



East Norriton Township

Issues

Spring/Summer 2007

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Pictured (left to right): James J. Serratore, III, Supervisor; Lewis K. McQuirns, Vice Chairman; Donald J. Gracia, Chairman; Sgt. Charles "Chip" Pritchett; James K. Staufenberg, Supervisor; Kandy Heckman, Supervisor.

Charles "Chip" Pritchett Retires

East Norriton Township congratulates Charles "Chip" Pritchett on his retirement from East Norriton Township on March 2, 2007. Chip was appointed on August 21, 1978 as a patrol officer and his professionalism and dedication to his duties earned him a promotion to rank of Sergeant in 1986 which is the rank he retired at. During his 28+ year tenure, Chip received the 1988 Police Officer of the Year award as well as other Commendations of Merit. The Board of Supervisors recognized Chip on his retirement with a proclamation at a public meeting on February 20, 2007.

Christmas Parade Benefits Special Olympics

Members of the East Norriton Township Christmas Parade Committee at Hillcrest Plaza present a check to the Montgomery County Special Olympics in the amount of \$7,500 from the proceeds of the 2006 parade and festivities. Pictured from left are: Garrett Rice, Special Olympics of Montgomery County, Carrie Stewart, Tornetta Properties Inc., Linda Groff, Mariposa Boutique, Kimberly Tornetta, Tornetta Properties Inc., and Larry Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation of East Norriton Township.



SEE PAGE 11 FOR THE 2007 SPRING AND SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

The East Norriton Township Historical Advisory Committee is Looking for Memorabilia

The East Norriton Township Historical Advisory Committee is looking for pictures and artifacts of East Norriton Township from years past. The committee is collecting pictures to be included in the Centennial Celebration of East Norriton Township in 2009.

The Committee is also looking for history on the homes in our township. If you know of any interesting history of your home, we would like to include your information in our historical home inventory.

If you have some old pictures of East Norriton Township that you would like to donate or allow us to make copies of, or have historical information about your home or another home in East Norriton Township, please contact Larry Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation at 610-275-2800 ext. 120.



Preserving History is a Priority in East Norriton Township

The East Norriton Township Historical Advisory Committee has been working on a draft demolition ordinance for review by the Board of Supervisors at the March regular monthly meeting. This draft ordinance is an attempt to preserve selected historic structures in East Norriton Township by granting a demolition permit of these structures only after a careful review or possible special exception.

A list of historic properties identified by the East Norriton Township Historical Advisory Committee is available at the Township Building on weekdays during normal working hours. This list will become a part of the East Norriton Township Comprehensive Plan update. Anyone wishing to add a structure or property to this list should send in the address along with supporting documentation on the historic value of this property to the Township. The information should be sent to the East Norriton Township Historical Advisory Committee, 2501 Stanbridge Street, East Norriton, PA 19401.

2007

Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste And Computer Collection Program





Commissioners
 Thomas Jay Ellis, Esq., Chairman
 James R. Matthews
 Ruth S. Damsker





FOR INFORMATION CALL (610) 278-3618

<p><u>Indian Valley Middle School</u> Saturday, April 21, 2007 130 Maple Avenue Harleysville, PA 19438 Lower Salford Township 9 am – 3 pm</p>	<p><u>Hatboro-Horsham High School</u> Saturday, May 26, 2007 Rear Student Parking Lot 899 Horsham Road Horsham Township, PA 19044 9 am - 3 pm</p>
<p><u>Norristown Area High School</u> Saturday, June 30, 2007 Rear Student Parking Lot 1900 Eagle Drive Norristown, PA 19403 West Norriton Township 9 am –3 pm</p>	<p><u>Perkiomen Valley Middle School (East)</u> Saturday, August 11, 2007 Middle School Parking Lot 100 Kagey Road Collegeville, PA 19426 Perkiomen Township 9 am –3 pm</p>

Lower Merion Transfer Station
Saturday, October 27, 2007
 1300 Woodbine Avenue
 Narberth, PA 19072
 Lower Merion Township
9 am - 3 pm

Please Bring Mercury-Containing Devices




Funded in part by:

 Department of Environmental Protection

For More Information and Directions Call
(610) 278- 3618

or Visit our Website www.wsaemc.org and click on the Recycling and HHW links.

PECO Supports the Liberty Bell Trail Plans



Suzanne Ryan (center) of PECO Energy presents a check in the amount of \$10,000 to help with the development of plans for the Liberty Bell Trail to Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Donald J. Gracia (left) and Director of Parks and Recreation, Larry L. Brown.(right). The grant is from the 2006 PECO Open Space Green Regions Grant Program.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

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

Montgomery County

Radio Room 610-275-1222

PECO Emergency Power

Outage Emergency 800-841-4141

East Norriton Township

Municipal Building 610-275-2800

Fax 610-277-1879

e-mail info@eastnorritontwp.org

Hospitals

Montgomery 610-270-2000

Mercy Suburban 610-278-2000

Poison Control 215-386-2100

PA Game Commission

Regional office 610-926-3136 or 610-926-3137

Fax 610-926-8835

East Norriton Township 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 2007. 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.

- Friday April 6th Good Friday
- Monday May 28th Memorial Day
- Wednesday July 4th. Independence Day
- Monday September 3rd Labor Day
- Monday October 8th. Columbus Day
- Monday November 12th. Veteran's Day
- Thursday November 22nd Thanksgiving Day
- Friday November 23rd Day after Thanksgiving
- Monday December 24th. Christmas Eve
- Tuesday December 25th Christmas Day
- Tuesday January 1st, 2008 New Year's Day

Montgomery County Health Department's 2007 RABIES CLINICS

DATE	PLACE	TIME
June 2	Abington Recycling Center Florey Lane (off of Easton Rd.) Abington	9 AM - 11 AM
June 9	Collegeville Community Park 4 th and Park Ave. Collegeville	9 AM - 11 AM
June 16	Harleysville Senior Center 312 Alumni Ave., (off of Main Street) Harleysville	9 AM - 11 AM
June 23	Burnside Oakland Park Burnside Ave. and Oakland Rd. Norristown	9 AM - 11 AM

ANIMALS MUST BE LEASHED OR IN AN APPROVED CARRIER

DOGS, CATS & FERRETS

\$8.00/SHOT

3-YEAR



2007 NORRISTOWN FARM PARK SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

ALL CONCERTS ARE FROM 6-7:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd
The Martin Family Band
(Celtic Fiddle Music & Dance)

SATURDAY, JUNE 9th
Christina Havrilla Duo
(Folk, Rock & Pop)

SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd
Barbone Street Band (Jazz)

SATURDAY, JULY 7th
Raymond (Big Band)

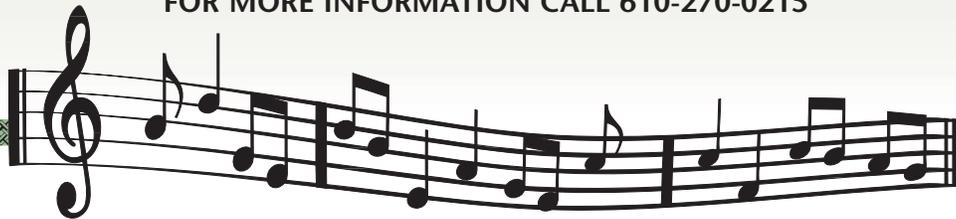
SATURDAY, JULY 14th
Mike Beck & the
Men of Leisure
(Rock & Roll)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th
Dean Garofolo
(Elvis Impersonator)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th
Russ Rentler
(Guitarist-Folk, Celtic & Blues)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th
Don McAvoy and the
Great Whatever (Rock & Roll)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 610-270-0215



News from the

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – NORRISTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Computer Basics Classes Offered in the Computer Lab

“I’m going to learn to use a computer.”

Was that your New Year’s Resolution? Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library can help you keep that resolution.

These three classes are designed for the absolute beginner. Day and evening classes are available. Total cost is just \$7.50.

The lab also offers more advanced classes in MS Excel, Publisher, Access, PowerPoint and FrontPage.

A new Job Searching course is also available. You will learn to create a resume and how to navigate popular job web-sites. Advanced registration is required.

MC-NPL has a selection of State and Federal Income Tax Forms available for your convenience.

For further information and a class schedule please visit our webpage at www.mc-npl.org or call 610-278-5100.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT AND SEWER LATERAL INSPECTION REQUIREMENT

This is an important notice to all property owners who sell their homes in East Norriton Township.

On December 19, 2006, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 494 which amends the Use and Occupancy Permit of East Norriton Township imposing an additional requirement that prior to the sale of each property within the Township, the sewer lateral for that property shall be inspected and/or televised by the Township, at the owner’s expense, to determine the condition of the sewer lateral. The owner of the property subject to the sale shall notify the Township at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed transfer and shall make all areas to be inspected and/or televised available to the Township upon the Township’s request. If the Township determines that the sewer lateral is in an unacceptable condition, the sewer lateral shall be repaired or replaced by the owner of the property at the owner’s expense prior to the transfer of ownership of the property. In addition, the Township shall confirm by inspection and/or televising that the sewer lateral has been satisfactorily repaired or replaced.

This new requirement took effect immediately upon adoption of the ordinance. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Township’s Code Enforcement Department.

Memorial Day Program and Flag Burning Ceremony Planned by East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial Committee

The East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial Committee has scheduled a wreath laying ceremony to commemorate Memorial Day on Sunday May 27th, 2007 at 1 p.m. The program will take place at the East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial located just off of Germantown Pike between Old and New Stanbridge Streets in East Norriton Township.

A Flag burning ceremony will be held on Flag Day, Thursday June 14th at 1 p.m. at the Norris City Cemetery by the Veterans Committee. The flags being burned are old tattered and worn flags collected at the East Norriton Township Building flag drop off box throughout the year.



East Norriton Township Veterans Committee Plans Breakfast Fundraiser



2nd Annual East Norriton Township Veteran's Memorial Maintenance Fund-Raiser

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST
Sunday, May 6th, 2007
8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

TALL CEDARS CLUB
Germantown Pike
East Norriton, PA

Cost: Adults – \$8.00
Children under 10 years old – \$4.00
Proceeds will be for the continued maintenance
of the East Norriton Township Veteran's Memorial

Tickets are available at the Township Building or the Parks and Recreation Office, 2501 Stanbridge Street, East Norriton, PA. For more information or tickets, please call Larry Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation at 610-275-2800 ext. 120.

Michael Henricks Joins the East Norriton Township Police Department

The Department has hired a new Police Officer. Michael Henricks was sworn in at the Board of Supervisors' January Meeting. Mike is twenty seven years old and a graduate of the Montgomery County Police Academy. We wish Mike a safe and long career.



Police Chief John J. McGowan with new police officer Michael Henricks after his swearing-in as East Norriton Township's latest appointment to the Police Department at the Board of Supervisors meeting in January 2007.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1) Our children will be outside playing and riding bikes. Please use extra caution when driving in neighborhoods and near area schools.
- 2) Parents should remind their children to wear their bicycle helmets and to obey all traffic laws while riding their bikes.
- 3) Spring and summer means HOT weather. Do not leave your children or pets alone in enclosed vehicles. Stay with them at all times or take them with you.

Sergeant Charles "Chip" Pritchett Retires

The Department announces the retirement of Sergeant Charles (Chip) Pritchett a twenty eight year veteran who was hired by East Norriton Township on August 21st, 1978. During his career with East Norriton, Chip worked with the uniform Patrol Division. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1986. He was one of the Department's motor officers, and was able to combine his hobby of riding Harley Davidson motorcycles with his work. He attended Northwestern University's Police Motorcycle Instructor program in 2006, and was a member of the Montgomery County Motor Officers Association. He was a firearms and police defensive driving instructor. Chip will be working for Montgomery County as the Assistant Director of the Police Academy. Chip's fellow employees wish him all the best in his new career.

Officer Karl Fischer Completes Field Training

Township Police Officer Karl Fischer has successfully completed his field training program and has been assigned to Sergeant Ulmer's platoon.

"Toughbook" Computers Installed in Vehicles

The Police Department has finished installing the new Panasonic "Toughbook" computers in the marked patrol vehicles. These new computers will allow officers to complete their reports in their cars and cut down on time spent in the station. In the near future these computers will be linked with the County Radio system. This will allow officers to access crime fighting information without having to go through and wait for County Radio.

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.

NORRITON FIRE ENGINE COMPANY REPORT



How the Norriton Fire Company Began

The incident which motivated the forming of the Norriton Fire Engine Co. was the fire which burned the home of Joe Sinclair on Feb. 5th, 1917. The Fire started between 3 and 4 in the afternoon. A call for assistance was sent to the Norristown Fire Dept. since the East Norriton community was not equipped at that time.

On that bitter cold afternoon they had to pump water from the pond in front of the house and the pump became clogged many times because of the number of frogs which had been sucked up into the mechanism of the pump. Mr. Sinclair's loss sparked the community spirit that had long been lying dormant in East Norriton Township.

Three days later, on Feb. 8th, a small group gathered for the purpose of finding a means to protect our

community against fire. The opening lines as they appeared in the minutes of that meeting read, "In the course of events, history records the time and cause for the establishment, the necessity and the utility of such means that will aid, comfort and protect the common interest of the people. Therefore in a spirit of benevolence and a desire to add to the happiness and consolation of each other and to defend ourselves against common destructive elements, we do hereby express the necessity for the protection of our homes and our families against the destruction by fire. Therefore, be it resolved that we consider a means for protection, as far as with in our power lies, of all buildings and property that may be destroyed by fire"

Mr. Adolf Muller was Chairman of this meeting and

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Donations Ensure That Our Residents are Protected

The Norriton Fire Engine Co. sends out donation requests to 6200 individual addresses. Of these 6200 donation requests the Norriton Fire Engine Co. receives a 28% response. The Fire Co. responded to 415 alarms in 2006. We protect all citizens and property within East Norriton Township. We are a volunteer Fire Co. that responds to each & every call. Yet only 33% of township residents care enough about their safety to assist the Fire Co. in

maintaining their excellent response record and to properly equip and maintain their volunteer personnel and equipment. Only 10% of apartments in the township responded and 15% of all businesses. We have found that 22% of non resident property owners respond.

When you see the 2007 Fund Drive request; please take an extra moment and think about what your donation will do to maintain **YOUR** personal safety and that of your property.

NORRITON FIRE ENGINE 2007 ACTIVITIES

The Norriton Fire Engine Co. participated in many activities during the year. The major Activities besides Fighting Fire, Accidents and Rescues were:

- A fund Raiser for the Fontaine-Bleau Fire Co. that was damaged by Hurricane Katrina.
- The annual Fire Person vs. Police Softball game
- A very successful Golf Outing with Jefferson Fire Company
- The Delivering of Santa to all East Norriton Township neighborhoods at Christmas
- And our Annual Norriton Fire Engine Company Fund Drive

2007 NORRITON FIRE ENGINE COMPANY OFFICERS

Ralph Russo President
Joan McDevitt Secretary
Ralph Nealman Chairman Board of Trustees
Joseph Rothwein Treasurer
George Myers Fire Chief
Willie Boyd Fire Police Captain
Rob Hagel Chief Engineer

Training is every Monday night. Company meeting is held the 1st Wednesday of each month

WEB SITE: WWW.NFEC61.ORG

REPORT FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

Real Estate Taxes

Your Township and County Real Estate Tax bills are mailed to you between the first and fifteenth (1st & 15th) of March. Your School District Real Estate Tax bill is mailed to you between the first and fifteenth (1st & 15th) of June. Payment of the Real Estate Taxes can be made in person or by mail at the municipal building. Real Estate Tax payments are also being accepted at the Citizen’s Bank located in the East Norriton Crossing Shopping Center.

IMPORTANT: If you do not receive your Township/County Real Estate Tax bills, by the end of March, call the Tax Collector, **Kevin T. McDevitt** 610-476-7087 or the **East Norriton Township Finance Department**, at once at 610-275-2800. If you do not live at the address taxed, you must contact the Board of Assessment Appeals at One Montgomery Plaza – Suite 301, Norristown, PA 19404, Phone: 610-278-3761; Fax: 610-278-3560 to notify them of your mailing address.

If You Send Your Tax Bill To Your Mortgage Company

Suppose you sent your current Real Estate tax bill to your Mortgage Company and then you receive notification that they never received it and the tax is overdue. Now what?

If this major problem happens, you the taxpayer now will not only be unable to receive the benefit of the 2% discount on your bill, but you in all probability are now in the 10% penalty period. **YOU PAY FOR THEIR MISTAKE!**

To protect yourself, when you receive your tax bills, remember when forwarding to your Mortgage Company, make a copy for yourself and note the date you sent the bill to the Mortgage Company.

If your taxes are held in escrow with your Mortgage Company and you are inquiring about the payment status contact your Mortgage Company direct for proof of payment.

Interim Real Estate Tax

Please be advised that if you have purchased a newly constructed home in East Norriton Township and you are the first occupant of this residence, you should be receiving two Interim Real Estate Tax bills which will invoice you for the Real Estate Taxes owed for the remainder of the fiscal year. One tax bill will come from the Township’s Tax Collector, **Kevin T. McDevitt** and will invoice you for the taxes owed to Montgomery County and East Norriton Township. The other tax bill will be generated by **Berkheimer Associates** which will invoice you for the taxes owed to the Norristown



Kevin T. McDevitt

Direct:
610-476-7087

Email:
kevmcd61@comcast.net

Area School District. In addition if you file a successful property assessment appeal thus adjusting your property’s assessed value, you should also be receiving the Interim Real Estate Tax bills.

As a resident of the Township, it is your responsibility to ensure that these Interim Real Estate Taxes are paid. Failure to receive a tax bill is **NOT** a reason for not paying the Interim Real Estate Taxes on time. For additional information, and to obtain Interim Real Estate Tax forms, please contact **Kevin T. McDevitt** at 610-476-7087 or the **East Norriton Township Finance Department** at 610-275-2800 or **Berkheimer Associates** at 800-360-8989, Ext. 3.

DISABILITIES — Any person with a disability requiring special accommodation to pay their Real Estate Taxes should notify Kevin T. McDevitt at 610-476-7087 or by e-mail at: kevmcd61@comcast.net

Earned Income Tax

Please be advised that East Norriton Township levies an Earned Income Tax on its citizens and all non-residents who work in the township. The rate is 1% of earned income, with half going to the school district and half remaining with the township to provide municipal services. The collection of this tax is handled by an outside firm, **Berkheimer Associates**.

Many employers deduct this tax from employees’ paychecks. In that case, all you do is to file an annual return by April 15th of each year. If you are self-employed or work for an employer who does not deduct this tax, or only a portion of it, you are obligated to file quarterly returns on forms provided by **Berkheimer Associates**.

As a resident of the township, keep in mind that it is your responsibility to obtain the tax forms. Failure to report or pay the tax could result in substantial penalties and interest.

Representatives from Berkheimer Associates will be available at the East Norriton Township Building to discuss any resident’s Earned Income Tax questions an/or concerns on the following dates and times:

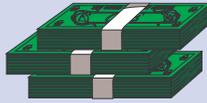
- March 29, 2007** **9:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
- July 24, 2007** **Noon – 4:00 p.m.**
- October 25, 2007** **9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

FORMS AND EARNED INCOME TAX INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM:
Berkheimer Associates
50 N. Seventh Street, Bangor, PA 18013 • 1-800-360-8989

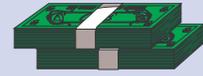
2007 REAL ESTATE TAXES – WHERE YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX DOLLAR GOES



East Norriton Township
7.4% / 2.312 mill



2006 – 2007
Norristown Area School District
83.4% / 25.823 mill



Montgomery County
9.2% / 2.84 mill

EXAMPLE OF A HOUSE ASSESSMENT FOR TAXES

Township Real Estate Tax	2.312 mill X	\$100,000 = \$	231.20
County Real Estate Tax	2.84 mill X	\$100,000 = \$	284.00
School District Tax	25.823 mill X	\$100,000 = \$	2582.30
Total Estimated Real Estate Taxes for 2007			\$ 3097.50

School, County, and Township taxes based on the Market Value Assessed Valuation. For information about your School District Real Estate Taxes, you may call Peggy Golden, Norristown Area School District at 610-630-5000. For information about your Local and County Real Estate Taxes, you may contact William Scurry at 610-275-2800.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

2007 BUDGET

The Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township adopted an annual budget for the 2007 calendar year on December 19, 2006 during a Regular meeting at the East Norriton Township administrative building. A summary of the 2007 adopted budget is as follows:

General Fund	\$ 6,552,700
Street Lighting Fund	119,564
Fire Protection Fund	446,700
Parks & Recreation Operating Fund	430,650
Parks & Recreation Capital Fund	1,521,500
Sewer Revenue Fund	2,343,891
Sanitary Sewer Outfall Fund	905,000
Capital Reserve Fund	649,000
Highway Aid Fund	328,420
Post Retirement Health Fund	714,000
Police Pension Fund	6,674,897
Employees Pension Fund	3,307,747
	\$23,994,069

The tax to be levied on all real property within the Township subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2007 is 2.312 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation. Also, please note that the Post Retirement Health, Police Pension and Employees Pension Funds are reserves held for future Township liabilities as required by State law and are not current expenditures.

Please be advised that the adopted budget is available for public inspection during the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, at the East Norriton Township Administration building.

Sewer Bill Update

First quarter sewer bills are mailed on March 31, 2007. This bill is for water consumption for the periods September, October and November 2006. Second quarter sewer bills will be mailed on June 30, 2007 and will cover the water consumption period of December 2006 January and February 2007.

Tax Collection

For the year 2007, East Norriton Township's Real Estate Tax millage rate is 2.312 mills and Montgomery County's Real Estate Tax millage rate is 2.84 mills and are based on "Market Value" assessments which took effect in 1998.

East Norriton Township also levies an Earned Income Tax which is collected by Berkheimer Associates. The final 2006 Earned Income Tax returns were mailed in January 2007 and are due April 15, 2007. We again want to thank the residents of East Norriton Township for conscientiously paying your Earned Income Taxes as well.

East Norriton Township also enacted the Emergency & Municipal Services Tax (EMS tax) in 2005. This tax was formerly the Occupational Privilege Tax. The EMS tax is levied on individuals engaging in an occupation within the limits of East Norriton Township at a rate of \$52.00 per year. Exemption from this tax applies to individuals who derive less than \$5,000.00 of income per year.

Again, the Board of Supervisors and staff of East Norriton Township want to thank the residents of this fine community for diligently paying the taxes which are levied in order to provide the services which this community has come to rely on.

Public Works Road Maintenance Schedule for 2007

The following roads are scheduled for maintenance work during calendar year 2007 (around August) by our Public Works Department:

- **West Hartranft Boulevard**
- **Washington Avenue**
- **Cottage Lane**
- **Stony Creek Road** (from Penn Square Road to Orchard Lane)

It is the responsibility of the property owner to clean any vegetation that is growing between the street and the curbing. Mailboxes must **NOT** protrude past the backside of the curb line or damage may be sustained by the paving machinery. It will be the homeowner's responsibility to incur

any repair cost if damage occurs to the mail boxes.

Other projects being undertaken by the Public Works Department in 2007 includes:

- Continued storm sewer inlet repairs throughout the township
- Construction of the maintenance garage
- Storm drainage project on Whitehall Road

Routine work will also continue throughout the year including sewer I and I inspections, sewer line TVing, pothole repairs, crack sealing of roadways, and the maintenance of Township Buildings and grounds.

PennDOT Asks for Reports of Maintenance Concerns

Motorists are encouraged to report maintenance concerns to PennDOT by using its toll free Roadway Maintenance Hotline at 1-800-349-7623.

The 1-800- FIX-ROAD number should not be used to report traffic accidents, disabled vehicles, or other emergencies.

'JUST SAY NO'

To Comply with State Laws, Township Supervisors Sometimes Have to Make Unpopular Decisions

Wal-Mart is coming to town and wants to build its new store near your neighborhood. The township supervisors should just say no.

A pig farmer wants to set up shop down the road from your new dream home. The township supervisors should just say no.

A local businessman wants to open an adult bookstore a few doors away from your church. The township supervisors should just say no.

It's that easy, right? Well, not really.

When making land use decisions, township supervisors must comply with a handful of state laws, including the granddaddy of them all, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, which was enacted in 1968 to guide local officials as they develop their communities.

And while the MPC, the courts, and the legislature have given township supervisors a certain amount of latitude and flexibility in making local land use decisions, they have been very firm about one thing: Townships with zoning ordinances must allow for every use.

In other words, townships must set aside land for such necessary things as homes and businesses and such controversial things as landfills and cell phone towers. And no matter how much residents may protest, township supervisors have very few options when faced with an unpopular use: If the applicant complies with state and local laws, the township must allow it.

"Township residents may not want an adult bookstore or a hog farm in their community, but the courts have determined that these are legitimate uses," says Elam Herr, assistant executive director of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. "So unless a township wants to wind up in court, spending valuable tax dollars because it sidestepped a state law, it can't ban or say no to these businesses. The supervisors' hands are tied.

"Sometimes, that's difficult for residents to understand," he adds, "but townships must follow state and federal laws like anyone else or face the consequences."

How the Norriton Fire Company Began

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Mr. Beyer was secretary. A committee was formed to obtain information as to the cost and efficiency of fire fighting apparatus and the insurance thereto. The committee members included:

- Charles Bauer
- Thomas Livezey
- Earnest Michael
- Lincoln Frame
- Fred Brusck Jr.
- Charles Hoser

On March 1st 1917 an order was placed for the purchase of a LaFrance Fire Extinguisher complete and ready for mounting on a Ford chassis with the following extras:

- Extra container including receptacle and canister
- Smoke helmet
- 150 feet of hose and 2 nozzle tips
- Axe and crowbar with proper brackets
- 16 foot ladder
- Bell with all the mountings and silvered
- ford chassis

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SPRING/SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS 2007

Parks and Recreation Department
Larry L. Brown, *Director*
Jane C. Delaney, *Assistant Director*
Phone: 610-275-2800
Fax: 610-277-1879
Website: eastnorriltonwp.org
Email: info@eastnorriltonwp.org

East Norriton Township Residents will be given first priority with space availability in all programs, trips and special events.

Tennis Lessons

Youths 8-15 yr. Olds

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Courts
ON: Saturday mornings beginning May 5th

TIMES: 8-10 yr. olds – 9 a.m.
11-15 yr. olds – 10 a.m.

FEE: \$25 per child

Five one-hour lessons taught under excellent supervision.

Class size limited to first 20 registered. Register by Friday, April 27th.

Tennis Lessons

16 yrs. – Adult

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Courts

ON: Saturday mornings 11 a.m. beginning May 5th

FEE: \$25 per adult

Program consists of 5 one-hour lessons.

Class size limited to 15 registrants. Sign-up by Friday, April 27th.

Adult Softball League

AT: Stanbridge Street Complex Field

ON: Sunday afternoons beginning May 6th

FEE: Resident Teams (70% or more) – \$315, Non-residents – \$365

This is strictly a recreational league.

Organizational meeting to be held in late April. Registration accepted on a team basis only. Deadline for roster and \$50 deposit is Friday April 20th.

Women's Fast Pitch Softball League

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex
ON: Wednesday evenings beginning May 16th

FEE: Resident Team (70% or more) – \$325, Non-resident Teams – \$375

Organization meeting to be held in early May. Registration accepted on team basis only. Deadline to register April 27th.

Youth Softball Fast Pitch Pitching Lessons

9-17 yr. olds

AT: East Norriton Middle School gym

ON: Wednesday evenings beginning April 18th for 5 weeks

TIMES:

Beginners 9-11 yr. olds – 6-7 p.m.
Intermediate 12-15 yr. olds – 7-8 p.m.
Advanced 15-17 yr. olds – 8-9 p.m.

FEE: \$55 per student

Group fast pitch pitching lessons are being offered by Tara White Fitch. Tara was starting varsity softball pitcher for Norristown High School from 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

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 being held at the school
- Schools are closed for holidays (unless otherwise noted on your schedule)

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

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

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

IT MEANS YOUR IN!

various pitches depending on age and skill level. Drills and proper practice routines will also be established.

Minimum of 4 per class and maximum of 8 per class. Certain players may be asked to move to another session after 1st week depending on skill level. Deadline to register is Friday April 13th.

Women's Basketball League

AT: East Norriton Middle School

ON: Thursday evenings beginning March 29th

FEE: Resident Teams (70% Residents) – \$300, Non-resident Teams – \$350

Registration accepted on team basis only. Roster and \$50 deposit due at Parks and Recreation Office no later than March 23rd.

Kids Karate

Beginners 5-12 yr. olds

AT: Paul Fly Elementary School

ON: Mondays, 6-7 p.m. beginning April 9th for 6 weeks

FEE: \$30 per student

A beginner's course in TaeKwon-Do Karate, the class covers the basic technique, discipline, coordination, and exercise while having fun. Class instructor Master Harry Plichta.

Pre-register at the Recreation Office or at your first class at Paul Fly School.

Adult Karate

Beginners 13 yrs. & older

AT: Paul Fly Elementary School

ON: Monday evenings, 7-8 p.m.
beginning on April 9th for 6 weeks

FEE: \$30 per student

An adult beginner's class introducing the basic technique, discipline, coordination and exercise for this martial art. Class instructor Master Harry Plichta.

Pre-register at the Recreation Office or at your first class meeting at Paul Fly School.

East Norriton Karate Club

AT: Paul Fly Elementary School

ON: Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning April 9th

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

FEE: \$20 per person per month
(Register at your first class)

An internationally certified TaeKwon-do school. Classes cover all aspects of this defensive art, with opportunities to advance to black belt. Classes are open to beginners through advanced students, male or female. Instructor Master Harry Plichta.

U.K. Elite Soccer Clinic

3, 4, & 5 yr. olds

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex

ON: Fridays, April 13th – May 18th
(Rain date May 25th)

TIMES:
3:30-4:30 p.m. or 4:30-5:30 p.m.

FEE: \$70 per child

BIKE HELMETS FOR SALE

The East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Department is selling bicycle helmets at the Recreation office at a great savings. Helmets can be purchased Monday – 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 to help with the following of the Pennsylvania State Law requiring helmets for all youths 12 and under. Helmets come in blue and red. Cost for the helmet is \$12.00.

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 April 4th.

U.K. Elite Soccer Clinic

5,6 & 7 yr. olds

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex

ON: Fridays, April 13th – May 18th
(Rain date May 25th)

TIME: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

FEE: \$70 per child

Fun innovative program taught by qualified coaches and teachers of U.K. Elite Coaching staff. Six weeks of instruction including a mini-tournament on the 6th week.

Limited space is available in each session.

Deadline to register is April 4th.

Par Breakers Golf Clinics

Adults & Youths

AT: Par Breakers Golf Academy
(Rt. 422 Business Center, The Penn Building Suite 2300, Oaks, PA)
Phone 610-666-9000

ON: Monday evenings, April 30th – May 21st

TIMES: Youths 7-15 yrs. old – 6-7 p.m.
Adults 16 plus – 7-8 p.m.

FEE: \$100 per student

All basics of golf are covered in this four week clinic. Learn grip, posture, and set-up, Chipping sand play, full swing and more. See your swing on our video computer teaching software. Great for beginner to intermediate golfers.

Deadline to register April 25th.

Definitely Sports Basketball Camp

Boys & Girls ages 6-14

Program sponsored by Definitely Sports Inc.

AT: East Norriton Middle School

ON: Monday – Friday, July 23rd – July 27th

TIMES: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

FEE: \$ 175 per camper

The **Definitely Sports All Star Basketball Camp** will feature guest speakers, station work, camp contests, and individual instruction. Each camper will also receive a camp t-shirt.

Space limited to 50 registrants. Call the Recreation Office for a detailed flyer.

Deadline to register is July 6th.

MEGA Multi-Sports Camp

Boys & Girls 5-14 years old

AT: Stanbridge Street Park

ON: Monday, August 6th – Friday, August 10th

TIMES: 5-7 yr. olds at 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.,
7-14 yr. olds at 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
(ends 1 p.m. on Friday)

FEE: 5-7 yr. olds – \$140, 7-14 yr. olds – \$160

Experience over 15 different sports from around the world with the U. S. Sports Institute. All activities will take place in an atmosphere, which promotes good sportsmanship, teamwork and most of all fun. Campers will receive Technical instruction in each sport, then experience the sport in a realistic game situation. Campers will receive a t-shirt and certificate. This is the only summer camp truly dedicated to the sports minded youngster.

Deadline to register Friday July 27th.

Sports Squirts

Boys & Girls 3-5 years old

AT: Stanbridge Street Park

ON: Monday, August 6th – Friday, August 10th

TIME: 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

FEE: \$80 per child

The U. S. Sports Institute Squirts Program is a great way to introduce children aged 3-5 to a variety of sports such as soccer, t-ball, hockey all taking place in a safe structured environment to ensure learning. Activities are designed to evoke a child's imagination in which they can Find Nemo, send Shrek into a spin or capture Jellyfish with Sponge Bob Squarepants. All activities promote hand-eye coordination, movement and balance and most importantly FUN FUN, FUN.

Deadline to register Friday July 27th.

DAY CAMPS

The following programs are being offered in conjunction with Upper Merion Dance and Gymnastics Center, 421 Fehleley Dr., King of Prussia; For a complete list of programs offered please call 610-731-0022 or visit them at www.umdgc.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

FREE EXPANDED SUPERVISION:

No instruction is provided during Expanded Supervision. Campers may play card and board games, watch a G or age appropriate PG-rated movie, relax, or bring their own activity.

EARLY DROP-OFF: starting at 8:15 a.m. until the start of camp

MORNING-ONLY CAMPERS: May eat lunch and remain until 1:30 p.m.

ALL-DAY CAMPERS: May be picked up as late as 5:30 p.m.

JULY 4: There are no camps on July 4.

SNACK/LUNCH: Bring a healthy snack and drink every day; all-day campers must also bring a bagged lunch.

FIELDS TRIPS: Field trips will be offered at an additional cost. Information available in June.

TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE:

- 8:15 Camp start Expanded Supervision: Campers are supervised as they do independent activities or relax.
- 12:30 Camp start Camp activities with ten minute snack break. See camps info for listing of activities
- 12:30 – 1:30 All camps eat lunch together in two shifts. Group not eating lunch will do a group activity such as games, open workout, and conditioning. Morning-only campers are picked-up.
- 1:30 – 3:35 Afternoon activities: dance, arts & crafts, sports and games, baton, color guard, rhythmic gymnastics, cheerleading, martial arts, and/or Greco-Roman wrestling, and event workouts. Campers ages 10+, gymnastics campers levels 3+, and advanced tumbling campers will be given choices in afternoon activities.
- 3:35 – 4:15 Open workout and group activity
- 4:15 – 5:30 Expanded Pick-up: Campers are supervised as they do independent activities or relax.

RATES: (May mix-and-match)*

NUMBER OF WEEKS	ALL-DAY	MORNING-ONLY	AS LOW AS
1-3 weeks total	\$180/wk	\$145/wk	\$3.88/hr
4-6 weeks total	\$160/wk	\$125/wk	\$3.41/hr
7-9 weeks total	\$135/wk	\$105/wk	\$2.91/hr

*Performing Arts Camp sessions are two weeks; you must register and pay for both weeks of camp in order to attend.

DANCE

Coed, 8-12 yrs. old & up

All-Inclusive Dance Camp

A fun-filled camp that combines ballet, jazz, tap, and hip hop. Modern dance and Irish and Scottish dance may also be introduced. All-Inclusive camp shoe requirements: Ballet or jazz shoes required; tap shoes also required. Please order shoes one week before the start of camp to allow for delivery.

Specialized Camps (Tap, Jazz, Hip-hop, and/or Ballet)

Great camps to learn new styles of dance or brush up your technique on what you already know! Campers may also learn other types of dance including modern, Irish step, and

break/pop and lock. Specialized camp shoe requirements: Appropriate shoes required for all dance classes, including hip-hop. Shoes available from UMDGC, Village Dance Shoppe in Wayne, or Flocco's in Conshohocken.

Attire for all dance camps: Campers are permitted to wear dance/jazz pants, non-restrictive shorts, t-shirt, or leotard and tights. Skirts, skorts, sweats, and jeans are not permitted.

WEEKS AVAILABLE:

Jun 25 – Jun 29 Tap
 Jul 2 – Jul 6 Ballet/Jazz
 Jul 9 – Jul 13 Jazz/Hip-hop
 Jul 30 – Aug 3 Hip-hop
 Aug 6 – Aug 10 All-Inclusive
 Aug 13 – Aug 17 All-Inclusive

TIMES:

Mornings-only, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 All-day, 9 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

GYMNASTICS & TUMBLING

Coed, 5 yrs. old & up

Participants will be split by camp type, skill level, age, and/or gender. After warm-up and stretch, morning activities will focus on skill development.

Gymnastics Camp

Ideal for beginner through team members. Campers will receive instruction on all of the gymnastics equipment including trampoline and tumbltrak. Approximately one coach per 6-8 gymnasts.

Tumbling Camp

Perfect for cheerleaders looking to learn tumbling skills during the off-season. Focus will be on rolls,

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DAY CAMPS

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cartwheels, roundoffs, back hand-springs, and back flips. Progressive instruction will be provided on the spring floor, foam floor, tumbltrak, and trampolines. Approximately one coach per 6-8 tumblers.

ANNUAL GYMNASTICS SHOW:

Our annual gymnastics show will be on August 3rd. Seating will be limited. Campers wishing to participate must (no exceptions) attend the same type and length of camp for four weeks prior to the show, including the weeks of July 23 and July 30th.

WEEKS AVAILABLE:

- Jun 18 – Jun 22 • Jul 23 – Jul 27
- Jun 25 – Jun 29 • Jul 30 – Aug 3
- Jul 2 – Jul 6 • Aug 6 – Aug 10
- Jul 9 – Jul 13 • Aug 13 – Aug 17
- Jul 16 – Jul 20

TIMES:

Mornings-only, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
All-day, 9 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

PERFORMING ARTS

Coed, 7-10 yrs. old & up

Participants must be able to read scripts. The camp encompasses all aspects of theatre and musical theatre! Each unique two-week session includes acting, improvisation, vocals, dance, costumes, set design and much more. Campers will present a special performance to showcase their efforts and talents on the second Thursday evening of each session. Sessions are two weeks long. Must register and pay for both weeks.

SESSIONS AVAILABLE:

- Jun 18 – Jun 29 • Jul 23 – Aug 3

TIMES:

Mornings-only, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
All-day, 9 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

PONYSHARE Camp – Grooming, Riding and Horsemanship Program

Boys & Girls 4-14 yr olds

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex

WHEN:

Session 1: Monday, July 9th – Friday, July 13th,

Session 2: Monday, August 6th – Friday, August 10th

TIMES:

Session 1: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Session 2: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

FEE: \$185 per child

This unique program provides an exciting and inexpensive introduction to the wonderful world of equines in a fun-filled, non-threatening atmosphere. PonyShare uses ponies and cobs, smaller and easier to handle than their larger equine counterparts.

Small groups of 4-5 children are formed according to age and prior experience- if any. After reviewing Safety Rules, materials previously covered and learning of new subject matter, children are assigned their size related pony or cob and each small group works under the tutelage of a qualified instructor.

Some of the horsemanship matters covered include: Safety on and around horses, basic anatomy, equine senses and body language, grooming, the tack and harness, driving the miniature horse, English and Western riding, barn management and careers in the industry.

Participants also get to shortly ride and drive their charges three to four times during each session. This program enhances team work and self-esteem while helping develop a genuine appreciation and respect for the animals. Course materials are provided. Recommended attire, hiking shoes, jeans/sweat pants, bicycle helmet, fluids and a carrot. For a detailed flyer call the Recreation Department.

Space is limited.

Deadline to register for the July 9th – 13th camp is June 22nd. Deadline for the August 6th – 10th camp is July 20th.

2007 TRIPS & OUTINGS

Casino Trip

ON: Wednesday April 11th

FEE: \$30 per person

Bus departs from the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Office at 7:45 a.m. After arrival in Atlantic City, you will be on your own for the day. Bus will depart for East Norriton at 4:00 p.m. **You must be 21 year of age to participate in this trip.** For a detailed flyer and cash back program, please call the Recreation office at 610-275-2800.

*Limited space is available for this trip and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. **Deadline to register for this trip is March 30th.***

New York City On Your Own

ON: Wednesday May 9th, 2007

FEE: \$30 per person

Bus departs from the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Office at 7:45 a.m. for a trip to the Big Apple. After arrival in New York, you will be on your own for a day of shopping, sightseeing, or get tickets on your own for a Broadway Show. Bus will depart from New York City to return to East Norriton at 5:30 p.m.

Space is limited to first 45 registrants.

Deadline to register is April 9th.

2007 SPECIAL EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

ON: Friday April 6th

(rain date Saturday April 7th same times)

AT: Stanbridge Street Park

FOR: East Norriton Boys & Girls
3-8 yrs. old

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 children only. Parents are requested to remain behind the starting line during the event.

22nd Annual Montgomery County Sr. Olympics

ON: MAY 7th – 11th

FOR: Montgomery County residents 50 years old & over (7 separate age groups)

AT: Montgomery County Community College and several specialized facilities in the area

EVENTS: Golf, tennis, horseshoes, bowling, swimming, shuffleboard, billiards, softball throw stationary bicycle, basketball "hot shot", running events, and walking 1½ mile, table tennis, and darts. **Call the Upper Dublin Township Parks & Recreation Department at 215-643-1600 ext. 3443 or email at PRCsr@upperdublin.net for additional information and registration forms. Programs open to all Montgomery County residents ages 50 and over.**

Memorial Park Dedication Program

The Parks and Recreation Department has initiated a program for residents who wish to honor or remember a relative or friend through the purchase of a gift to our parks. Picnic tables, benches, bike racks, and trees can be purchased to be placed in our parks with an engraved dedication plaque. Items purchased for the park are tax deductible. 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 a picnic for your company. Call the Recreation Department at 275-2800 to reserve our pavilion for your event. Rental fee includes a \$50 deposit and a \$75 charge. Our dunk booth is also rented out for family outings and fund-raisers for organizations. Fee for the dunk booth includes a \$50 deposit and a \$75 rental fee for the weekend. Reservations on both of these items fill fast, so call early to reserve your dates.

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 _____

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.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM 2007

GENERAL INFORMATION

The East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Department will open its 2007 Summer Playground program on Monday June 25th and continue for six weeks until Friday August 3rd. This program is designed for East Norriton Township youths ages 5-13. A wide variety of activities is offered for the participants to partake in, such as arts and crafts, sports, games, contests, special events, and field trips. Anyone planning to participate on a trip must have a filled out permission slip accompanied with payment turned into your counselor by the prescribed deadline. A flyer on each trip will be distributed at the playgrounds, listing departure and return times, fees, etc. for your review. Parents and other family members are invited to join us on any of our trips or special events. All non-registered youths must be accompanied by an adult. Rates for non-registered guests are available upon request.

The playground program operates Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with the exception of trip days and the 4th of July. All staff members are required to supervise the participants on scheduled trips, therefore **no playground will be conducted at the playground site on trip days** unless otherwise noted. This year's summer camp will once again be operating from the Paul Fly Elementary School. Flyers and a playground syllabus will be available the first day of camp to assist you and your child in planning for the summer's activities.

Our playground program is designed for an active/passive group learning experience for the participants. Therefore, children must be 5 years old prior to the start of camp. All new participants are required to provide a copy of their birth certificate for proof of age. Our hours are 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; it is imperative that all participants are picked up at the designated time. Our staff has other commitments to attend to after playground hours. NO Supervision is available through the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Department after playground hours unless a special event or trip is planned.

REGISTRATIONS

Early registration for East Norriton Township residents only will be accepted until May 31st, 2007 at the East Norriton Township Building, 2501 Stanbridge Street, and Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registrations may also be made through the mail — fill out the summer playground registration form and submit payment (make checks payable to East Norriton Township). Early registration fee for residents prior to May 31st is as follows: first child \$190, two members per family \$330, three or more members in a family \$470. Registrations received on or after the June 1st will be accepted on a space availability basis at each playground. East Norriton Township residents will be assessed \$200 for first child, \$350 for two children, and \$500 for three or more children in a family. Non residents may also register at this time and will be assessed the following fees: \$250 first child, \$450 for two children per family and \$650 for a family of three or more. There is a limited number of spaces available at our camp and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

All parents are welcomed to attend playground activities and become acquainted with the staff and our playground. For further information contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 610- 275-2800.

Disorderly conduct amongst playground participants will not be tolerated. Playground privileges will be revoked with no refund for fighting or causing any type of disturbance on our playgrounds.

REFUNDS: Subject to a \$5.00 administrative charge prior to the start of the program or trip. Any cancellation the day of a trip or special event will result in no refund being made. NO REGISTRATION REFUNDS will be made after June 22, 2007.

HANDICAP INFO: Those persons with special needs who desire to participate in any of our recreation offerings should contact the Parks and Recreation office.

Children must be picked up at the designated times; there will be no supervision at the playground location supplied by the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Department after playground hours.

Discount Amusement Park Ticket Sale

East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Department is once again selling tickets to many of the area amusement parks at discounted prices. These are the actual tickets for entrance, not discount coupons. Savings depend on park and type of ticket to be purchased. Tickets will be available in May for Dorney Park, Six Flags Great Adventure, Hershey Park, Sesame Place, Baltimore Aquarium, Camden Aquarium, Morey's Pier, Kings Dominion, Philadelphia Zoo, Dutch Wonderland, Colonial Williamsburg and more. These tickets are good anytime during the 2007 season. Avoid the long lines at the ticket booth, save money and help support your recreation department by purchasing your tickets through us. For more information on ticket prices or to arrange a time to pick up your tickets, please call our office at 610-275-2800.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____ SEX _____ BIRTH DATE _____

EYE COLOR _____ HAIR COLOR _____ HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER _____

SHIRT SIZE? (CHECK ONE) YM _____ YL _____ AS _____ AM _____ AL _____ AXLG _____

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER AND NAME OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DURING PLAYGROUND HOURS: (please list someone who can get to playground within a half hour)

I, the undersigned, hereby release, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless East Norriton Township, East Norriton Township officials, East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Department, the Director of Parks and Recreation, his staff, leaders, and anyone appointed by them from all liability from any injury or damage sustained or caused as a result of this summer playground program.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date _____

DOES PARTICIPANT HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OR DISEASES?

Epilepsy _____ Deafness _____ Hernia _____ Heart Trouble _____ Skin Disease _____ Lung Trouble _____

Ear or Sinus Trouble _____ Other _____

Please list any other information you might feel is important for us to know about your child's health.

TRANSPORTATION – How will your child be transported to and from the playground program?

Walk _____ Auto _____ Day care _____

If by auto, please list who will be transporting your child to and from playground.

Name

Make/Model and Color OF Auto

Relationship

Please list any problems, special concerns, needs or situations that we need to be aware of in order to make your child's/children's playground experience a safe and successful one.

Cleaning Up Storm Water Runoff

What is storm water runoff? It is rain and melting snow that flows off streets, rooftops, lawns and farmland. The flowing water carries salt, sand, soil, pesticides, fertilizers, leaves and grass clippings, oil, litter and many other pollutants into nearby waterways. Since the pollutants are washed off a wide area and cannot be traced to a single source, they are called nonpoint source or runoff pollutants.

Storm Sewers – Rivers Beneath our Feet

In developed areas, much of the land surface is covered by buildings and pavement which do not allow water to soak into the ground. Instead, storm sewers are used to carry the large amounts of runoff from these roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways. Storm sewers are simply pipes laid underground, often below streets. Inlets or drains located along curbs and in parking areas collect the runoff, which then flows to nearby streams or lakes. A common misconception is that water running off streets goes into a sewage treatment plant. It does not. In fact, storm water usually receives no treatment. Water that runs off lawns, streets and parking lots flows directly into lakes and streams.

Storm Water is Not Clean Water

Storm water runoff carries pollutants that seriously harm our waters:

- **Sediment.** Soil particles washed off construction sites or farm fields into a lake or stream make the water cloudy or turbid. When sediment settles out of the water, it gradually fills in the stream or lake bed.
- **Phosphorus.** This nutrient, often attached to soil particles, fuels the growth of algae and aquatic weeds. These plants are important in providing habitat for fish and wildlife. However, rapid and excessive growth of algae and aquatic plants can degrade water quality and interfere with swimming, boating and fishing.
- **Micro-Organisms.** Bacteria, viruses and other disease causing organisms make waterways unsafe for swimming, wading and other types of recreation. Some of these organisms are difficult to remove through water treatment and may endanger people who depend on drinking water supplies drawn from lakes or streams.
- **Toxic Chemicals.** Motor oil, lead from gas and auto exhaust, zinc from roof drains and tires, and pesticides in storm water runoff may kill aquatic organisms or impair their health, growth or ability to reproduce.



Storm Water Management Is Now The Law

Federally mandated storm water permits require many industries, states, cities and municipalities to control storm water runoff. This is enforced by the Pennsylvania

Department of Environmental Protection through a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit which East Norriton Township obtained in 2003. Even communities without storm water permits require erosion controls on construction sites and better storm water management in new developments.

We Can All Help!

Each of us contributes to storm water pollution and each of us can help stop it. Here are some ways you can help:

- Keep pesticides, oil, leaves, trash and other pollutants off streets and out of storm drains.
- Divert roof water to lawns or gardens where it can safely soak in.
- Clean up pet waste – bury it or flush it down the toilet.
- Keep cars tuned up and repair leaks – or better yet, walk, bike or take the bus.



The amount of pollution that you stop may seem small, but all together it all adds up to cleaner water for everyone to enjoy.

If you should witness a pollution incident that is impacting, or could impact in the future, a storm sewer system or surface waterway of East Norriton Township, please contact the municipal building immediately at 610-275-2800 to report the incident.

Sanitary Sewer System I&I Lateral Repairs Update

East Norriton Township has mailed a final formal notification to all affected property owners in the west end of the Township regarding their sewer lateral repairs. Prior to this, the affected property owners received a letter from the Township outlining the repairs needed to their laterals. That notification provided a cost estimate for utilizing the Township contractor, a checklist outlining the steps they must take to facilitate repair and a contact name and telephone number for them to use to begin the repair process. The Township has held three (3) public meetings specific to the repair process where questions were answered to the best of our ability and as time allowed.

The Township has executed a Consent Order and Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). This agreement specifies the methodology the Township is employing to reduce Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) within the sanitary sewer system and establishes milestone dates for the completion of each task. Should the Township not meet any one of the milestone dates, we would be in violation of the Agreement and substantial penalties and fines could be levied by PADEP. In order to meet the milestone for sewer lateral repairs, the identified private

laterals must be repaired **no later than August 31, 2007.**

Many affected property owners have already contacted the Township to initiate the repair process. We thank you for your cooperation and will work very hard to assure that your cost is minimized. In the event a property owner chooses not to repair their lateral by the above date, the Township will undertake the repair utilizing our contractor and will invoice the property owner for the work. If this invoice is not paid within 30 days of receipt, the Township will place a lien against the property that will include all legal and administrative costs. This lien will remain in place until the obligation has been satisfied. Please be advised that a lien on the property will result in substantial additional cost to the property owner. Should any fines or penalties be levied against the Township due to your failure to complete the repair in a timely fashion, these will also be included as a part of the total cost.

This is a difficult project for all affected. Each property owner's timely response is appreciated. If you should have any questions about the process, please call the project facilitator, Ms. Elizabeth Cheeseman of ARRO Consulting, Inc. at 717-560-2791.

Sanitary Sewer Rate Study Status

As stated in the Fall 2006 and Winter 2006/2007 editions of the Township Newsletter, the Board of Supervisors authorized ARRO Consulting Engineers to perform a Sanitary Sewer Rate Study. ARRO reviewed the Township's current billing structure to determine if the existing billing methods and rates are equitable to all users of the system. Based on that review, there appear to be some discrepancies with the billings for facilities or properties with multiple connections. In addition, the Township has received inquiries from residents about the amount of the minimum billing rate.

As a result, ARRO has analyzed the data and determined that a completely water consumption based billing method could be implemented, making it feasible to lower the minimum billing amount. The current billing method is based on Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs), also referred to as connections, as well as water consumption with a minimum consumption of 7,000 gallons per quarter. The proposed scenario is based completely on water consumption (provided by Pennsylvania American Water) and reduces the minimum billing level to 4,000 gallons per quarter. When implemented, this new billing structure will be equitable to all users of the system and will also provide a savings to those properties that use 5,000 gallons or less per quarter.

When enacted, the new billing rate is estimated to generate up to \$500,000.00 of additional revenues that will fund the Township's portion of the East Norriton-Plymouth-Whitpain Joint Sewer Authority's annual bond payment (about \$365,000) as well as the "system's" capital needs. As stated in the prior newsletters, the Township is currently funding this annual bond payment with tapping fees and sewer capital reserves that have accrued from various developments. However, these tapping fees will be depleted shortly. In addition, the Township must maintain its sewer capital reserves for maintenance/repairs to the collection system.

This sewer rate proposal was presented to the Board of Supervisors at the Regular Monthly meeting on February 20, 2007 who authorized the staff to proceed with developing the appropriate ordinance and notifying the property owners and rate payers. It is anticipated that the Board of Supervisors will have reviewed the proposed ordinance at the March 27, 2007 Regular meeting and will consider the ordinance for adoption at the April 17, 2007 Regular meeting for implementation with the June 2007 billing. Prior to the June billing, every sanitary sewer customer in the Township will receive an official notice about the scheduled increase which is proposed at this time.

2007 TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Board of Supervisors Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
 Except April 17th and December 18th.
 Zoning Hearing Board Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
 Planning Commission Third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
 Shade Tree Commission Third Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.
 Historical Advisory Commission Fourth Monday every
 other month (Jan. – Nov.) except May 21st

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

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**

*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.*

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*The following
 is a list of new
 retail businesses
 that have
 opened in East*

*Norriton Township since June 2006
 or are scheduled to open prior to
 the printing of this newsletter. This
 will be an ongoing listing in future
 newsletters to continue to update the
 residents about new businesses. Please
 support all of our local businesses.*

- **Kerrins Full Service Salon,** 300 W. Johnson Highway
- **The Mutual Fund Store,** 38 E. Germantown Pike (Northtowne Plaza)
- **Business 21 Publishing LLC,** 2864 DeKalb Pike (Northtowne Plaza)
- **Wachovia Bank,** 2730 DeKalb Pike (Old Frank's Nursery site)
- **Cartridge World,** 104 A W. Germantown Pike (Hillcrest Shopping Center)
- **Continental Bank,** 113 W. Germantown Pike (Swede Square Shopping Center)
- **Devine Image (Gift Shop),** 347 W. Johnson Highway
- **Big Al's Aquarium,** 2876 DeKalb Pike (Northtowne Plaza)
- **Babi Nails,** 217 W. Germantown Pike (Penn Square Shopping Center)
- **Queen Nail,** 69 E. Germantown Pike
- **Moten Associates (Insurance Company),** 2108 DeKalb Pike
- **Kids "N" Clay,** 110A W. Germantown Pike (Hillcrest Shopping Center)
- **Harleysville National Bank,** 450 E. Germantown Pike (Currently under construction at Northwoods Development)



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