



# East Norriton Township

## Issues

Fall 2008

### EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP CENTENNIAL



## Centennial/Friendship Garden Dedication Scheduled

The East Norriton Township Centennial/Friendship Garden is scheduled to be dedicated on Tuesday October 21st, 2008. The Centennial Garden is being constructed in honor of East Norriton Township's 100th Anniversary, as well as, the continued relationship with our Sister City Treptow-Köpenick von Berlin in Germany. Köpenick will be celebrating its 800th anniversary in 2009.

The garden will consist of plantings, a central sitting area including benches made from an East Norriton Township oak tree approximately 100 years old which had fallen along the Stony Creek, a bubbler fountain, and plaques with a short history of East Norriton Township and Treptow-Köpenick von Berlin.

The garden which was designed and engineered by Arro Consulting and Gilmore Associates is being constructed through the generous efforts of Philomeno and Salamone, Turning Leaf Landscaping and Design, and Stonehenge Landscaping and Building Materials.

Grants for the project were also obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of Community Economic Development by Senator Connie Williams, and Representatives Jay Moyer and Mike Vereb.

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### CENTENNIAL FUND RAISING GOAL



At the time of publication of the East Norriton Fall Newsletter, the Township residents and businesses had raised \$65,005 dollars of the \$100,000 goal for the Centennial Celebration.

### CENTENNIAL COOK BOOK RECIPES SOUGHT

Do you have family recipes that you would like to share with others? All current and former residents, community employees and students of East Norriton Township are encouraged to submit their favorite recipes to the East Norriton Township Centennial Cook Book. Look through your recipes now and send your favorite recipe to [ccserrator@aol.com](mailto:ccserrator@aol.com) or mail them to the East Norriton Township Centennial Committee, 2501 Stanbridge Street, East Norriton, PA 19401.

Deadline for entries is October 10th.



#### 2008

- October 2nd, *Thursday*: Fund Raising Silent Auction at Presidential Caterers
- October 21st, *Tuesday*: Centennial Garden Dedication at Twp. Building

#### 2009

- February 20th, *Friday*: Centennial Dinner Celebration at Presidential Caterers
- March 9th, *Monday*: Reenactment of splitting of East and West Norriton Townships
- May 9th, *Saturday*: Historic Home and Site tour and Art League exhibit (part of Tour)
- May 30th, *Saturday*: Centennial Parade
- July 4th, *Saturday*: EAST AND WEST NORRITON TWP. 5K run and Bike Parade at Norristown Farm Park, Fireworks at Stanbridge Street Park
- September 11th, *Friday*: Community Day and Fireworks Stanbridge Street Park
- September 12th, *Saturday*: Community Day and Fireworks Stanbridge Street Park



610-275-2800

[www.eastnorritontwp.org](http://www.eastnorritontwp.org)

### CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS CALENDAR MAGNET

To help all the residents of East Norriton Township plan their schedules to the Centennial Celebration activities and events, this handy calendar magnet was sent out to all the residents.

## Centennial Live and Silent Auction Planned

The East Norriton Township Centennial Fund Raising Committee has planned a live and silent auction at Presidential Caterers on Thursday October 2nd, 2008. The auction which will also include a station cocktail party and buffet will begin at 6 p.m. and continue to 9 p.m. Tickets for this fund raising event will be sold for \$25.00 per person.

Please join us at Presidential Caterers for this fun event. Proceeds from this event will be used to help defray the costs of the Centennial events planned for 2009.

Reservations can be made by calling Larry Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation at 610-275-2800. Deadline for reservations is September 26th, 2008.

## Donations Sought For Centennial Silent Auction



The East Norriton Township Centennial Fund Raising Committee is seeking donations (prizes) for their Silent Auction on Thursday October 2nd, 2008. Donations are tax deductible. Donations will be accepted at the Township Building, 2501 Stanbridge Street, or by calling the Parks and Recreation Department 610-275-2800 for an item to be picked up. Deadline for donations will be September 26th.



The Auction will take place at Presidential Caterers, Germantown Pike and Rt. 202 beginning at 6 p.m. on October 2nd. This event will be a station cocktail party and buffet. Tickets can also be purchased for the event at the East Norriton Parks and Recreation Department by calling 610-275-2800. Tickets are \$25 each.



## Past Supervisors of East Norriton Township

The photos below are some of the past supervisor who served during the early years of the Townships history.



Charles F. Hoser

Supervisor 1916 – 1946



Richard Z. Hynes

Supervisor 1923 – 1947



Arthur R. Bean

Supervisor 1930 – 1937



## Blue Star Highway Dedication

The Norristown Garden Club held a dedication of a “Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker” on Germantown Pike on the property of the Norristown Farm Park on Saturday June 14th at 11 a.m. The sign designates Germantown Pike as a Blue Star Memorial Highway which is dedicated in honor of all our members of our Armed Forces. Pictured from left include Joan Lenhardt, event co-chairman, Pat Wolanski, Norristown Garden Club president, Nancy Wismer, event co-chairman, Corrine Babson, State Chairman Blue Star program from Pittsburgh, and Elaine Heist, past president of the Norristown Garden Club.

## New LED Sign

The East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Department recently received a new LED sign to announce its upcoming programs, trips and special events. The sign located on Germantown Pike between Old and New Stanbridge Streets will be a great addition in helping the Township keep its citizens informed with announcements of upcoming programs, trips, events and meetings. The sign was made possible by the generous contribution of the McDonald’s Restaurant organization.



### 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 2008. 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 1st . . . . . Labor Day  
 Monday, October 13th . . . . . Columbus Day  
 Tuesday, November 11th. . . . . Veteran’s Day  
 Thursday, November 27th . . . . . Thanksgiving Day  
 Friday, November 28th . . . . . Day after Thanksgiving  
 Thursday, December 25th . . . . . Christmas Day  
 Friday, December 26th. . . . . Day after Christmas  
 Thursday, January 1st, 2009 . . . . . 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

# 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EAST NORRITON COMMUNITY DAY

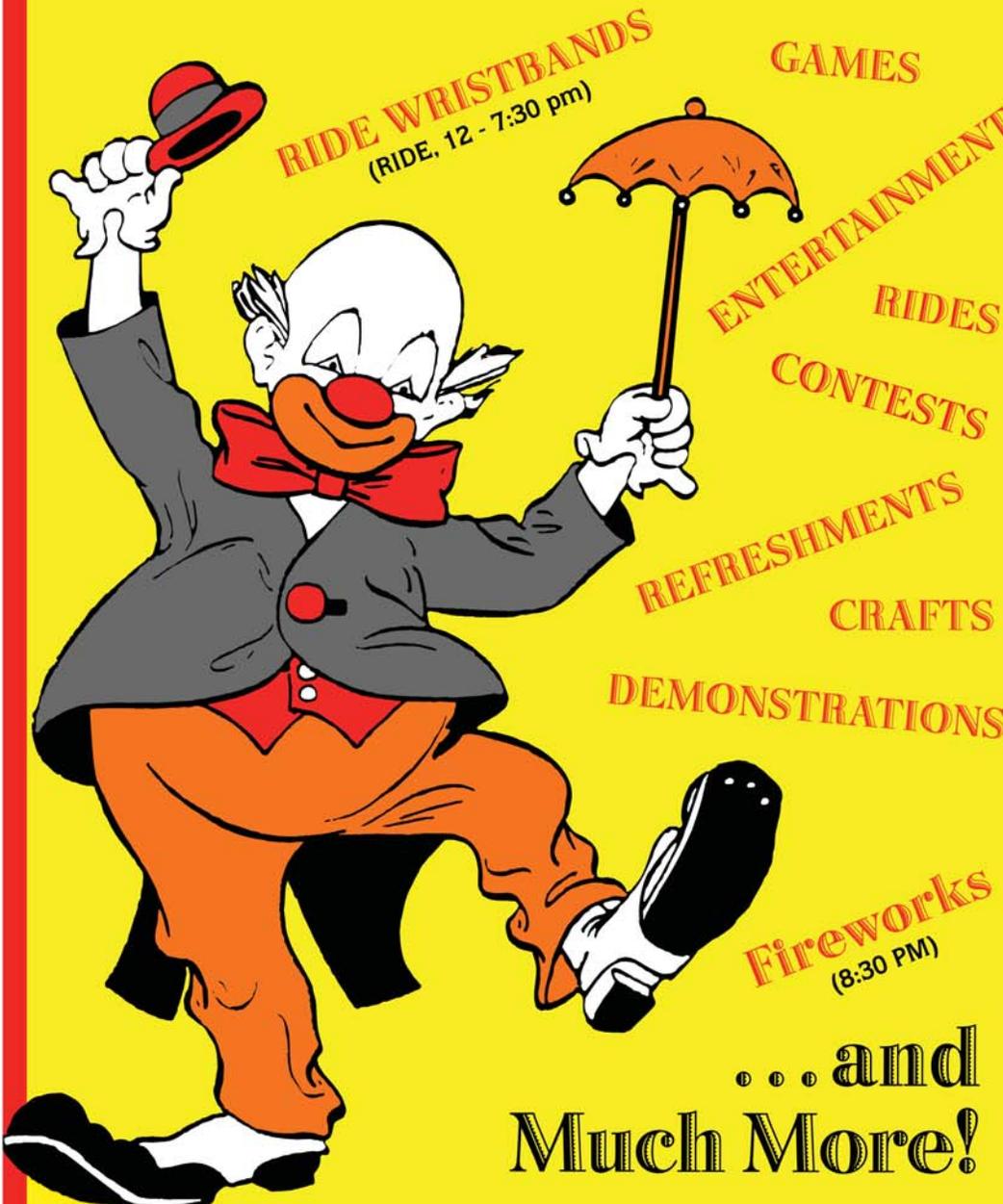
## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Raindate: Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

### 12 Noon to AFTER DARK STANBRIDGE STREET PARK COMPLEX

(BEHIND E. NORRITON MUNICIPAL BUILDING)

PARKING DONATION - \$1.00/CAR - DONATION WILL BE USED FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY.



### VENDORS WANTED FOR EAST NORRITON COMMUNITY DAY

Vendors are being sought for the 30th Annual East Norriton Community Day slated for Saturday September 6th, 2008. 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 7th.

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.

# Emergency Management Training



Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5, Management of Domestic Incidents, in which the President of the United States directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop, submit and administer the National Incident Management System (NIMS). This system will provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, and Local governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity. Implementing the NIMS strengthens East Norriton Township's capability and resolve to fulfill its responsibilities to it's citizenry in times of emergency.

East Norriton Township and the Norriton Fire Engine Company set a precedent by having members of various functional areas participate in a 3 day ICS-300 program this past winter and another 2 day ICS-400 program on June 20th and 21st. Participants included the following personnel: Donald Delamater, Assistant Township Manager, John McGowan, Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety, George Myers, Fire Chief, Bryan Bortnichak, Director of Code Enforcement and Zoning, Karyl Kates, Police Lieutenant, Kurt Taboga, Police Lieutenant, David Boyer, Police Sergeant/Deputy Director of Emergency Management/Fire Marshal, Craig Walters, Police Sergeant, Richard Ulmer, Police Sergeant, Matthew Brannen, Police Sergeant, Brandon Pasquale, Police Sergeant, Frank Ludwig, Assistant Fire Marshal/Fire Fighter, Joseph Perkins, Assistant Fire Marshal/Fire Fighter, David Ellick Jr., Deputy Fire Chief, William Hagner, Battalion Chief, Jeffrey Ellick, Battalion Chief, Douglas Linberg, Past Fire Chief/Firefighter, Thomas Brodowski, Captain, Michael Matusheski, Fire Fighter.

All East Norriton Township Supervisors and the Township Manager have completed their IS-700 training requirements. East Norriton Township will continue to meet the compliance activities as required by Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

## NO OPEN BURNING

### The Fire Marshal's Office

There is **NO OPEN BURNING** in East Norriton Township. Do not burn waste, debris, and lawn/wood cuttings. This is a violation of East Norriton Township Ordinance F-403.4.2.1.

F-403.4.2.1 – No person shall cause, allow, permit or maintain any outdoor bonfires, rubbish/trash, fire or the open burning of leaves, tree branches or yard trimmings on a street or private property.

Open Burning is also a violation of the International Fire Code 2006.

Violations of the East Norriton Fire Code & the IFC 2006 are punishable with a fine of **\$1000.00** per incident.

Chimeneas or contained outside fireplaces are considered "Recreational Fires," According to the East Norriton Township Fire Code. Chimeneas and contained outside fireplaces can send ashes into the air and possibly cause a fire if left unattended. Owners may not leave these products unattended while in use. Owners and future owners of Chimeneas must apply **ANNUALLY** for a **PERMIT** to operate a Chimenea or contained outside fireplace. Operating these products without a permit or operating outside of the manufacturers recommended use is a violation of the East Norriton Fire Code. Violations of the East Norriton Fire Code & the IFC 2006 are punishable with a fine of **\$1000.00** per incident.

The use of any type of aerial fireworks for recreation requires a **PERMIT** from the Fire Marshal's Office. Failure to gain the proper permit is a violation of the East Norriton Township Fire Code. Violations of the East Norriton Fire Code & the IFC 2006 are punishable with a fine of **\$1000.00** per incident.

Thank you for your cooperation and vigilance is keeping our township safe.

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

**Election Day is Tuesday November 4th, 2008**

# WHAT'S NEW IN EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP

The following is a list of new businesses that have opened in East Norriton Township over the past year or are scheduled to open prior to the printing of this newsletter. Please support all of our local businesses.

## Bayada Nurses

170 West Germantown Pike  
(Norriton Office Center)

## Open Dialog, Inc. (greeting cards)

140 West Germantown Pike  
(Hillcrest Plaza)

## Dr. Yiumaw Ko Dental Office

207 West Germantown Pike  
(Penn Square Plaza)

## HPK Landscape Supply, Inc.

1036 West Germantown Pike

## PNC Bank

100 East Germantown Pike  
(Northwood Executive Campus)

## Curves Fitness Center

38 West Germantown Pike  
(Somerset Tire Plaza)

## Sneaker World, Inc.

2880 Dekalb Pike  
(Northtowne Plaza)

## Horsatack Saddlery Equestrian Store

2832 Dekalb Pike  
(Northtowne Plaza)

## Dr. Mark Baker Dental Offices

505 West Germantown Pike

## Dr. William DiMino Optometrist

503 West Germantown Pike

## Dr. Benjamin Grisafi Chiropractor

507 West Germantown Pike

## Stonehenge Masonry and Hardscaping

537 West Germantown Pike

## Wireless Inc.

104-A West Germantown Pike  
(Hillcrest Plaza)

## Total Occasions Events Planner

249 West Johnson Highway

## Bounce Town Inc.

550 Foundry Road

## Citibank

75 West Germantown Pike

## East Norriton Welcomes The HORSATACK Tack Shop and Saddlery



*An Old Fashioned Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for a New Tack Shop – The HORSATACK Tack Shop and Saddlery held an official ribbon cutting ceremony as part of their Grand Opening weekend of events at the new store, located in Northtowne Plaza at Germantown and DeKalb Pikes in East Norriton, Montgomery County. On hand were (from left) HORSATACK Regional Manager Dirk Heinert, Director of Marketing, James Sinclair, Philadelphia Saddle Club President and Devon participant, Dr. Thomas A. Fitzpatrick of Flourtown, Store Manager Kim Nuel of New Hope, East Norriton Board of Supervisors Lewis K. McQuirns and James Serratore and Nicole Mastrangelo of Norristown, who conducts pony rides at the nearby Elmwood Park Zoo. For information and hours, go to [www.horsatack.com](http://www.horsatack.com).*

## MESSAGE FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

### Unlicensed and Inoperable Vehicles:

This is a message to alert all residents that vehicles parked on private or public properties with expired registration and/or inspection is strictly prohibited. Such vehicles cannot be parked on the street or on private property including residential driveways. If the township becomes aware of any covered vehicles not moved, the owner of the property may be contacted in order to confirm that the vehicle has a valid registration and inspection.

Improper storage of unlicensed and inoperable vehicles can be a detriment to our community. These unsightly vehicles clutter the neighborhood, contribute to blight, provide harborage for rodents and act as an attractive nuisance for children. In addition, the location of these unused vehicles could quite possibly interfere with the operation of emergency service vehicles.

## New Zoning Hearing Board Alternate Member



*Lois M. Campana was sworn-in as an alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board on April 29, 2008. Pictured (left to right): Diana Viglianese, Notary Public; Lois M. Campana; East Norriton Township Supervisor, James Staufenberg.*

## Pedestrian Bridge Opening

A pedestrian bridge dedication and opening was held on Friday May 2nd, 2008. The bridge which was donated by Pete's Express Car Wash is an integral part of both the East Norriton Township sidewalk system and the proposed Liberty Bell Trail.



*Pictured from left are Jeff Altringer, Pete's Express Car Wash, Lewis K. McQuirns, Chairman Board of Supervisors East Norriton Township, Larry Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation, Pete Altringer of Pete's Express Car Wash and Drew Altringer of Pete's Express Car Wash.*

## Construction Update

**Gill Quarry:** Following a lengthy legal battle and numerous appeals, the Commonwealth Supreme Court's decision to not consider Gill Quarry's appeal affirmed the East Norriton Township Zoning Hearing Board's decision that prevented additional quarrying along the western face of the quarry. Mr. Irv Gill who owns the property, has met with township staff concerning the future of the quarry. Mr. Gill has indicated that he may seek permission from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to operate a construction and demolition waste landfill. Such use is permitted by the Township's zoning regulations and would preclude continued quarrying and blasting operations at the site.

**Handy & Harmon:** The building that was formerly occupied by the Handy & Harman Tube Company on the south west corner of the intersection of Whitehall Road and Township Line Road currently sits vacant. Michael Palmer, who is an area developer, recently met with township staff to discuss the possibility of developing the 33 acre property. Mr. Palmer proposed demolishing the existing building and constructing a development of single family homes on the 27 acres of land between Whitehall Road and Sunset Avenue. Mr. Palmer proposed allowing the 6 acres of land on the south east corner of Whitehall Road and Township Line Road to remain as open space. No formal plans have been submitted to the Township concerning this proposal.

**Williamstadt:** The Williamstadt tract consists of approximately 6 acres at the corner of DeKalb Pike and Johnson Highway. The developer, Philomeno and Salamone, received approval of a land development plan that proposed construction of 66 age-restricted townhouse style units. The developer recently met with township staff and appeared before the Board of Supervisors to investigate the possibility of lifting the age-restriction that results from the current "Retirement Residential" zoning district requirements. Several concerns including adequate off-street parking and unit density will be reviewed when the developer submits a revised plan to the Township's Planning Commission in coming months.

**PennDOT:** During recent meetings with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation officials, township staff has discussed a concern with a number of blighted and vacant properties along DeKalb Pike that have been purchased by PennDOT in light of the proposed Route 202 improvements. PennDOT has responded by demolishing these buildings which include the former Sunoco gas station canopy, Hess gas station, Fratelli's Pizza and Stanton Cleaners. PennDOT has also agreed to remove the asphalt from these sites where the township will place topsoil and seed these areas to improve the appearance along DeKalb Pike. Additionally, PennDOT has agreed to repair the pavement in the north-bound left turn lane from DeKalb Pike onto Germantown Pike where the pavement is severely warped.

# EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The East Norriton Township Department of Public Safety would like to introduce two information programs that will save lives in the event of an emergency situation. We take preparation very seriously and so should you. Please check out the East Norriton Township Website under "SAFETY" and click on linked brochures. If you have any questions please call the Office of Emergency Management, at 610-275-2800.

## Special Needs Registry and The Montco Ready Notify

### Special Needs Registry:

The Special Needs Registry: is designed to help emergency management coordinators plan for critical events. Each municipality wants to be positioned to locate and safely evacuate people who find it difficult to help themselves in the event of a major disaster.

#### The Special Needs Registry is ...

- Free
- Voluntary
- Strictly confidential
- Protective of your privacy
- A way to protect you in a major emergency

#### How Can I Register?

Log onto  
[www.specialneedspa.org](http://www.specialneedspa.org)

A family member or friend may be able to help you register or Call your local Township Building Your Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator can assist your registration.

Call Assistant Fire Marshal  
Frank Ludwig  
610-275-2800 x 156

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#### How Else Can I Be Prepared?

1. Sign up for emergency alerts from county and municipal officials by going to:



<https://montco.alertpa.org>

2. Prepare a Go Bag
3. Make a Household Plan
4. Make Plans for Your Pets
5. Tune to Your Local News

Your Municipality has a Emergency Management Coordinator who can assist you with emergency planning

#### Additional Important Preparedness Websites:

Montgomery County  
Department of Public Safety  
[www.dps.montcopa.org](http://www.dps.montcopa.org)

Disaster Preparedness Information  
[www.readymontco.montcopa.org](http://www.readymontco.montcopa.org)  
[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

Become a Volunteer with Citizen Corps  
[www.citizen corps.gov](http://www.citizen corps.gov)

### Special Needs Registry



#### County of Montgomery Department of Public Safety

James R. Matthews, Chairman  
Joseph M. Hoeffel, Vice Chairman  
Bruce L. Castor, Jr, Commissioner



by going to:  
[specialneedspa.org](http://specialneedspa.org)

## Where Can I Get Help Registering?

Your Local Public Library Computer Room.

One of These Montgomery County Departments:

Health 610-278-5117

Mental Health 610-278-3642

Adult & Aging 610-278-3601

Public Safety 610-631-6530

## Ready Notify:

Ready Notify is a system to notify the residents of East Norriton Township important emergency information immediately. This is a new Citizen's Warning System for Montgomery County that helps local officials, such as East Norriton Township, send emergency text alerts and other important notifications to you quickly. Ready Notify PA can send these to your cell phone, pager, BlackBerry, PDA and/or e-mail account.



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### How Can I Register ?

Log onto  
[www.specialneeds.org](http://www.specialneeds.org)

A family member or friend may be able to help you register  
or

Call your local Township Building  
Your Municipal Emergency  
Management Coordinator can assist  
your registration

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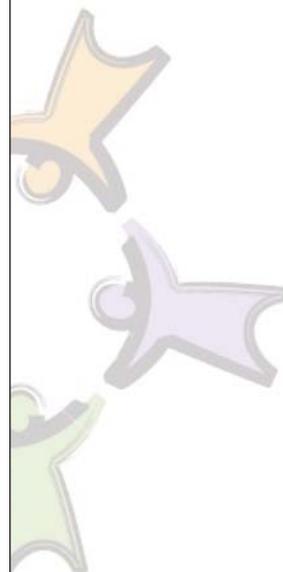


You decide how you'd like to be notified. You also decide which Southeastern Pennsylvania county(s) and municipality(s) that will send you alerts. Pick the county(s) or municipality(s) where you spend most of your time – it can be where you live, work or play.

### How Can I Register?

Log onto  
[www.readynotify.org](http://www.readynotify.org)

Both of these programs can be found on our website at: <http://www.eastnorritontwp.org>



# RECREATION FALL PROGRAMS 2008

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

## **Pee Wee Soccer 5 to 6 yrs.**

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex  
ON: Saturday mornings, beginning 9/13  
TIME: 11:15 a.m.  
FEE: \$35.00/child  
Beginning soccer stressing rules and fundamentals, and scrimmages; register by Friday, 9/12

## **Youth Soccer 7 to 13 yr. olds**

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex  
ON: Saturday mornings  
TIME: 7 - 9 yr. old league will play at 9 a.m.  
10 - 13 yr. old league will play at 10 a.m.  
FEE: \$40.00/child  
Register at the Parks and Recreation office prior to Fri. 8/29. Teams will be picked at Stanbridge Street Park 7-9 yr. Olds 6:00 Wednesday, September 3rd and 10-13 yr. Olds at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4th. League play commences on Saturday September 13th.

## **U. K. Elite Petite Soccer Clinic**

FOR: 3-5 yr. olds  
AT: Stanbridge Street Park  
ON: September 19th – October 24th  
TIME: Friday afternoons (session 1, 1:00 -2:00 p.m. or session 2, 2:00-3:00 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. **Deadline to register is Friday September 12th. Minimum to run class 8 registrants for each session.**

## **Men's Adult Basketball League**

AT: East Norriton Middle School  
ON: Monday evenings, beginning 9/15  
FEE: \$650.00 resident team (70% East Norriton Residents)  
\$700.00 non-residents teams  
Roster plus a \$50.00 refundable deposit due at the Rec. Office by Friday September 5th. (Registration accepted by team basis only)

## **Women's Adult Basketball League**

AT: East Norriton Middle School  
ON: Thursday evenings, beginning 9/18  
FEE: \$450.00 resident teams (70% East Norriton Residents)  
\$500.00 non-resident teams  
Rosters plus \$50.00 refundable deposit due at the Rec. Office by Fri. September 5th. (Registration accepted by team basis only)

## **Tennis Lessons**

### **Youths 8-16 yr. olds**

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex  
ON: Saturday mornings beginning Saturday September 13th  
FEE: \$25/ per student  
8-10 yr. olds 9 a.m.  
11-16 yr. olds 10 a.m.  
Five One-hour lessons taught under excellent supervision. Class size limited to first 20 registrants. Register before Friday September 5th.

### **Adults**

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex  
ON: Saturday mornings beginning Saturday September 13th  
TIME: 11 a.m.  
FEE: \$25.00 per person  
Program consists of five one-hour lessons. Class size limited to first 15 registrants. Register prior to Friday September 5th.

## **Karate Classes for Beginners 5-12 yr. olds**

AT: Paul Fly School 8 weeks, beginning Mon. 9/8  
ON: Monday evenings  
TIME: 6-12 yr. olds  
6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.  
13 yr. - adult  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$35.00 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 6th degree black belt. Register at the Recreation office or at the first class.

## **East Norriton TaeKwon-Do School**

AT: Paul Fly School  
ON: Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning 9/8  
TIME: Children 6-12 years  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Adults 13 and up  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
FEE: \$25.00 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, 6th degree black belt. Sign-up at first class or at the Recreation Office.

## **Women's Adult Indoor Field Hockey League**

AT: East Norriton Middle School Gym  
ON: Wednesday evenings, beginning 9/24  
FEE: \$300.00 resident teams (70% East Norriton Residents)  
\$350.00 non- resident teams  
Roster plus a \$50.00 refundable deposit due at the Recreation office by Friday September 12th. (Registration accepted by team basis only)

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# RECREATION PROGRAMS 2008

## Youth Softball Fast Pitch Pitching Lessons

9-17 yrs old

AT: East Norriton Middle School gym  
ON: Tuesday evenings beginning Oct. 7th for 5 weeks  
FEE: \$55 per student

TIMES:

Beginners 9-11 yrs. old 6-7 p.m.  
Intermediate 12-15 yrs. old 7-8 p.m.  
Advanced 15-17 yrs. old 8-9 p.m.  
Groups 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 3rd.**

## Babysitting For A Job

AT: East Norriton Middle School  
ON: Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 24th and running for 8 weeks

TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

FEE: \$10 per child (suggested ages 11-13 yrs. old)

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 Fri. 9/19.**

## Casting Aspersions – Intro to Flycasting

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex  
ON: Saturday September 20th  
TIME: 2 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.  
FEE: \$40.00 per person (suggested

age 12 yrs. or older)  
Program will teach the mechanics that results in an efficient fly-cast. Develop the basic pick up and lay down cast, roll cast, and shooting line. You'll be armed with the casting knowledge you'll need to have a great day on the stream. The class will be taught by Tom Cooper who has 20 years' experience in fly-fishing and is a Certified Flycasting Instructor. The instructor will supply rods, reels, leader, tippet and yarn fly. It is suggested students bring protective eye-wear or sunglasses. Students can use their own fly rod and reel if desired.  
**Deadline to register is Fri 9/12.**

## Boys Basketball League

FEE: \$55.00 for residents  
\$65 non-residents

Basketball League for boys 8-18 yrs. Old. League play will commence in early January. Registration will be accepted at the Township Building beginning Wednesday October 1st and ending Wednesday November 26th. Proof of age required of all new participants. League age is determined by age of Oct. 1st, 2008. Non-residents will be accepted on a space availability basis as of December 1st.

## ENGAA Field Hockey

AT: Norristown High School Field  
Hockey fields and East Norriton Middle School Field

ON: September 7th – November 9th

FOR: Girls 2nd - 8th grades

AT: Norristown High on Sunday afternoons 1-3 p.m. beginning 9/7  
East Norriton Middle School Field Hockey Field on Wed. evenings 6-7 p.m. beginning 9/10

FEE: \$50 per player includes uniform. Each player must have a stick, shin guards and mouth guard.

Equipment can be purchased /ordered in advance and registration forms can be requested from Field Hockey Coordinator, Stacey Levinslevins@ecbm.com or call 610-272-9262 Forms can also be picked up at

the Township Building. Please register as early as possible so equipment can be ordered in time. Deadline to register is September 6, 2008.

## ENGAA Basketball

FOR: girls ages 5- 13 yrs. old

FEE: Instructional 5 - 8 yr. olds

\$60.00 per person

Lassies 9- 10 yr. olds

\$70.00 per person

Juniors 11-13 yr. olds

\$70.00 per person

**Plus \$25 per family fund-raising fee**  
(Family discount \$5 off additional players with lowest fee)

Registration will be held at the East Norriton Township Building Monday through Friday beginning October 6th - November 3rd.

## Norristown Area Youth Lacrosse Association

FOR: Boys grades K-8 and girls in grades 5 and 6

Registration will be held at the PAL Center in December. For exact dates and times go to [www.norristownlax.com](http://www.norristownlax.com) or e-mail [jbcalthoun@norristownlax.com](mailto:jbcalthoun@norristownlax.com).

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### East Norriton Community Day

AT: Stanbridge Street Park

ON: Saturday September 6th

Noon to after dark (rain date Sunday September 7th)

Plan to bring the entire family out for our 30th Annual Community Day Celebration. Plenty of games, rides, food, entertainment, crafts and businesses participating in this annual event. 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. Rides will operate from 12 noon until 7:30 p.m. Ride Wrist bands can be purchased for rides for \$13 per person.

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### St. Michaels Maryland

ON: Wednesday, October 15th, 2008  
 FEE: \$75 for adults, \$65.00 for youths 12 & under

Bus departs from the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Office at 8:00 a.m. to St. Michaels, Maryland. Lunch is included at the Crab Claw Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. with the choice of crab cakes, crab imperial or chicken. At 2:30 p.m., you will board the Patriot II to cruise the Miles River. Prior to and upon return, you will have free time to visit the many shops and boutiques along Main Street in St Michaels. We will board the bus for home at 5:00 p.m. and make a meal stop at the Delaware House for a light dinner stop on your own. Trip is limited to 45 registrants and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. **Deadline to register is Friday September 12th. For more information or to register, call the Recreation Office.**

### Broadway Show "Tale of Two Cities"

ON: Wednesday October 22nd, 2008  
 FEE: \$115 per person (round trip motor coach transportation and front mezzanine/orchestra seat)

Please call early to reserve your seats. Bus departs at 7:45 a.m. for this Broadway Show. We should arrive in New York City around 10:30 a.m. providing plenty of free time for shopping, sight-seeing and lunch on your own prior to arriving at the theater for the 2:00 p.m. show. Doors open for the theater at 1:30 p.m. Limited seats are available for this show and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$75 deposit per ticket is required with your order to hold these tickets. For more information or a flyer call the Recreation Department at 610-275-2800.

### Casino Trip

ON: Wednesday, November 5th  
 FEE: \$35.00 per person  
 Bus departs from the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Office at 7:45 a.m. Upon arrival 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.** For a detailed flyer and cash back program, please call the Recreation office at 610-275-2800. Limited space is available and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. **Deadline to register for this trip is October 17th.**

### Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular

ON: Thursday, December 4th and Tuesday December 9th.

FEE: \$93.00 per person (Orchestra seat tix and round trip motor coach transportation.)

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 for both trip dates and will be sold on a first-come first-served basis. A \$50.00 deposit per ticket is needed with your order. No dinner stop is planned for these trips.

### Broadway Show "SHREK"

ON: Saturday, May 2, 2009  
 FEE: \$150.00 per person, (round trip motor coach transportation and a front mezzanine/orchestra seat)

Bus departs from the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Department at 7:45 a.m. for this new Broadway Show. We should arrive in New York City around 10:30 a.m. providing you with plenty of free time for lunch, shopping and sight-seeing prior to the 2 p.m. matinee show. Theater doors open at 1:30 p.m. Limited seats are available for

this show and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$75 deposit is required with your order to hold these tickets. No dinner stop is planned for this trip. For a flyer or more information call the Recreation Department at 610-275-2800.

### Park Memorial 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.

### 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 is \$50 refundable deposit and \$75 for the rental. Our dunk booth is also available for fund raising or family outings. Fee is 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 441 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.

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

### East Norriton Township Holiday Parade At Hillcrest Plaza

ON: Saturday December 6th 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 many floats, bands, fire trucks, Santa Claus and much more. Special festivities including the 3rd 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 12th. 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 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 at either the Wachovia Center or Spectrum. 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.

## NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

When you register for any of our recreation programs, don't wait by the phone or camp out at your mailbox. **THE ONLY TIME YOU WILL HEAR FROM US IS:**

- If the class is full
- the class is canceled
- if there is a change in 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!**

### 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 \$12.00 each.



### 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 you league 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.**

## Montgomery County Senior Games

The 23rd Annual Montgomery County Senior Games were held the week of May 12th – 16th, 2008. Staff from the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Department participates in running these events along with many other Recreation Departments throughout Montgomery County. Three hundred and seventy-six senior citizens from the area competed in events such as bocce, tennis, swimming, badminton, golf, bowling and shuffleboard. Events took place throughout the week at various locations in Montgomery County including Plymouth Community Center, Upper Dublin High School, Wentz Run Park, Facenda Whitaker Bowling Lanes and Montgomery County Community College. The games concluded with a luncheon and awards ceremony at the college.

The games are intended for any county resident over the age of 50. This year's more seasoned participants included 94 year old Frank Levine of Norristown, Wamer Cryder 93 of Jenkintown, Margaret Merritt, 95 of Blue Bell and Alice Fallows, 85 of Lansdale.

The Montgomery County Senior Games combines sports and recreation with fellowship among everyone involved. Persons interested in competing in next year's events, tentatively scheduled for May 11th - 15th, 2009 should contact Upper Dublin Recreation Department at 215-643-1600 ext. 34443 or visit [www.upperdublin.net](http://www.upperdublin.net) and click on "Parks and Recreation" then "Seniors".

## PROGRAM/TRIP REGISTRATION FORM

**TO REGISTER:** Please send check and signed registration form to **East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Dept., 2501 Stanbridge St., East Norriton, PA 19401**. Please make checks payable to **East Norriton Township**. For additional registration information call 610-275-2800 and push 4 on your telephone key pad for Parks and Recreation.

**Please submit this form with payment.** This form is not for youth sports leagues, ENGAA or ENLL reg. Please call the Recreation Office for proper forms for youth sports.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check one:* \_\_\_\_\_ Adult (18 yrs. old and over) \_\_\_\_\_ Youth (please include age) \_\_\_\_\_

I assume all risks in connection with this activity sponsored by the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Department and hereby release, absolve, indemnify, and hold harmless the Township of East Norriton, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Director of Parks and Recreation, all sponsors, organizers, and trip leaders appointed by them of all liability by reason of any damage or injury to any person or thing in connection with this activity.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(if under 18 parents or guardian sign)*

**TRIPS:** Deposit or full payment is due when reserving space on trips. Spaces will be held only one week without payment.

**REFUNDS:** Subject to a \$5.00 administrative fee and must be requested prior to start of class or program. For trips or special events, refunds will be given only if a replacement can be found.

**CANCELLATIONS:** The parks and recreation department reserves the right to cancel any program, trip or special event. Full refunds will be given in the event of a cancellation.

**HANDICAP INFO:** Persons with a handicap or require special needs who wish to participate in any of our recreational offerings should contact the Director of Parks and Recreation at 610-275-2800, ext. 120.

**PICTURE RELEASE:** The above signed individual also give permission to the Parks and Recreation Department to use photographs of the participants for the promotion of Parks and Recreation programs and events.

# EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP VETERANS COMMITTEE

The East Norriton Township Veterans Committee held its third annual All-You-Can-Breakfast at the Tall Cedars Club on Sunday April 13th, 2008. Three hundred and twenty three tickets were sold for this year's event. The breakfast which was held from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. raised \$1,327.50. Proceeds from this event are being used for the continued maintenance and payment of the utility bills for the Veterans Memorial. A special thank you is again extended to the members of the Tall Cedars Club for their help and guidance in running this event.

The East Norriton Township Veterans Committee held a wreath laying ceremony in observance of Memorial Day at the East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial on Sunday May 25th at 1 p.m. The program included a welcome and introductions by Board of Supervisors Chairman, Lewis McQuirns, the laying of the wreath of flowers at the Memorial led by the Norristown High School ROTC Honor Guard, with Lou Lepold and Vince Palaia presenting the wreath at the Memorial. Guest speaker for the ceremony was Lt. Colonel Howard Hostrander. The raising of the United States flag, and playing of our National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner", a three shot volley, followed by the playing of taps, and returning the flag to half staff in remembrance of the men and women who gave their lives in the service to our country completed the program.



*Honor guard from Norristown High School ROTC Program.*

The East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial Committee would like to thank our guest speaker Lt. Colonel Howard Hostrander, the Norristown High School ROTC Honor Guard under the direction of Sgt. Gene Chieffo, members of the Catholic War Veterans Rifle Squad, the bugler from the Frank C. Parker American



*The East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial Committee held a tattered and worn flag burning ceremony at Norris City Cemetery on Friday June 6th. Participating in the flag burning are from left Joseph Palaia, Paul Angelucci, Phil Maniscalco, Assistant Fire Marshals Joe Perkins and Frank Ludwig, Al Momme, Vince Palaia and Dan Paciello.*

Legion Post and members of the United States Marine Corp. for their participation in this year's event.

Members of the East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial Committee also held a "Flag Burning Ceremony" at the Norris City Cemetery on Friday June 6th. Members of the Committee provided the proper disposal of badly weathered and torn flags during this ceremony. Many of the flags were obtained from the bin located at the entrance of the East Norriton Township Building. Residents are encouraged to drop off their old flags in this container to be properly disposed of each year.

The Veterans Memorial Committee would also like to remind our residents that the engraved brick sale is ongoing at the Memorial. To date over 441 bricks have been purchased and installed along the walkway to the Memorial. Bricks can be purchased in remembrance of a Veteran, a relative, friend or just to show support of the Memorial. Many individuals, families and businesses have purchased bricks that line the walkway leading up to the Memorial. Forms can be obtained at the Township Building or the Parks and Recreation Offices or by call the Recreation Department at 610-275-2800.

The Veterans Memorial Committee is also selling flags as a fund raiser during 2008. A wide variety of flag types and sizes are available. Detailed flyers with costs are available at the Parks and Recreation Office. Many of the U.S. and Armed Forces flags are in stock. Special flags can be purchased and obtained for you in a short amount of time. For more information or a flyer on the flag program, call the Recreation Department at 610-275-2800.

## “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.

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.

Sgt. David Boyer successfully completed his advanced management course at the F.B.I. National Academy at Quantico, Virginia. The ten week course included college master's level instruction underwritten by the University of Virginia. The courses included management skills in law, media relations, forensic sciences, leadership, and physical conditioning.

Officers Caso and Fischer were honored by The Mothers Against Drunk Drivers for their high level of arrests for DUI and underage drinking. The Officers received a certificate of appreciation and a cookie tray from MADD. Officers Carfrey and Gibson each received Merit Commendations for actions they took. Carfrey's award was given for a solo arrest of a subject involved in car break ins. Gibson's award was given for locating an elderly resident who went missing. Officer Gibson was able to locate her in a field.

**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 Township Police Department has successfully completed re-accreditation by the Pennsylvania Chiefs' of Police Association. Accreditation requires a department to meet over one hundred and twenty eight different standards

designed to make the department more professional and responsive to the public it serves. Lt. Kates, Sgt. Walters, Sgt. Ulmer, and Inv. Brennan have worked diligently to make accreditation a reality for East Norriton. Currently only a small percentage of departments statewide are accredited.

East Norriton Township Police would like to advise citizens that department officers are actively involved in both the Smooth Operator program and Click it or Ticket Program. Both programs involve officers on traffic patrol and are funded by State and Federal grants. Smooth Operator targets aggressive drivers. Click it or Ticket targets seat belt compliance.

East Norriton has a new armored Officer Rescue Vehicle. Sgt. Boyer was able to obtain a tracked armored vehicle from the Federal Government. The vehicle will be used by Central Montgomery County SWAT to affect rescues of citizens and police if needed. East Norriton Township is one of the ten member departments of CMSWAT. The vehicle and its equipment were purchased with team funds and donations from area businesses and individuals.

East Norriton Township Police Department has expanded its bicycle patrol unit, and increased the use of motorcycles on patrol. This is in an effort to reduce gasoline consumption and save tax dollars.



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# REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

## Sewer Bill Update

Third quarter sewer bills are mailed on September 30th, 2008. This bill is based on water consumption for the periods March, April and May 2008. Fourth quarter sewer bills will be mailed on December 31st, 2008. This bill will cover the water consumption period of June, July, and August 2008.

## Tax Collection

Current Real Estate Tax bills are still payable prior to December 31st, 2008. 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 23rd, 2008 • 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## East Norriton Supervisors Hold Second Public Meeting on Proposed Liberty Bell Trail

The East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors held its second Public Meeting on the proposed construction of the Liberty Bell Trail as it pertains to East Norriton Township on Wednesday July 16th beginning at 7 p.m. at the East Norriton Township Municipal Building. A presentation was made by consultants Simone and Collins and the Louis Berger Group followed by comments and a question and answer period.

The Liberty Bell Trail in East Norriton Township is approximately 1.5 miles in length and will be the start of a 25 mile trail running through 17 municipalities which will connect the Norristown Farm Park and the East Norriton Township Building with Quakertown in Bucks County. The proposed trail will run parallel with Norris City Avenue on the property of PENNDOT, cross Swede Road at Hartranft Blvd, and follow the PECO right of way or the original Liberty Bell Trolley Line to Germantown Pike. After reaching Germantown Pike, the trail will proceed a short distance across the new Pedestrian bridge at Pete's Car Wash and cross Germantown Pike at the controlled intersection at Mill Road. The trail will then follow the interior roadway at Wal Mart and enter Swede Road to connect to Whitpain Township's section.

The East Norriton Township section will be a non-motorized pedestrian trail to link residential areas to commercial centers, regional trails, parks and schools. It will also provide protection for environmentally sensitive areas and create an additional recreational amenity and transportation alternative for residents making trips to local destinations

The Board of Supervisors will be reviewing the comments and questions provided by the public at this meeting before deciding how this project will unfold.



# Wood's Golf Center Rezoning Reaffirmed

The East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors reaffirmed the zoning change and text amendments for the Wood's Golf Center after a second Public Hearing and Public Meeting held at the Norristown High School auditorium on Saturday July 12, 2008.

The Board held this second Public Hearing and Meeting in response to citizens who did not have the opportunity to participate in the original meeting at the East Norriton Middle School on February 19th. The July 12th Public Hearing which started at 9 a.m. ended at 12:50 p.m. The subsequent Public Meeting at which time the Board unani-

mously approved the rezoning and text amendments lasted from 2:00 p.m. until 5 p.m. This rezoning deals with approximately 20 acres of land along the front of Germantown Pike which was rezoned from Commercial to Institutional. This means that the entire Woods Golf Center of approximately 80 acres is now zoned Institutional.

The applicant, Albert Einstein Healthcare Network has filed Land Development Plans and is now moving through this process. An independent engineer has been hired by the township to review the plans which have been submitted and to advise the Township on other issues to be addressed.



Above is the Albert Einstein Health Care Network Preliminary Land Development Sketch Plan.

## 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):

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Coleston and DeKalb Manor</b>
<b>Tuesday and Wednesdays</b>	<b>Arch Rd. to North Wales Rd.</b>
<b>Thursdays and Fridays</b>	<b>North Wales Rd. to Trooper Rd.</b>

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.

The Public Works Department also completed its paving program earlier this year with the following roads being paved; Hayes Road , ( Pierce Rd. to Pierce Rd.) Pierce Road, (Sunset to Hayes) Taft Road, (Potshop to Woodland Ave.) and Polk Road.

The Public Works Department is also constructing a much needed right hand turning lane on Swede Road at Germantown Pike in front of Swede Square Shopping Center in August.

## Yard Waste Recycling Program

In January of 2008, East Norriton Township kicked-off a yard waste recycling program. The new recycling program provides monthly curbside yard waste collection to single family households and select multifamily properties within the Township.

**What is yard waste?** - Shrubbery, branches and limbs (bundled) and garden residues. This does NOT include rocks, dirt, stumps, weeds, grass or leaves. (Leaves are collected separately by the Township during the spring and fall collection periods)

**How do I participate?** - To participate in the program, residents must contact Environmental Landscaping Services, the Township's contractor, via phone at (610) 278-4904 or email at [csmith@elservicesinc.com](mailto:csmith@elservicesinc.com) to schedule a collection. Residents must contact the Township's contractor at least 7 days prior to their monthly collection day. Yard waste will be collected on the 3rd Thursday of each month. If ELS can not complete the collections in one day, they will complete them on the following day.

**How do I prepare the yard waste?** - Up to two days prior to the scheduled collection day, residents may set out yard waste using 32 gallon trash cans or bundles. Since the yard waste will be recycled, residents cannot set out yard waste in plastic bags. Trash cans used to set out yard waste must be clearly marked as yard waste.

For safety of the collectors, each trash can or bundle cannot exceed 40 pounds. Furthermore, **each bundle must be less than 2 feet in diameter and placed at the curb with the cut ends of the yard waste towards the street. Branches, limbs, or trunks cannot be more than 5 inches in diameter each.** Yard waste properly containerized or bundled should be placed within 5 feet of the curb and in such a manner not to obstruct the road. Yard waste improperly set-out or commingled with unacceptable materials will not be collected.

Environmental Landscaping Services will collect up to 2 cubic yards of yard waste, approximately ten 32 gallon trash cans or six bundles, per household on each scheduled collection day. For more information as to the new yard waste recycling program please contact East Norriton Township at (610) 275-2800.

## 2008 TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Board of Supervisors . . . 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
 Zoning Hearing Board . . . . . Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
 (except November 18th)  
 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.)

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 Admini-  
 stration 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 accommo-  
 dation to participate in the  
 meeting, please contact East  
 Norriton Township's ADA  
 Coordinator at 610-275-2800.*

## 2008 EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

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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 6th with a rain date of Sunday 12/7. 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 third 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](http://www.hillcrestplazashops.com) Applicants must be 15 years old or older.



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