and secure manner.



# Yard Waste Reminders

Thanks to you, our residents, the Yard Waste Collection Program has been a tremendous success and continues to be a popular service. In 2011 a total of 122 cubic yards of materials were collected, chipped and recycled from numerous properties throughout the Township. 2012 looks to be another banner year and we encourage all residents to take advantage of this free service.

To assist both you and our collection crew, the program reminders below are intended to eliminate any confusion as to how the program operates. Please bear in mind that these collections are for *trimmed* branches, limbs, shrubbery and garden residue. Decaying or rotted branches or wood cause problems with our equipment and cannot be collected. Thank you for your continued compliance with these guidelines.

- Collections take place on the **3rd Thursday of each month**. *Please make sure you check your calendar for the dates.*
- **This is a scheduled service.** Residents must call the Township at 610-275-2800 x111 or *fill out your information on-line at [eastnorringtonwp.org](http://eastnorringtonwp.org). See the Yard Waste/Spring Leaf Collection Registration on the home page and follow the prompts to complete.* East Norriton Township requests that you schedule collection **no later than noon on the Tuesday prior to the collection date** to be placed on the collection list.
- **Includes:** shrubbery, branches, limbs and garden residue.
- **Not included:** stumps, weeds, grass, leaves and old firewood.
- **Placement:** within 5 ft. of curb (not in the street). Please do not block sidewalks.
- **Limits:** bundles – max 2 ft. dia. and/or 40 lbs.; individual branches – max 5 in. dia.
- **Quantity limits:** 2 cubic yards per property (approx. ten 32-gallon cans or six bundles).
- **Bundles:** smaller branches must be bundled. Bundled branches should be at least 3 ft. long. Branches and twigs that cannot be bundled must be placed in cans.
- **Large Branches:** Larger branches (8-10ft. long) do not have to be bundled. Larger branches feed easily into chipper. No need to cut up. Just place cut end towards the street.
- **DO NOT:** use plastic bags, heavy rope or wire (string or twine only) or bundle small branches/twigs (less than 2 ft. long) as all of these practices “jam” the chipper and will not be collected.

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



## Christmas Tree Collections

For the convenience of our residents the Township has scheduled 2 separate dates, **Wednesday January 2nd and Monday January 7th**, for the collection of Christmas Trees. Please mark your calendars. Trees will be picked up Township wide on both of these days so there is no need to call in advance to schedule your collection. Please understand that due to the volume of trees and/or weather conditions, collections may not be completed in one day. Last year over 700 trees were collected during the 2 collection days, which equates to over 7 tons of trees that were chipped and recycled.

Trees must be placed curbside by 6 a.m. of the collection day. Because the trees are chipped on-site, they must not contain any ornaments, lights, garland, wires or any other materials that may cause damage to the chipping equipment. Please adhere to these guidelines to ensure timely collection.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Township. Thank you for your cooperation and Happy Holidays from the Public Works Department.

## 2012 Distinguished Citizen Award

The Board of Supervisors will also be accepting nominations for **The 2012 Distinguished Citizen Award**. Applications are available at The Township Building during regular hours of service and must be received at the Township by December 31st, 2012. The award will be presented at the Regular Board of Supervisor's meeting in early 2013.

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Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please call 610-275-2800.

# MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL



The holiday season is upon us. This is a time of joy but there is also an element of danger. To keep your holiday season joyful, we would like to take a few moments to discuss important fire safety tips. Christmas along with Hanukkah is undoubtedly the highlight of the holiday season. Gatherings of people, food, drink, candles, decorations and the fireplace are all part of these events. New Year's comes right around the corner and we are all exhausted. The issue of our personal and loved ones safety tends to take a back seat to all of this celebration. Holiday safety should be a part of your planning when preparing for these festive days. Below are a few suggestions to make your holiday season remembered for its joyfulness and not for its tragedy.

## *We offer to you a few suggestions:*

- Be sure to test your smoke alarms.
- Clean the oven and stove prior to the holiday. Often the extra load on the appliances causes a fire due to the high use and extra grease build up.
- Keep kitchen clutter away from the stove and oven.
- Be extra careful with matches and candles. Candles should be kept away from combustibles and never left unattended. Keep them away from pets and children.
- Keep decorations away from sources of heat such as open flames, electric heaters and exposed electric bulbs.
- Do not overload electric outlets. Inspect electric cords and light sets. **IF IN DOUBT-THROW THEM OUT!**
- Have chimneys inspected for leaks and be sure to have the flue open before using.
- Use caution if using kerosene heaters and don't leave them unattended when using.

## Concerning Fireplaces

- Be sure the opening is covered with a sturdy metal screen or heat tempered glass doors.
- Use caution when hanging those holiday items around the fireplace when a cozy fire is going in the fireplace.

## Holiday Lights

- Purchase only UL approved lights.
- Check all indoor and outdoor lights for frayed cords, replace if necessary.
- Never use lights that have an empty socket.
- Lights should not touch combustible materials.
- Use only outdoor lights for "outdoors".
- Turn off all Holiday lights, prior to leaving your home or going to bed.
- Avoid using extension cords, but if you do follow instructions carefully.
- Do not overload electrical circuits, such as wall outlets and extension cords.

## Holiday Trees (Live or Fresh Cut)

- Keep your Holiday tree in a sturdy base filled with water and check the level daily.
- Make a fresh cut on the trunk of your tree and place in a sturdy holder.
- Place the tree away from heat sources, such as fireplaces and heaters.
- Do not use candles on or near the tree.
- Safely dispose of your tree before it becomes dangerously dry and never burn tree or tree parts in your fireplace.

## Space Heaters

- Keep away from curtains, bedspreads and furniture.
- Keep a 36 inch clearance around the space heater.
- Make sure children know they can get burned if they touch one.

## Winter Weather

- Have a "Shelter In Place Plan".
- Keep your sidewalks clear of ice & snow.
- Remember not to park on roadways during any accumulation of snow.
- Make sure your address number is clearly visible from the street.
- Help our emergency services get to the emergencies.

## Fire Prevention Week Highlights

Fire Prevention Week kicked off on October 7, 2012 with his year's theme, "Have 2 Ways Out!", focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice. The Norriton Fire Engine Company and its members in conjunction with the East Norriton Township Fire Marshal's Office went around during the week and held fire drills at all schools, nursing homes, hospitals and day cares within the Township. The Fire Company also taught all students the proper way to perform "STOP, DROP AND ROLL". Fire prevention may only be practiced one week in the year but we would like to encourage our residents and business owners to practice it every day. Remember to test your smoke alarms once a month and change the batteries at least once a year.



## *Safety Tip for Our Residents:*

### **Electrical hazards can cause burns, shocks and electrocution (death).**

- Assume that all overhead wires are energized at lethal voltages. Never assume that a wire is safe to touch even if it is down or appears to be insulated.
- Never touch a fallen overhead power line. Call the electric utility company to report fallen electrical lines.
- Stay at least 10 feet (3 meters) away from overhead wires during cleanup and other activities. If working at heights or handling long objects, survey the area before starting work for the presence of overhead wires.
- If an overhead wire falls across your vehicle while you are driving, stay inside the vehicle and continue to drive away from the line. If the engine stalls, do not leave your vehicle. Warn people not to touch the vehicle or the wire. Call or ask someone to call the local electric utility company and emergency services by calling 911.
- Never operate electrical equipment while you are standing in water.
- Never repair electrical cords or equipment unless qualified and authorized.
- Have a qualified electrician inspect electrical equipment that has gotten wet before energizing it.
- If working in damp locations, inspect electric cords and equipment to ensure that they are in good condition and free of defects, and use a ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI).
- Always use caution when working near electricity.

# REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

## Temporary Changes to Sewer Billing

East Norriton Township bills property owners quarterly for sewer based on water consumption records from PA American. The Township bills customers six (6) months behind when the charges are incurred because many years ago it took several months to get water usage data from PA American. As technology has improved, the Township is now able to get up-to-date water records from PA American. However, the current structure means the Township is carrying certain costs for six (6) months until sewer customers are actually billed. This causes confusion since there is a significant gap between the usage on which the quarterly sewer bill is based, and the actual sewer billing date. The current billing structure is consistently misunderstood, especially by residents moving into the Township, and residents who may move out of East Norriton Township and must pay a large sewer bill at settlement.

Due to the outdated billing structure, and the fact that much of the Township's sewer infrastructure is at the end of its useful life and requires significant maintenance, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution at its September meeting to temporarily alter the structure of our sewer billing cycle. Beginning in July 2013, the sewer billing structure will be temporarily changed so that customers will be charged for four (4) months instead of three (3) months. This will last for the July, October, and December billing periods. This is a one-time action and does not change actual sewer rates. In fact, this action makes it less likely that the Township would need to consider an increase in sewer rates in the near future.

The following chart shows the approximate potential bill that residents and businesses at different usage levels would incur based on the current billing structure and the incremental billing structure approved by the Board of Supervisors. Many of the Township senior citizens use around 4,000 gallons per billing. The average billing for a family is usually between 12,000 and 20,000 gallons per billing.

QUARTERLY USAGE						
Usage (in gallons)	4,000	12,000	20,000	25,000	50,000	100,000
<b>Current Billing</b>	\$55.00	\$100.52	\$146.04	\$174.49	\$316.74	\$601.24
<b>Incremental Billing</b>	\$73.33	\$134.03	\$194.72	\$232.65	\$422.32	\$801.65

The following is an illustration of future sewer billings and the usage period associated with each billing:

SEWER BILLING DATE	# OF MONTHS	WATER COMPANY USAGE PERIODS
January 1, 2013	3	June, July, August (2012)
April 1, 2013	3	September, October, November (2012)
July 1, 2013	4	December (2012), January, February, March (2013)
October 1, 2013	4	April, May, June, July (2013)
January 1, 2014	4	August, September, October, November (2013)

After the January 1, 2014 billing, all future bills would again cover only a 3 month water consumption period and would also be much closer to the actual water consumption period. The future billings (after the incremental billings end) would be scheduled as follows:

SEWER BILLING DATE	# OF MONTHS	WATER COMPANY USAGE PERIODS
April 1, 2014	3	December (2013), January, February (2014)
July 1, 2014	3	March, April, May (2014)
October 1, 2014	3	June, July, August (2014)
January 1, 2015	3	September, October, November (2014)

Obviously, this change will cause some level of short-term frustration for certain Township residents; as always, we appreciate the patience and understanding of all of our Township residents as we implement this policy in an effort to manage and maintain our aging sewer infrastructure within the existing sewer rates.

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# 34th Annual East Norriton Township Community Day

The 34th Annual Community Day was held over a two day event due to a rain storm hitting the area in the late afternoon of Saturday September 8th. The day's activities started at 12 noon with a large area including 72 craft vendors, businesses and civic organizations setting up along the parking lot. Also, a large number of inflatable rides, pony rides and hay rides as well as a whiffle ball home run derby program were available for the kids to participate in. A large display area including give-a-ways, the Norristown Smoke House, putting out the simulated fire with the fire hose and dunk the fireman was also provided by Norriton Fire Engine Company and a display from the Plymouth Ambulance. Entertainment during the

afternoon included a karate demonstration by the East Norriton Karate Club, K-9 demonstration by Plymouth Police Department, a juggler, a demonstration by Philadelphia Search and Rescue dogs, and the landing and display from Penn Star Helicopter. Plenty of food was available from several vendors during the day's events.

Due to the rainstorm the concert by Rock Band "Flower Power" and the fireworks display by International Fireworks Company were postponed and held on Sunday evening September 9th with the concert starting at 6 p.m. and fireworks at 8:15 p.m. A large crowd turned out for both days of festivities.



## 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  
 2501 Stanbridge St., East Norriton, PA 19401-1616  
 Fax . . . . . 610-277-1879  
 e-mail . . . . . info@eastnorritontwp.org

## HOSPITALS

Einstein Regional  
 Medical Center – Montgomery . . . . . 484-622-1000  
 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 MAILBOX POLICY DURING SNOW PLOWING

*(Approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 23, 2007)*

### Mailboxes:

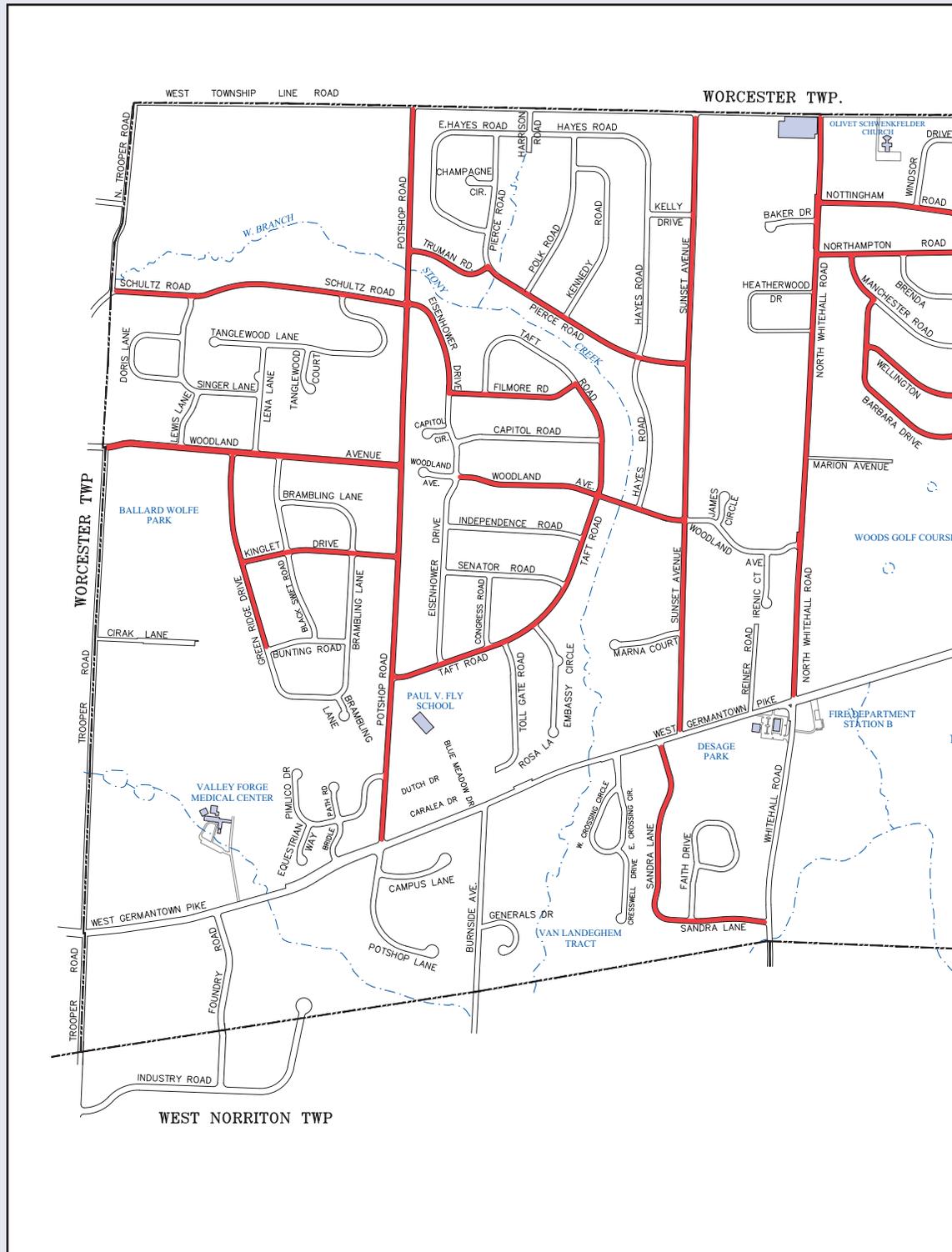
- Any installation within the township's road's right of way, including mailboxes or parked cars during a declared snow emergency, is placed there at the owner's risk.
- Therefore, owners are encouraged to install mailboxes at the minimum usable distance from the edge of the roadway. Posts should be checked for deterioration to reduce the possibility that the weight of the plowed snow may simply break or push the post over.
- East Norriton Township shall not repair or replace mailboxes or posts damaged by the force or placement of snow.

# Parking Regulations During Snow Events

Snow plowing on all township roads begins after 2 inches of snow has fallen. If an accumulation of snow is in the forecast, be on the safe side, and remove your cars from the street. Anytime snow plows are dispatched during a snow storm, parking is prohibited on all township roads except in areas where no off street parking is available. In those areas where there is no off street parking available, all motor vehicles shall be parked on the even side of the street on even numbered calendar days, and on the odd side of the street on odd numbered calendar days. Please note parking in cul-de-sacs during snow storms is also prohibited. Any vehicles parked on the street during a snow storm may be towed and fined.

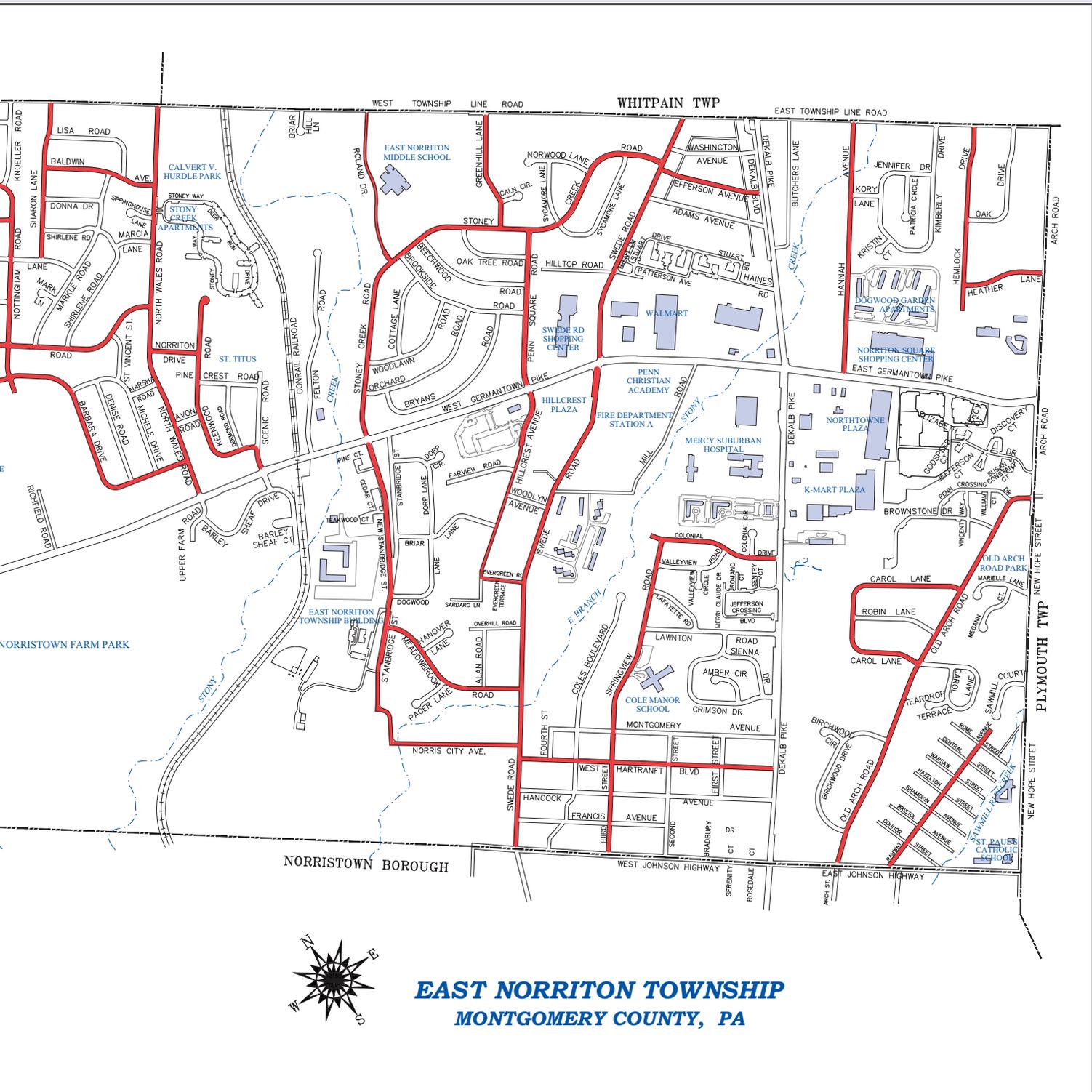
The Township's snow removal procedure calls for snow emergency routes to be salted and cindered first. This is to ensure that all developments in the township can be accessed by emergency vehicles (fire, police, and ambulance). During heavier snow storms, snow emergency roads will be completely cleared the entire cartway prior to equipment starting to plow on secondary roads. All snow emergency roads are shown in red on the above map.

Should you have a non-medical emergency during a snow storm, please contact the East Norriton Township



Police Department at 610-272-0748. For medical emergencies, please dial 911.

Property owners are reminded that sidewalks are required to have at least a 30 inch path cleared within 24 hours after a snow. Residents are also reminded not to throw snow from your sidewalks and driveway onto the roads. **Also, please be aware that the Snow Ordinance has**



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been amended to include: Sidewalks or Township right-of-ways which means if any owner, agent, occupant of property, or person in charge of the property allows snow to be pushed, plowed, thrown or shoveled onto a right-of-way or sidewalk they will be subject to a fine. Throwing snow onto a roadway or township right-of-way is a violation of township ordinance and punishable with up to a \$600.00 fine. Your cooperation is vital to keep

snow and debris off the roadway and allow emergency vehicles to get to the emergency locations. Please check your mail boxes to make sure it is sound and at least 6" behind the face of the curb. Mailboxes which hang out past the curb might be damaged during snow plowing operations. East Norriton Township and the Norriton Fire Department also request that all fire hydrants that are located in front of your home also be cleared of snow.

# East Norriton Township Parks Update

Several projects have been completed during the last few months at the East Norriton Parks. The primary park project was the development of the Barrington Park. This park which is located at the corner of Roland Drive and Township Line Road, across from the East Norriton Middle School, consists of 12.25 acres. The Barrington Park was purchased in 2009 utilizing County Open Space Funding. This park has been primarily developed into a passive park and environmental center. Park amenities include a 20 x 28 pavilion, a small 9 car paved parking area, a paved circular trail, several connector wood chip trails, a board walk for wet land studies, and bird blinds for nature study. This area is also planned to be used by the students of the East Norriton Middle School as a part of their science curriculum.



**BARRINGTON PARK PAVILION**

The main trail at DeSage Park connecting Germantown Pike to Sandra Lane has been paved completing the development of this ecological park which features seven different areas to help educate our residents on ways to preserve and save our environment.



**DESAGE TRAIL PAVING**

Several projects were completed at Stanbridge Street Park this year including the replacement of the ball field fencing along the foul lines as well as the fencing on the backstop. This fencing is replacing the original fencing from the construction of this field in the early 1980's.



**STANBRIDGE STREET PARK BALL FIELD FENCING**

The exercise stations located along the walking trail which was also installed in the 1980's was replaced this year with a new set of 10 stations for our residents to utilize during the walks along this one mile trail.



**STANBRIDGE STREET PARK EXERCISE STATIONS**

Also, work continued at the bocce courts with the addition of shade for the participants with the purchase of heavy duty canopies located at the ends of each court and finally the two parking lots at Stanbridge Street Park have been prepared and overlaid with new macadam. Line painting and addition of safety bollards at the Park and Recreation Office and basketball courts will be scheduled shortly.



**BOCCE COURT CANOPIES**



**STANBRIDGE STREET PARKING LOTS MACADAM OVERLAY**

# WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS 2012/2013

## BOYS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

### 8-18 yr. olds

AT: East Norriton Middle School

ON: Saturdays – 8-10 & 11-13 yr. olds

Thursday evenings – 14-16 yr. olds

Wednesday evenings – 17-18 yr. olds

FEE: \$55 residents, \$65 non-residents

Basketball league for East Norriton residents 8-18 yrs. old. Registrant must be 8 by January 1st, 2013. Age for all other players is as of October 1, 2012. Deadline for East Norriton residents only November 23, 2012. Non-residents and late resident registrations accepted on a space availability basis as of November 26, 2012. League play begins in early January. Proof of age required for all new participants.

## YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

### 6-7 yr. olds

AT: Paul Fly School Gym

ON: Friday afternoons beginning January 18th for 6 weeks

TIMES: 4-5 p.m. or 5-6 p.m.

FEE: \$25 per child

Basic introductory clinic to basketball utilizing 8 ft. baskets. Fundamentals of shooting, dribbling, and passing taught prior to fun games played for remainder of weeks. Class limited to 15 participants in each session.

**Registration deadline January 11th.**

## FOUL SHOOTING CONTEST

### Boys & Girls 8-18 yrs. old

AT: East Norriton Middle School Gym

ON: Monday, January 28th

TIMES: 6:45 p.m. – 8-10 yr. olds

7:00 p.m. – 11-13 yr. olds

7:30 p.m. – 14-16 yr. olds

7:30 p.m. – 17-18 yr. olds

Boys and girls will each receive 15 shots; best score determines winner. Awards given to top three male and female shooters in each age group. Sign-up prior to your age group time at gym night of event.

## WINTER BASEBALL CLINIC

### 9-18 yr. olds

AT: East Norriton Middle School (25 max./session)

ON: Monday evenings beginning February 25th for 5 weeks

TIMES: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

FEE: \$10 per resident, \$15 for non-resident

Baseball instruction for serious players of the game. Hitting, fielding, pitching, and throwing skills will be covered by Dr. Frank Bishop and other qualified instructors. Resident only registration will be accepted until Friday, February 8th. First-come, first-serve registrations from Feb. 11th – 15th based on space availability. 9-10 yr. olds will meet from 6:45-7:45 p.m., 11-12 yr. olds will be from 7:45-8:45 p.m. and 13-18 yr. olds will meet from 8:45-10:15 p.m.

## KARATE

### Beginners 5-12 yrs. olds & 13 yrs. – Adults

AT: Paul Fly School Gym

ON: Monday evenings beginning January 14th for 6 weeks

TIMES: 5-12 yr. olds – 6-7 p.m.,

13 yrs. to Adults – 7-8 p.m.

FEE: \$40 per participant for 6 weeks

A basic introductory of TaeKwon-Do style karate. The class teaches block techniques and self-defense; while teaching self-discipline and motivation; while having fun and utilizing games. Instructor Master Harry Plichta, 7th degree black belt. Register at first class or at the Parks and Recreation Office prior to January 9th.

## EAST NORRITON KARATE CLUB

### 5-12 yrs. olds & 13 yrs. – Adults

AT: Paul Fly School

ON: Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning January 2nd

TIMES: Children 5-12 yrs. old – 6-7 p.m., Adults 13 & up – 7-8 p.m.

FEE: \$30 per person per 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 through advanced, male or female. Instructor Master Harry Plichta, 6th degree black belt. Sign up at first class.

## TAI CHI

### 16 yrs. & up

AT: Paul Fly School

ON: Wednesday evenings beginning January 16th for 6 weeks (minimum to run class 15 participants)

TIME: 8-8:45 p.m.

FEE: \$50 per person

An introduction to the Chinese Martial Art of Tai Chi. Many health benefits can be gained using the slow calming fluid motion and deep breathing exercises. Tai Chi is a healthy workout using the patterns and its self defense movements. Loose clothing and light footwear should be worn. Please call the Recreation office by January 11th to reserve your space.

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## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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**Office Hours:**

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday to Friday

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

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

### 20TH ANNUAL EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP PARADE AT HILLCREST PLAZA

ON: Saturday, December 1st  
(Rain date Sunday, December 2nd)

Departs from the East Norriton Middle School, Roland Drive at 11 a.m. Parade will enter onto Stony Creek Road and then onto Germantown Pike and proceed to Hillcrest Shopping Center. Bring the kids out to view the many bands, floats, fire trucks, scout groups, Santa Claus and much more. Line the parade route to get a great view of this Holiday event, and then join us at Hillcrest Plaza for an afternoon of fun activities following the parade. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to *Feel the Warmth*.

### RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

ON: Thursday, December 13th

FEE: \$120 per person  
(includes round trip transportation and Front Mezzanine/Orchestra seats for the 2:00 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. Free time is available for shopping, sight-seeing and lunch on your own. Show is 2:00 p.m. with door opening at 1:00 p.m. Forty-five seats are available and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. A \$70 deposit per ticket is needed with order. No dinner stop is planned for this trip.

### HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Once again this year, our committee will be traveling throughout the neighborhoods to judge the many beautifully decorated homes in our Township during this upcoming Holiday Season. If you want to be included in this year's event, please call our office at 610-275-2800 no later than December 7th and leave your name and address. Only homes nominated will be judged so be sure to call in your name and address. **Houses will be judged on Saturday, December 15th or Sunday, December 16th from 6-9 p.m. so leave your lights on.**

### SANTA VISITS THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the Norriton Fire Engine Company will once again be bringing Santa to the neighborhoods of East Norriton via fire truck. Mark the date **Saturday, December 22nd beginning 1 p.m.** Tell the kids to keep their eyes and ears open for one of their last chances to see Santa prior to his visit on Christmas Eve.

### DISNEY ON ICE "ROCKIN' EVER AFTER" (TICKETS ONLY)

ON: Monday, December 31st at 11 a.m.

FEE: \$30 per ticket

We are offering lower level tickets for the Disney on Ice "Rockin' Ever After" show. These are TICKETS ONLY, no transportation will be provided! The show will take place at the Wells Fargo Center. Payment is due by Monday, November 26th, 2012. After this date, tickets will no longer be available for purchase.

### CASINO TRIP: MOHEGAN SUN POCONO DOWNS

ON: Thursday, February 7th

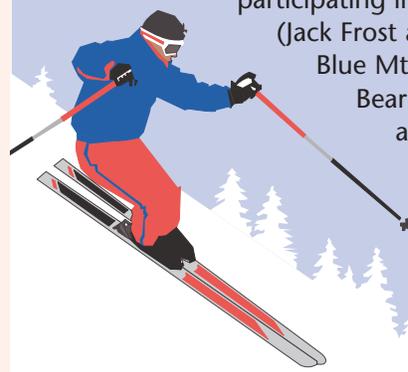
FEE: \$40 per person

Bus departs from the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Office at 9:00 a.m. Upon arrival to the Mohegan Sun Casino, you will be on your own for the day. Bus will depart for East Norriton Township at 4:00 p.m. **\*\*You must be 21 years of age or older to participate on this trip.** The fee includes round trip motor coach transportation, a coin package and a food voucher (amounts to be announced). Limited space is available and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Deadline to register is Friday, January 18th.**

## DISCOUNT SKI AREA LIFT TICKETS AVAILABLE

Before heading to the slopes this year, call the Recreation Office at 610-275-2800 to check out the discounts available on lift tickets for many of the area ski areas. These are actually vouchers which can be turned in for a lift ticket at the slopes. They are not discount coupons. Vouchers are good the entire ski season for 2012-2013. Ski areas

participating include The Big Two, (Jack Frost and Big Boulder) Blue Mt., Camelback, Elk, Bear Creek, Shawnee and Montage. Please call ahead to find out exact cost and set up a time for picking up your tickets.



## ZUMBA

AT: East Norriton Middle School  
Multi-purpose Room

ON: Tuesday evenings beginning  
January 15th for 8 weeks

TIME: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

FEE: \$45 per person

Program is an energizing, fun Latin fitness workout. The class is designed for all fitness levels. **THIS CLASS HAS A MAXIMUM OF 60 PEOPLE.** *Deadline to register is Friday, January 11th.*

## VIVA MAT PILATES

15 yrs. & up

AT: Marshall Street Elementary  
School Gym

ON: Monday evenings beginning  
January 14th for 8 weeks (*no class on  
January 21st and February 18th*)

TIME: 7-8 p.m.

FEE: \$88 per person

Transform flab into sculpted muscle and energize your life! Slim your waist, stomach and hips, strengthen and tone your muscles; relieve back, wrist, neck and shoulder pain and melt way stress. Non-jarring exercises are tailored to fit each student's body and posture. Perfect for men and women, ages 15 and older, and all fitness levels. Wear comfortable attire. Bring an exercise mat, large towel, and medium or regular strength Pilates band (visit [www.vivacommunityfitness.com](http://www.vivacommunityfitness.com) for information about purchasing band and mat). No refunds after first class. For more information, call 856-751-0095.

## RELAXATION YOGA

16 yrs. & up

AT: East Norriton Middle School  
Multi-purpose Room

ON: Monday evenings beginning  
January 14th for 6 weeks

TIME: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

FEE: \$50 per adult

Learn to practice Yoga skills that unravel tension within the body and mind. This class is designed for anyone looking for a gentle yoga class, or seeking deep relaxation techniques. Please dress comfortably

and bring your own mat. *Deadline to register is Wednesday, January 9th.*

## SOUL LINE DANCING

AT: East Norriton Middle School  
Multi-purpose Room

ON: Wednesday evenings beginning  
January 9th for 6 weeks

TIME: 6:30 – 8 p.m.

FEE: \$40 per person

Come out and learn to dance to your favorite music from Motown. You will learn many of the old and new line dances that will make you the hit of the party. *Deadline to register is Friday, January 4th.*

## SCRAPBOOKING

16 yrs. & up

AT: East Norriton Middle School  
Classroom

ON: Thursday evenings beginning  
January 10th for 6 weeks

TIME: 7-8 p.m.

FEE: \$35 per person

Got pictures + stories? Always thought about starting a scrapbook? Join us for a 6 week introductory scrapbooking class and learn all about the wonderful art of memory keeping. This class will introduce students to tools, techniques and show them how to honor their relationships and build beautiful albums to last a lifetime. *Deadline to register is Friday, January 4th.*

## BEGINNER KNITTING COURSE

AT: East Norriton Middle School

ON: Wednesday evenings beginning  
January 9th for 6 weeks

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

FEE: \$40 per person

Join our group to learn the basics of knitting: cast on, bind (cast) off, knit, purl, increase, decrease, and yarn over. The course will allow time to complete at least one project. Practice time at home will be necessary (as with any skill, the more practice, the easier it is!). This course will be taught by Barbara Makar, CYC Certified Knitting Instructor. *Deadline to register is Friday, January 4th.*

## BABY SITTING FOR A JOB

Suggested for 11-13 yr. olds

AT: East Norriton Middle School

ON: Monday evenings beginning  
February 25th for 8 weeks

TIME: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

FEE: \$20 per person

Program will teach youths the proper skills needed to be a responsible babysitter. Class is taught by a certified Red Cross Instructor. Minimum class size is 8 and maximum is 15. *Deadline to register is Friday, February 15th.*

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

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
- Schools are closed for holidays (unless otherwise noted on schedule)
- Special school events are being held in the school

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.**

## BIKE HELMETS FOR SALE

The Parks and Recreation Department is selling bike helmets at the Parks & Recreation Office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a discounted price. These helmets are CPSC and SNELL certified. Helmets are being sold to promote bicycle safety and help in compliance with the state law which requires all bike riders under the age of 12 to wear helmets. Helmets cost \$12 each.

## EAST NORRITON LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN-UP

4-16 yr. olds

We encourage registrations online. Registrations online are available from November 12th to January 30th. For more information check out the ENLL web site at [www.ENLLbaseball.com](http://www.ENLLbaseball.com)

## ENGAA SOFTBALL

Girls 5-15 yr. olds

The East Norriton Girls Athletic Association (ENGAA) will be holding registrations for the 2013 softball season. **ONLINE REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED!** Registrations will be accepted online at [www.engaa.net](http://www.engaa.net), at the East Norriton Township Building and Parks and Recreation Office, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. until February 8th, 2013 or may be mailed to: **ENGAA, 651 Township Line Rd, P.O. Box 1643 Blue Bell, Pa 19422-1643**

FEEs: 5-6 years old – \$65, 7-8 years old – \$65, 9-10 years old – \$75, 11-16 years old – \$85

## BOYS LACROSSE

Grades 3-8

The Norristown Area Youth Lacrosse Association will be holding registrations for boys in grades 3-8 in December. Registrations will be held at the PAL center on the following dates: Dec 6th, Dec 13th and Dec 20th from 6-8 p.m. For more information contact the web site at [www.norristownlax.com](http://www.norristownlax.com) or Jeff Calhoun at [jbcalthoun@norristownlax.com](mailto:jbcalthoun@norristownlax.com) or call Jeff at 484-620-0570.

## EAST NORRITON SPRING SENIOR BOCCE LEAGUE

60 yrs. & up

AT: East Norriton Bocce Courts  
ON: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday beginning April 16th

TIME: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

FEE: \$40 per resident,  
\$45 for non-resident

East Norriton Township will be organizing a spring Bocce League for seniors (60+). The league will commence in mid-April. Call the Recreation Department for additional information and a registration form. **Deadline to register is Friday, April 5th.**

## EAST NORRITON SPRING ADULT BOCCE LEAGUE

18 yrs. & up

AT: East Norriton Bocce Courts  
ON: Tuesday/Thursday or Sunday beginning Mid-April

FEE: \$40 per resident,  
\$45 for non-resident

East Norriton Township will be organizing a spring Bocce League for adults (18+). The league will commence in mid-April. Call the Recreation Department for additional information and a registration form. **Deadline to register is Friday, April 5th.**

## DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS

The Parks and Recreation Department is selling movie tickets for Regal Cinemas and United Artist Theaters at the Parks and Recreation Office Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a discounted price. Movie tickets are being sold for \$8.00 per ticket.

## YOU SNOOZE... YOU LOSE

Nothing cancels a good program quicker than waiting until the last minute to register. If there are not enough registrations by the specified deadline, the program you want could be canceled! Coming in on the day the program begins won't resurrect it, so please register early. For a status of a program or information about a possibility of a cancellation call 610-275-2800 and press 4 for Parks and Recreation.

## SPRING HAPPENINGS

### EASTER EGG HUNT

East Norriton Boys & Girls  
3-8 yrs. old

AT: Stanbridge Street Park

ON: Friday, March 29th  
(rain date Saturday, March 30th)

TIMES:

3-4 yr. olds – 10:00 a.m.

5-6 yr. olds – 10:15 a.m.

7-8 yr. olds – 10:30 a.m.

Bring the kids out for this fun event and meet the Easter Bunny in person. All participants should report to the pavilion five (5) minutes prior to the starting time for their age group. **THIS EVENT IS FOR THE CHILDREN ONLY. PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO REMAIN BEHIND THE STARTING LINE DURING THE EVENT.**

### CASINO TRIP: MOUNT AIRY CASINO

ON: Tuesday, April 9th

FEE: \$40 per person

Bus departs from the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Office at 9:00 a.m. Upon our arrival at the Mount Airy Casino, you will be on your own for the day. Bus will depart for East Norriton Township at 4:00 p.m.

**\*\* You must be 21 years of age or older to participate on this trip.** The fee includes round trip motor coach transportation, a coin package and a food voucher (amounts to be announced). Limited space is available and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. **Deadline to register for this trip is Friday, March 22nd.**

## 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)* \_\_\_\_\_

# Sump Pumps & Icy Roads

Over the years, many residents have chosen to discharge their sump pumps directly into the street. During warmer, wet weather these discharges are a nuisance to adjacent property owners. But in the winter, they become serious safety concerns as ice accumulates on roads downstream from these discharges. Residents have difficulty accessing their driveways, getting their mail or even walking along the street. Not to mention the obvious safety concerns with motor vehicle traffic. These types of situations exist throughout the Township as residents try to deal with their groundwater issues in a responsible manner.

The Township recognizes that property owners are faced with a dilemma in dealing with this issue. How do you, as an owner, protect your basement from water damage without creating other problems for yourself or your neighbor by discharging the sump pump onto your lawn? While we don't have a solution for every situation, we are helping the affected residents where we can.

The Township is giving property owners a viable option for their sump pump discharges by installing drainage systems to handle sump pump flows. These are typically small diameter pipes that extend from the existing storm drainage system and are intended to handle only sump pump discharges. These systems have been installed along several streets in the Township in the last 2 years.

Township Staff has identified the worst areas creating the most significant safety concerns and we are addressing those locations as time and funding allow. Our goal is to address these concerns over the next several years. Unfortunately, all areas cannot be addressed due to the limited storm drainage system in some neighborhoods as well as funding limitations. Please contact the Township to discuss this program or any storm drainage concerns you may have.



## East Norriton Township Completes Lighting Retrofit

*Lighting Retrofit Expected to Decrease Township's Electrical Usage by Over 85,000 kWh in First Year – Saving 65% a Year in Energy Costs*

East Norriton Township recently completed a lighting retrofit project with Stouch Lighting of Ashton, PA, at the Township Municipal Complex which is projected to save the township \$8,698 per year in energy costs.

In addition to the energy savings, the Township anticipates the lighting retrofit saving an almost equal amount of \$8,020 per year in lighting-maintenance related costs for replacing failed lamps, ballasts and fixtures.

The lighting retrofit included replacing the municipal building's indoor spot lights and exit signs, and outdoor lighting wall-packs and floodlights with energy efficient LED lights. In addition it included replacing old lighting technology, 4-lamp, T-12 fluorescent lamps and fixtures with more efficient 2-lamp, T-8 fluorescent lamp fixtures combined with OptaLume™ (a reflective substrate lining) that provides a 70% reduction in energy consumption.

East Norriton Township Manager, Don Delamater, noted, "Stouch Lighting's expertise in energy efficient and LED lighting technology was evident the first time we spoke with them. Their recommendations included a payback analysis on total savings that showed investment payback would be less than a year-and-a-half. And that included them handling installation as well."

The lighting retrofit also supports East Norriton Township's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The retrofit will save an estimated 109,266 pounds of CO2 emissions annually. That equates to 319 trees saved per year.

# EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The East Norriton Township Police Department had a busy late Summer/Fall season that included participation with the Norriton Fire Department in the 34th Annual East Norriton Community Day sponsored by the East Norriton Parks and Recreation Department. It was split into two days this year due to inclement weather but still had an awesome fireworks display. The two departments also collaborated with Plymouth Ambulance for Einstein Montgomery Hospital's VIP ribbon cutting ceremony and their own Community Day in September. We saw an estimated 16,000 guests during this event. While events like this are fun, the Police and Fire Departments utilize them as cooperative training incidents to provide the residents of East Norriton with the best possible emergency management service available.

I know parents, and Officer Karl Fischer, are excited school is back in session. Officer Karl Fischer is the East Norriton Middle School Resource Officer and he reported back with the children following their summer break. Karl provides the students with a positive role model and helps the School's

## Report from the Finance Department

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## Tax Collection

Outstanding current real estate tax bills are payable prior to December 31st, 2012. Following this date, a tax lien will be filed against all delinquent properties and payment must be made through Montgomery County Tax Claim and its collection agency.

For owners of newly constructed homes or residents who have had an increase in their property assessment there are two (2) additional interim real estate tax bills you will receive. 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.

Residents with questions regarding their Township and County real estate taxes should contact Tax Collector Ken Lahner at 484-231-8307 or the Township's Finance Department at 610-275-2800.

Residents with questions about Norristown Area School District real estate taxes or all other Township taxes should contact Berkheimer Associates at 1-800-360-8989.

A representative from Berkheimer Associates will be at the Township Building to discuss any resident's tax questions on Thursday, March 14th, 2013, from 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

staff with issues requiring police intervention. He began an after school basketball program that affords him the opportunity to interact with the students in an informal setting which helps build rapport between Officers and Students.

East Norriton Township Police Department is interested in hearing how we can improve the services we provide you. In October we began an initiative "Coffee with Cops" at the Panera Restaurant in East Norriton Township. The purpose is to provide officers and community members the opportunity to meet and develop necessary relationships. Policing is a partnership with the community it serves and we hope to continue to grow and build on it. We are committed to providing our citizens with the best service possible. The East Norriton Police Department in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled a special free workshop entitled "Stranger Danger" at the East Norriton Township Building on Thursday December 6th at 6 p.m. The workshop will cover dangers of kids encountering people they don't know and how to deal with these situations.

## Points to Remember:



- 1) ROADWAYS** – Roads become slippery when covered with snow, sleet and freezing rain. Allow extra distance (at least a six to eight second following distance) between your car and the car ahead. Check your tires and winterize your car now. Be prepared.
- 2) TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND PARKING** – Please remember to remove your car from Township roadways when it's snowing or when snow is in the forecast. The Ordinance requires cars to be off the roadway during ANY snow. This allows the Township road crews to clear the roads of snow. Any vehicle parked after crews are out will be ticketed and possibly towed. **ALSO** please be aware that the Ordinance does include: Sidewalks or Township right-of-ways which means if any owner, agent, occupant of property, or person in charge of the property allows snow to be pushed, plowed, thrown or shoveled onto a right-of-way or sidewalk they will be subject to a fine.
- 3) HOLIDAY SAFETY** – Take the time to safeguard your valuables during the busy Holiday season. Guard your personal information and credit cards. Place Holiday purchases and packages in the trunk of your vehicle and out of sight of would be thieves. Finally, please remember to lock your doors.



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- East Norriton Township Now Accepts Credit/Debit Cards
- Temporary Sewer Billing Changes
- Parking Regulations During Snow Events
- East Norriton Township Parks Update
- Lighting Retrofit Completed



See Santa Claus on Saturday, December 1st at the  
20th Annual East Norriton Township Holiday Parade  
at Hillcrest Plaza

*(Rain Date Sunday, December 2nd)*

Best Wishes to all our residents and businesses for a safe,  
prosperous, and joyous Holiday Season!

## EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY PARADE ROUTE & ROAD CLOSURES

The East Norriton Township Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, December 1st, 2012. The rain date will be Sunday, December 2nd, 2012.

The Holiday Parade will start at the East Norriton Middle School on Roland Drive and will proceed south on Stoney Creek Road to West Germantown Pike. The parade will then turn east on Germantown Pike and end at the Hillcrest Plaza Shopping Center.

Parade participants are asked to enter Roland Drive from Township Line Road for Parade Line up and drop off of participants.

**The following roads within East Norriton Township will be closed to all vehicular traffic from 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon:**

- 1) Stoney Creek Road from Roland Drive to West Germantown Pike
- 2) West Germantown Pike both east and west bound traffic from North Wales Road to Swede Road. All side streets on that portion of West Germantown Pike will be shut off to traffic. No vehicles will be permitted to travel on that portion of the roadway during these specified times.

### ***In addition:***

- Roland Drive will be closed to through traffic from 10-11:30 a.m.
- Hillcrest Avenue from West Germantown Pike to Farview Road will be closed from 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.