



East Norriton Township

Issues

Spring/Summer 2008

Donald J. Gracia Re-elected to Board of Supervisors

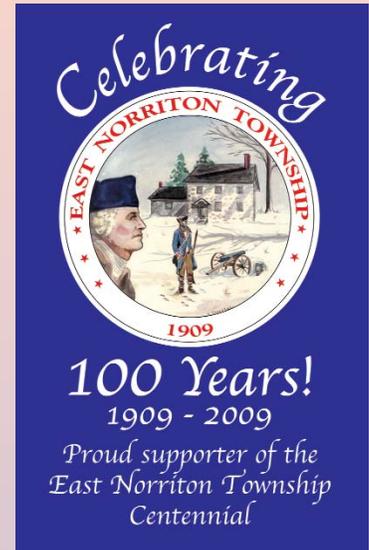


Congratulations to Donald J. Gracia with his re-election to the Board of Supervisors for another six year term. Mr. Gracia was sworn in at the Reorganization meeting held on January 7, 2008.



Elected Auditors

Pictured (left to right): Eleanor H. Yaworski, new member elected in 2008; Kevin C. Tickner Sr., Chairman; Sandra Molnar, Secretary.



EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP CENTENNIAL



East Norriton Township Centennial Program Plans Underway

East Norriton Township will be celebrating its 100th birthday on March 9th, 2009. The Centennial Celebration will have different events and programs planned throughout the year. Two committees have been meeting for the celebration to raise the necessary funds and plan for the celebration activities during 2008 and 2009.

The Centennial Committee held its organizational meeting on July 27th, 2007 to start planning for the Township's celebration in 2009. Members of the Centennial Committee include Chairman Bud Denner, Vice Chairman James Serratore, Secretary Joan

McDevitt, Treasurer Helmuth Baerwald, members Larry Brown, Payson Burt, Joseph Gavanus, Donald Gracia, Kandy Heckman, Colleen Henderson, Ben Hynes, Joan Lenhardt, Elizabeth Mancini, Lewis McQuirms, Louis Mincarelli, Sandy Molnar, Joan Morello, Ralph Nealman, Nancy Scheetz, Cindy Serratore, and Lloyd Young. The committee has planned many different events to date including the development of a cook book, a Centennial Historical Book, oral history of the Township as remembered by our older residents, a Centennial/ Friendship Garden, reenactment of the split of East and West Norriton Town-

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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 or mail them to the East Norriton Township Centennial Committee, 2501 Stanbridge Street, East Norriton, PA 19401.

East Norriton Township Centennial Program Plans Underway *((continued from page 1))*

ships, a dinner dance, historic site tour, softball game and picnic with West Norriton Township employees, bike parade, 5K run, Centennial Parade, and festivities concluding with an expanded Community Day celebration in September. Specific dates and other activities will be planned as the committee keeps meeting during 2008.

Subcommittees including public relations, parades and events have also been formed to help with the celebrations. Residents are being encouraged to join one of these subcommittees to help plan for East Norriton Township's 100th Anniversary. Interested residents should contact Larry Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation at 610-275-2800 ext. 120 or e-mail lbrown@eastnorriton.twp.org with their name, address, phone number and e-mail address. Many of these subcommittees have already begun work and could use additional help in these areas.

The fund raising committee held its first meeting in February. Members of the Fund Raising Committee include Chairman Anthony Taormina, Vice Chairman Charles Tornetta, Secretary Larry Brown, Treasurer Helmuth Baerwald, members Supervisors Lewis McQuirns, Donald Gracia, Kandy Heckman, James Serratore, James Staufenberg, along with Bud Denner, Joseph Gambone Jr., Gus Mandracchia, Geoffrey Brandon, Skip Oliver, Harry Mirabile Jr., Marc Salamone, Joan Morello and Cherifa Howarth. The committee will be scheduling different activities and means for raising the funds for all of the celebration activities planned.

Information on the Centennial fund-raising events and programs as well as the Centennial Celebration programs and events will be published in the Township Newsletter, as well as available on the East Norriton Township web site; eastnorritontwp.org.

Oral History of East Norriton Township Part of Centennial Celebration

East Norriton Township will celebrate its Centennial Anniversary on March 9th, 2009. In marking this historic milestone will be many planned celebrations and activities. Additionally, an Oral History, which is a recording of people's memories and unique life experiences, will be available on DVD for pur-



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chase. If you would like to help commemorate the history of the township by being interviewed for this unique oral history DVD, please contact Larry Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation at 610-275-2800 ext. 120 by June 1st, 2008. Oral history preserves everyone's past for the future.

Dr. Janet C. Samuels Appointed New NASD Superintendent



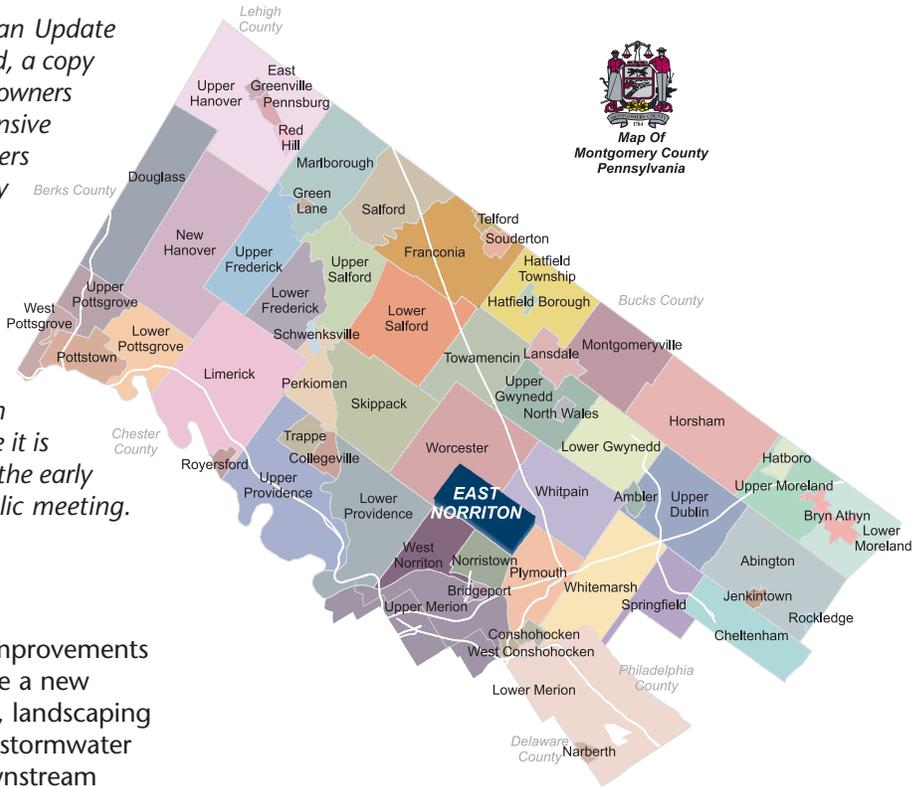
East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors Chairman Lewis K. McQuirns (right) welcomes Dr. Janet C. Samuels (left).

In December 2007, the Norristown Area School District Board of Directors appointed Dr. Janet C. Samuels to the position of Superintendent. On February 4, 2008, Dr. Samuels was introduced to the public and met with parents and residents from the Norristown Area School District at a meeting held at the East Norriton Middle School. East Norriton Township welcomes Dr. Samuels and wishes her all the best in achieving her goals for the School District.

Comprehensive Plan Update Nears Completion

The East Norriton Township Comprehensive Plan Update for 2008 is nearing completion. Once completed, a copy of the 2008 update will be mailed to all property owners this spring. The last update to the comprehensive plan was completed in 2000. The update covers such topics as housing, transportation, community facilities, open space recommendations, historic resources, land use, new development projections through 2025, and goals and objectives of the plan.

This plan update will be prepared as a color brochure and a copy will be mailed to each household for their review and comments before it is formally adopted by the Board of Supervisors in the early summer of 2008 at a regularly scheduled public meeting.



Construction Update

Swede Square Shopping Center: Planned improvements at the Swede Square Shopping Center include a new parking lot with an improved layout, curbing, landscaping and a new building facade. Work to manage stormwater runoff from the property and to alleviate downstream flooding is also planned. In conjunction with the improvements proposed by the owner of the shopping center, the East Norriton Township crews will be constructing a right turn lane from southbound Swede Road onto Germantown Pike to improve traffic flow at this intersection.

Northwood Executive Campus: This flex development located on Germantown Pike just east of the Northtowne Shopping Center currently consists of a Harleysville National Bank, a PNC Bank, and the newly constructed Brightview Senior Living center which is located to the rear of the development. Additional construction planned for the Northwood Executive Campus includes two restaurants which are yet to be identified and two or three office buildings.

Jefferson Crossing Development: The Jefferson Crossing development is located on DeKalb Pike between Lawnton Road and Colonial Drive. Construction of this 84 unit age-restricted residential development continues to progress. Phase two of this project will include the alignment of two signalized intersections in front of the development. This improvement will help to reduce delays for all traffic movements at the split phase signal.

Pimlico Farms Residential Development: Construction continues to progress in this 46-unit residential development that is located at the intersection of Germantown Pike and Potshop Road. Roadway widening improvements along both Germantown Pike and Potshop Road are in progress and will likely conclude by mid 2008.

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
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PECO Emergency Power

Outage Emergency	800-841-4141
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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

Call-Before-You-Dig



www.paonecall.org

The federal government and its partners recently launched 8-1-1, the nation's new "Call-Before-You-Dig" telephone number, to help save lives by minimizing damage to underground utilities. Homeowners and contractors who dial the number will be connected to the nearest One Call Center. The staff will notify the affected utility companies, which will then send crews to mark the lines with paint and flags.

You should also be aware that you may also continue to use Pennsylvania One Call's original toll-free hotline, (800) 242-1776, to alert utilities of a planned dig.

(Note: There is no need to call both numbers)

When using either number, the call must be placed at least three days prior to the planned dig.

New Leaf Collection Schedule

The State of Pennsylvania adopted Act 101 which requires East Norriton Township to provide leaf collection in the spring of each year in addition to our normal fall collection program.

Therefore, East Norriton Township will be providing leaf collection each year during the spring for two weeks. Unlike the fall leaf collection program, this is a modified collection schedule and will be bag collection only (bio-degradable bags only). All bags of leaves must be placed at the curb along your property. In addition, the spring leaf collection program will be a CALL-IN-SERVICE. You must call East Norriton Township at (610) 275-2800 ext.111 to schedule a pick-up. All calls must be received by Wednesday of the second week.

In 2008, the collection period will be from April 28th to May 9th.

Please note that only raked leaves must be placed in bio-degradable bags. Any bags containing cut-up/mulched leaves, limbs, brush, grass clippings or other debris will not be collected.

This is separate from the Yard Waste Recycling Program. Please refer to the brochure mailed to your home and the Yard Waste Recycling Program article in this newsletter for details about that program.

Free 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. During certain times of the year, the Township will increase the collection frequency to bi-monthly in order to better serve the residents of East Norriton Township. The new yard waste recycling program will be free to all participants in the inaugural year.

East Norriton Township ordinance requires residents to separate yard waste, such as shrubbery, branches, limbs and other yard trimmings, from other garbage and prohibits trash haulers from collecting yard waste with regular garbage pick-up. The new yard waste recycling program will collect and recycle yard waste from single family households and multifamily properties with less than 3 units within the Township.

To participate in the program, residents must contact Environmental Landscaping Services, the Township's contractor, each month when they wish to receive yard waste collection services.

East Norriton Township residents can contact Environmental Landscaping Services via phone at (610) 278-4904 or email at 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 during the 3rd week of each month.**

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. Furthermore, residents cannot set-out dirt, rocks, stumps, weeds, grass or leaves. 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.

NORRITON FIRE ENGINE COMPANY REPORT

The Norriton Fire Engine Company is the Volunteer Fire Company that provides Emergency Fire & Rescue services to East Norriton Township. We are an entirely volunteer organization. Recently, East Norriton Township hired two new employees to assist the Fire Company as drivers during the day time hours; since most of our volunteers work outside the Township and are not readily available to the Fire Company during these hours. Years ago, many individuals worked in East Norriton Township and several companies allowed their employees to leave work to assist the Fire Company when responding to an emergency. Today, most of our volunteers work outside of East Norriton Township and are not available to provide assistance during the working day. The two new Township employees were hired to provide assistance to the Fire Co. as drivers and complete other miscellaneous tasks; but they also provide services for East Norriton Township as Code Enforcement Officers and assist with Fire Marshal duties. Part of their job with the Township is to enforce Fire Lane and Handicapped parking space regulations.

In years past, the Fire Company had many avenues to raise funds for training /equipment purchases / fuel / heating and air conditioning / truck maintenance and repair and building maintenance & repair. They sponsored turkey suppers / soup sales / pitch ins / and even a carnival to mention a few. Today, because of liability and legal issues; the annual Fund Drive is the only way for the Fire Company to raise extra

funds and for our Township residents to show their support. East Norriton Township is very generous in their support of the Volunteer Fire Co; but additional funding is required, if we are to continue to provide all of the valuable services to East Norriton Township. The greatest needs of the Fire Company are volunteers and money to support these emergency support activities. New volunteers are always welcome. The Fire Company provides emergency and rescue services to all residents and visitors to East Norriton Township and thru a mutual aid agreement; they also provide assistance to neighboring Townships and Fire Companies. Every fire person must undergo many hours of training before they are available to fight fires and respond for emergency assistance. They also provide support to many other community related activities. These activities require a large commitment of time and time away from their families and family activities.

Many times, the Fire Company is asked by apartment residents; why not solicit donations from the apartment owners and large businesses within the Township. Apartment owners, rental agencies and all businesses are provided with donation slips, the same as all residents and apartment occupants. Many times, the reply we receive is that the corporate office policy does not provide for donations to volunteer fire companies. But whatever the corporate policy is; the Fire Company responds to all calls for assistance.

The following is a percentage breakdown of the Fund Drive response figures for the 2007 Fund Drive:

Residential donation requests distributed	4676	1500 Responded	32.1%
Apartment donation requests distributed	885	110 Responded	12.4%
Township Business requests distributed	564	68 Responded	12.1%
Non resident property owners request distributed	55	9 Responded	16.4%
TOTAL DONATION REQUESTS DISTRIBUTED	6180	1687 Responded	27.3%

Please support the Norriton Fire Engine Company 2008 Fund Drive. And thank you for all your support in the past years.



Police Department News

Three members of the Police Department have successfully completed their probationary period as new officers. Officers Michael Henricks, Samantha Smith, and Timothy Warner have completed their probationary year and are now permanent Police Officers.

Five Officers will reach career milestones this spring and summer. Off. Joseph Carfrey will have five years with the Department, Off. Timothy Brennan will have ten years, Off. David McDermott and Sgt. Craig Walters will have twenty-five years, and Det William Esmonde will have thirty years working with the East Norriton Police Department. Congratulations to all.

The Township Police Department is tooling up for the re-accreditation process. Lt. Kates and her staff have been working hard to make sure the department passes the process with flying colors.

Sgt. David Boyer has been accepted to the F.B.I. National Police Academy for the March-June Session. He is the fourth East Norriton Township Police Officer to attend the police management development course held at F.B.I. headquarters in Quantico, Virginia. We wish Dave well!

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.

NOTICE

Comcast Televises Board of Supervisors Meetings

Did you miss the Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors? Please note that the Regular monthly meetings of the Board of Supervisors are taped and aired on Comcast Cable. The Regular monthly meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month (unless rescheduled because of a conflict) and the tapings of the meetings are aired on the Wednesday following the meeting on channel 98 at 7:00pm. Comcast will also use our taped meetings to fill empty time on channel 98 throughout the month.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1) Our children will begin riding their bikes and walking to school. 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 closed up vehicles. Stay with them at all times or take them with you.

Summer Parties

Please drink wisely (or not at all). East Norriton Township Police Department actively enforces DUI laws. If you are going to drink remember the following tips:

- Develop a responsible attitude towards drinking. Have a non-drinking friend act as a designated driver when you go out.
- Drink water or fruit juice in between alcoholic drinks.
- Never drink on an empty stomach. While drinking eat starches, proteins or fats to keep the alcohol from being absorbed too quickly.
- Never drive after you been drinking, even after one drink. Even one drink can effect your driving ability.



Members of the East Norriton Township Christmas Parade Committee present a check for \$8,000 to members of the Mission House Committee to support the development of the Mission Kids House in East Norriton Township. The check represents proceeds from the 2007 Christmas Parade and festivities held at Hillcrest Plaza Shopping Center. Pictured from left Larry Brown, East Norriton Township, Carrie Stewart, Torretta Properties, Risa Ferman, Montgomery County District Attorney, Kimberly Torretta Attanasio, Torretta Properties, Sgt. Cathy Penecale, Whitpain Police Department, and Det. Les Glauner, Upper Merion Police Department.

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To learn more about ID theft and how to deter, detect, and defend against it, visit ftc.gov/idtheft. Or request copies of ID theft resources by writing to:



Consumer Response Center
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, H-130
Washington, DC 20580



COMMON WAYS ID THEFT HAPPENS:

Skilled identity thieves use a variety of methods to steal your personal information, including:

- 1. Dumpster Diving.** They rummage through trash looking for bills or other paper with your personal information on it.
- 2. Skimming.** They steal credit/debit card numbers by using a special storage device when processing your card.
- 3. Phishing.** They pretend to be financial institutions or companies and send spam or pop-up messages to get you to reveal your personal information.
- 4. Changing Your Address.** They divert your billing statements to another location by completing a "change of address" form.
- 5. "Old-Fashioned" Stealing.** They steal wallets and purses; mail, including bank and credit card statements; pre-approved credit offers; and new checks or tax information. They steal personnel records from their employers, or bribe employees who have access.



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Identity theft is a serious crime. It occurs when your personal information is stolen and used without your knowledge to commit fraud or other crimes. Identity theft can cost you time and money. It can destroy your credit and ruin your good name.

Deter identity thieves by safeguarding your information.

- **Shred** financial documents and paperwork with personal information before you discard them.
- **Protect** your Social Security number. Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet or write your Social Security number on a check. Give it out only if absolutely necessary or ask to use another identifier.
- **Don't give out** personal information on the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet unless you know who you are dealing with.
- **Never click** on links sent in unsolicited emails; instead, type in a web address you know. Use firewalls, anti-spyware, and anti-virus software to protect your home computer; keep them up-to-date. Visit OnGuardOnline.gov for more information.
- **Don't use** an obvious password like your birth date, your mother's maiden name, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- **Keep** your personal information in a secure place at home, especially if you have roommates, employ outside help, or are having work done in your house.

Detect suspicious activity by routinely monitoring your financial accounts and billing statements.

Be alert to signs that require immediate attention:

- Bills that do not arrive as expected
- Unexpected credit cards or account statements
- Denials of credit for no apparent reason
- Calls or letters about purchases you did not make

Inspect:

- **Your credit report.** Credit reports contain information about you, including what accounts you have and your bill paying history.
 - The law requires the major nationwide consumer reporting companies—Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion—to give you a free copy of your credit report each year if you ask for it.
 - Visit www.AnnualCreditReport.com or call 1-877-322-8228, a service created by these three companies, to order your free credit reports each year. You also can write: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.
- **Your financial statements.** Review financial accounts and billing statements regularly, looking for charges you did not make.

Defend against ID theft as soon as you suspect it.

- **Place a "Fraud Alert" on your credit reports, and review the reports carefully.** The alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures before they open new accounts in your name or make changes to your existing accounts. The three nationwide consumer reporting companies have toll-free numbers for placing an initial 90-day fraud alert; a call to one company is sufficient:
 - **Equifax:** 1-800-525-6285
 - **Experian:** 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742)
 - **TransUnion:** 1-800-680-7289Placing a fraud alert entitles you to free copies of your credit reports. Look for inquiries from companies you haven't contacted, accounts you didn't open, and debts on your accounts that you can't explain.
- **Close accounts.** Close any accounts that have been tampered with or established fraudulently.
 - Call the security or fraud departments of each company where an account was opened or changed without your okay. Follow up in writing, with copies of supporting documents.
 - Use the ID Theft Affidavit at ftc.gov/idtheft to support your written statement.
 - Ask for verification that the disputed account has been closed and the fraudulent debts discharged.
 - Keep copies of documents and records of your conversations about the theft.
- **File a police report.** File a report with law enforcement officials to help you with creditors who may want proof of the crime.
- **Report the theft to the Federal Trade Commission.** Your report helps law enforcement officials across the country in their investigations.
 - Online: ftc.gov/idtheft
 - By phone: 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338) or TTY, 1-866-653-4261
 - By mail: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Sewer Bill Update

First quarter sewer bills are mailed on March 31, 2008. This bill is for water consumption for the periods September, October & November 2007. Second quarter sewer bills will be mailed June 30, 2008 and will cover the water consumption period of December 2007, January and February 2008.

Tax Collection

East Norriton Township levies an Earned Income Tax which is collected by Berkheimer Associates. The final 2007 Earned Income Tax returns were mailed in January 2008 and are due April 15, 2008. We again want to thank the residents of East Norriton Township for conscientiously paying your Earned Income Taxes as well.

Effective January 1, 2008, the Emergency & Municipal Services Tax (EMST) enacted by East Norriton Township was renamed the Local Services Tax (LST). The LST is levied on individuals engaging in an occupation within the limits of East Norriton Township at a rate of \$52.00 per year. The LST becomes a weekly payroll deduction. To calculate the amount that will be withheld by an employer, divide \$52.00 by the number of pay periods in the current year. Exemption from this tax applies to individuals who derive less than \$12,000.00 of income per year.

For information about the Earned Income Tax, Business Privilege Tax, and Local Services Tax, please contact Berkheimer Associates at (800)360-8989.

2008 BUDGET

The Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township adopted an annual budget for the 2008 calendar year on December 18, 2007 during a Regular meeting at the East Norriton Township administrative building. A summary of the 2008 adopted budget is as follows:

General Fund	\$ 6,861,843
Street Lighting Fund	134,700
Fire Protection Fund	479,400
Parks & Recreation Operating Fund	437,710
Parks & Recreation Capital Fund	654,690
Sewer Revenue Fund	2,825,344
Sanitary Sewer Outfall Fund	432,128
Capital Reserve Fund	1,130,207
Highway Aid Fund	278,240
Post Retirement Health Fund	824,000
Police Pension Fund	7,402,427
Employees Pension Fund	3,717,035
	\$25,177,724

The tax to be levied on all real property within the Township subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2008 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 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, at the East Norriton Township Administration building.

2008 REAL ESTATE TAXES – WHERE YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX DOLLAR GOES



East Norriton Township
7.14% / 2.312 mill



2007 – 2008
Norristown Area School District
84.53% / 27.361 mill



Montgomery County
8.33% / 2.695 mill

EXAMPLE OF A HOUSE ASSESSMENT FOR TAXES

Township Real Estate Tax	2.312 mill X \$100,000 = \$	231.20
County Real Estate Tax	2.695 mill X \$100,000 = \$	269.50
School District Tax	27.361 mill X \$100,000 = \$	2736.10
Total Estimated Real Estate Taxes for 2008		\$ 3236.80

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.

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

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 Co.

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.

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: kevmdc61@comcast.net

Berkheimer Associates has established the following dates and times which 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.

Thursday, March 27, 2008 9 a.m. – Noon & 1-4 p.m.
 Wednesday, July 23, 2008 Noon to 4 p.m.
 Thursday, October 23, 2008 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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, May 26th Memorial Day
 Friday, July 4th Independence Day
 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

2008 Household Hazardous Waste And Computer Collection Program

Automotive Products
 Motor Oil
 Transmission Fluid
 Brake Fluid
 Antifreeze
 Gasoline
 Kerosene
 Car Batteries

Household Products
 Drain & Oven Cleaner
 Spot Remover
 Dry Cleaning Fluid
 Rug Cleaner
 Rechargeable Batteries

Paint Products
 Paint Thinner
 Turpentine
 Paint Remover
OIL Based Paint
 Furniture Stripper and Finisher

Miscellaneous
 Dyes
 Lighter Fluid
 Photographic Chemicals
 Asphalt Sealers
 Swimming Pool Chemicals
 Rechargeable Batteries

Computer Equipment and Small Electronics
 Monitors CPUs Mice Keyboards Scanners
 Printers Fax Machines Copiers Cameras Cell Phones
 Televisions smaller than 30" (No units in consoles/cabinets)

Indian Valley Middle School
April 19, 2008
 130 Maple Avenue
 Harleysville, PA 19438
 Lower Salford Township
9 am – 3 pm

Montgomery Co. Community College
June 14, 2008
 Cathcart Entrance
 Blue Bell, PA 19422
 Whitpain Township
9 am - 3 pm

Spring-Ford School District
June 28, 2008
 Flex School Parking Lot
 833 South Lewis Road
 Royersford, PA 19468
 Upper Providence Township
9 am –3 pm

Springfield School District
August 2, 2008
 High School Parking Lot
 Use 500 Haws Lane entrance
 Flourtown, PA 19031
 Springfield Township
9 am –3 pm

Lower Merion Transfer Station
October 25, 2008
 1300 Woodbine Avenue
 Narberth, PA 19072
 Lower Merion Township
9 am - 3 pm

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

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

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EAST NORRITON TWP. VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial Committee has been busy planning events for this upcoming spring of 2008. The Committee has scheduled a Spring/Summer Flag Sale program beginning in March and continuing through October, their 3rd Annual All-you-can-eat breakfast for April 13th, 2008, a Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony in observance of Memorial Day on Sunday, May 25th, and a tattered flag burning ceremony on Friday, June 13th.

A Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony has been scheduled for Sunday May 25th, at 1 p.m. at the East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial located just off Germantown Pike between Old and New Stanbridge Streets in East Norriton. Guest Speaker for this year's event will be Lt.C. Howard Hostrander of East Norriton.

On Friday June 13th, the Veterans Memorial Committee will once again hold a tattered and worn flag burning ceremony at Norris City Cemetery at 11 a.m. Old worn and tattered flags can be dropped off at the flag box at the East Norriton Township Building which will then be properly disposed of through burning and burying of the ashes of these flags.

The Veterans Memorial Committee is continuing to sell engraved bricks for the Veterans Memorial. Cost for the brick is \$50 which allows three lines of lettering with 15 spaces on each line. Forms can be picked up at the Township Building or call the Parks and Recreation Office. This is a great way to honor or remember a friend or family member who served in the armed forces or a way



East Norriton Township Veteran's Memorial

SPRING/SUMMER 2008 FLAG SALE

Show your patriotism and help support your community!

High quality – Made in the USA – Outdoor Flags

The Veterans Committee is selling U.S. flags, Pennsylvania flags, military flags, MIA/POW flags, Eagles and Phillies flags and much more from March through October of 2008. A large variety of flags are available, many are in stock at the Parks and Recreation Office. A detailed flyer and order form is available at the Township Building or Parks and Recreation Office to purchase your flag. All proceeds from the sale of these flags will be used for the continued upkeep of the East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial.

to support this Memorial built to honor all the men and women who have served our Country in one of the branches of the Armed Forces.



3rd Annual East Norriton Township Veteran's Memorial Maintenance Fund-Raiser

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

**Sunday, April 13th, 2008
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.*

The East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial is located just off of Germantown Pike between Old and New Stanbridge Streets. 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.

SPRING/SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS 2008

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NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

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

THE ONLY TIME YOU WILL HEAR FROM US IS:

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

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

IT MEANS YOUR IN!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

All activities held in schools are **canceled** when:

- Schools are closed due to inclement weather
- Early dismissal occurs due to inclement weather
- Schools are closed for holidays
- Special school events are being held in the school

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

Norristown Area School District school closing number is 304.

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

Tennis Lessons

Youths 8-15 yr. olds

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Courts
ON: Saturday mornings beginning May 3rd

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 25th.

Tennis Lessons

16 yrs. – Adult

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Courts
ON: Saturday mornings beginning May 3rd

TIME: 11 a.m.

FEE: \$25 per adult

Program consists of 5 one-hour lessons.
Class size limited to 15 registrants.

Sign-up by Friday, April 25th.

Adult Softball League

AT: Stanbridge Street Complex Field
ON: Sunday afternoons beginning May 4th

FEE: Resident Teams (70% or more) – \$350, Non-residents – \$375

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 18th.

Youth Softball Fast Pitch Pitching Lessons

9-17 yr. olds

AT: East Norriton Middle School Gym
ON: Wednesday evenings beginning April 23rd 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: \$55.00 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 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 18th.

Women's Basketball League

AT: East Norriton Middle School
ON: Thursday evenings beginning April 3rd

FEE:

Resident Teams (70% EN 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 7th.

Kids Karate

Beginners 5-12 yr. olds

AT: Paul Fly Elementary School

ON: Mondays, beginning April 21st for 6 weeks

TIME: 6-7 p.m.

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.

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Adult Karate

Beginners 13 yrs. & older

AT: Paul Fly Elementary School

ON: Monday evenings beginning April 21st for 6 weeks

TIME: 7-8 p.m.

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 21st

FEE: \$25 per person per month (Register at your first class)

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

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.

Register at your first class.

U.K. Elite Soccer Clinic

3, 4, & 5 yr. olds

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex

ON: Fridays, April 11th – May 16th (Rain date May 23rd)

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

FEE: \$75 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 April 4th.

PonyShare Camp – Grooming, Riding & Horsemanship Program

Boys & Girls 4-11 yrs. old

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex

ON: July 21st – July 25th

TIMES: 7-11 yr. olds – 9:30-11 a.m., 3-6 yr. olds – 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

FEE: 7-11 yr. olds – \$205 per child, 3-6 yr. olds – \$175

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. Space is limited. Recommended attire, hiking shoes, jeans/sweat pants, bicycle helmet, fluids and a carrot. For a detailed flyer call the Recreation Department. **Deadline to register is July 3rd.**

U.K. Elite Soccer Clinic

5,6 & 7 yr. olds

AT: Stanbridge Street Park Complex

ON: Fridays, April 11th – May 16th (Rain date May 23rd)

TIME: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

FEE: \$75 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.

MEGA Multi-Sports Camp

Boys & Girls 5-14 yrs. old

AT: Stanbridge Street Park

ON: Monday August 4th – Friday August 8th

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

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

Give your child the unique opportunity to experience over 15 different sports from around the world. Children can

learn how to bowl and Cricket ball, score a try in Rugby, shoot hoops and score plenty of goals in a variety of sports from around the world. All activities and games take place in a positive low pressure educational environment under the guidance of our qualified coaches who are chosen for their ability to inspire, motivate, and encourage campers.

Deadline to register Friday July 25th.

Sports Squirts

Boys & Girls 3-5 yrs. old

AT: Stanbridge Street Park

ON: Monday August 4th – Friday August 8th

TIME: 4-5:30 p.m.

FEE: \$80 per child

This is a great way to introduce children 3 to 5 years of age to a variety of sports such as soccer, t-ball, basketball, and tennis. Sessions take place in a safe, structured environment and sports are played through a series of games and activities designed to ensure learning and most importantly fun, fun, fun.

Deadline to register Friday July 25th.

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

GYMNASTICS & TUMBLING SUMMER CAMP

5 yrs. old & up at the Upper Merion Dance & Gymnastics Center, 421 Feheley Dr., King of Prussia, PA 19406

Free Extended Supervision 75 minutes before and after listed times. Gymnastics and tumbling options available; note on registration form. After warm-up and stretch, morning activities will focus on skill development with groups of 5-8 campers per staff member. During the afternoon, the staff provides basic instruction in numerous activities including cheerleading, dance, martial arts, arts & crafts, and sports & games; campers will also have open workouts to master new skills. Bring a healthy snack and drink everyday; all-day campers must also bring a bagged lunch. No instruction during Extended Supervision; campers may play boardgames, cards, relax, or bring their own activity. Field trips will be offered at an additional cost; information will be available in June. No camp Jul 4. More information available at www.umdgc.com.

TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE:

8:30-9:30	Extended Drop-off: Campers do independent activities or relax.
9:30-9:45	Warm-up and stretch
9:45-12:30	Gymnastics/tumbling workout with 10-minute snack break
12:30-1:45	Lunch break, open workout, and strength (team members) for all-day campers. Morning-only campers depart.
1:45-3:45	Afternoon activities: Dance, arts & crafts, sports & games, baton, color guard, rhythmic gymnastics, cheerleading, martial arts, and/or Greco-Roman wrestling, stretch (team members), and event workouts.
3:45-4:15	Open workout and group activity
4:15-5:30	Extended Pick-up: Campers are supervised as they do independent activities or watch a G or age-appropriate PG movie.

WEEKS OFFERED

Jun 16-Jun 20	Jun 23-Jun 27	Jun 30-Jul 3	Jul 7-Jul 11	Jul 14-Jul 18
Jul 21-Jul 25	Jul 28-Aug 1	Aug 4-Aug 8	Aug 11-Aug 15	

Costs per week 9:30-4:00pm 9:30-12:30pm

Attending 1-4 weeks total	\$185/wk	\$160/wk
Attending 5-9 weeks total	\$150/wk	\$125/wk
Half-day camper staying whole day	\$10/day	

DANCE SUMMER CAMP

5 yrs. old & up at the Upper Merion Dance & Gymnastics Center, 421 Feheley Dr., King of Prussia, PA 19406

Free Extended Supervision 75 minutes before and after listed times. During the afternoon, the staff provides basic instruction in numerous activities including cheerleading, dance, martial arts, arts & crafts, and sports & games; campers will also have open workouts to master new gymnastics skills. Bring a healthy snack and drink everyday; all-day campers must also bring a bagged lunch. No instruction during Extended Supervision; campers may play boardgames, cards, relax, or bring their own activity. Field trips will be offered at an additional cost; information will be available in June. No camp Jul 4. More information available at www.umdgc.com.

All-Inclusive

A fun-filled camp that combines ballet, jazz, tap and hip-hop. Modern dance as well as Irish and Scottish dance may also be taught one or two days per week by guest instructors. Tap shoes must be purchased or rented. Also, ballet/jazz shoes must be purchased or bare feet for other parts.

Combo

Campers will enjoy ballet, tap, and jazz combined in the studio from 9:30-11:30 and gymnastics from 11:30-12:30. Campers must participate in both portions for camp. Tap shoes must be purchased or rented. Bare feet or jazz/ballet shoes.

Musical Theatre

Focus on all aspects of musical theatre; basic vocals, acting, and improv skills as well as theatre jazz are combined. Family members are invited to attend a mini performance on Friday morning. No special shoes required.

Specialty

Jazz portions require ballet/jazz shoes or bare feet. Hip-hop portions need clean street sneakers or hip-hop sneakers. Tap shoes for tap portion must be purchased or rented.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

**East Norriton Boys & Girls
3-8 yrs. old**

AT: Stanbridge Street Park

ON: Friday, March 21st
(rain date Saturday, March 22nd same times)

TIMES:

3-4 yr. olds – 10:00 a.m.

5-6 yr. olds – 10:15 a.m.

7-8 yr. olds – 10:30 a.m.

Bring the kids out for this fun event and meet the Easter Bunny in person. All participants should report to the pavilion five (5) minutes prior to the starting time for their age group.

THIS EVENT IS FOR THE CHILDREN ONLY. PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO REMAIN BEHIND THE STARTING LINE DURING THE EVENT.

23rd Annual Montgomery County Sr. Olympics

**Montgomery County Residents
50 yrs. old & over
(7 separate age groups)**

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

ON: May 12th – 16th

EVENTS: Golf, tennis, horseshoes, bowling, swimming, shuffleboard, billiards, softball throw, stationary bicycle, basketball "hot shot", running events, walking 1 mile, table tennis, and darts.

CALL THE UPPER DUBLIN TWP. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 215-643-1600 EXT. 3443 OR E-MAIL AT PRCRSR@upperdublin.net FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS. PROGRAMS OPEN TO ALL MONTGOMERY COUNTY RESIDENTS AGES 50 AND OVER.

TRIPS & OUTINGS

Casino Trip

ON: Wednesday, April 30th, 2008

FEE: \$35 per person

Bus departs from the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Office at 7:45 a.m. After arrival in Atlantic City, Hilton Casino, you will be on your own for the day. Bus will depart for East Norriton at 4:15 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 April 11th.

Broadway Show "Little Mermaid"

ON: Saturday, May 3rd and
Wednesday, June 4th, 2008

FEE: \$155 per person

Bus departs from the East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Office at 7:45 a.m. for a trip to see this new hit Disney Broadway Show. After arrival in New York, you will be on your own for a day of shopping, sightseeing,

and lunch prior to the show. Doors for the show open at 1:30 p.m. for the 2:00 p.m. matinee show. Bus will depart from New York City directly after the show. Limited seats are available for each show and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

St. Michaels Maryland

ON: Saturday, May 31st, 2008

FEE: \$75 for adults, \$65 for youths
12 & under

Bus will depart from the Parks and Recreation Department at 8 a.m. to St. Michaels, Maryland. Lunch is included at the Crab Claw Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. with a choice of crab cakes, crab imperial or chicken. At 1 p.m., you will board the Patriot to cruise the Miles River. 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 p.m. and make a meal stop at the Delaware House for a light dinner on your own. Trip is limited to 45 registrants and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline to register is April 25th. For more information or to register, call the Recreation Office.

DANCE SUMMER CAMP *(continued from page 13)*

CAMP SCHEDULE (Minimum of 4 campers required for all camp sessions)

June 16 to June 20	..... All-Inclusive – Ages 7-10
June 23 to June 27	..... Jazz/Hip-Hop – Ages 7-9
June 23 to June 27	..... Jazz/Hip-Hop – Ages 10-14
July 7 to July 11	..... Jazz/Tap Ages – 7-10
July 14 to July 18	..... Combo Camp– Ages 5-7
July 14 to July 18	..... All-Inclusive – Ages 7-10
July 21 to July 25	..... Combo Camp – Ages 5-7
July 28 to August 1	..... All-Inclusive – Ages 7-10
August 4 to August 8	..... Musical Theatre Camp – Ages 8-12
August 11 to August 15	..... Jazz/Hip-Hop – Ages 7-9
August 11 to August 15	..... Jazz/Hip-Hop – Ages 10-14

COSTS PER WEEK

	9:30-4 p.m.	9:30-12:30 p.m.
Attending 1-4 weeks total	\$185/wk	\$160/wk
Attending 5-9 weeks total	\$150/wk	\$125/wk
Half-day camper staying whole day	\$10/day	

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.

BIKE HELMETS FOR SALE

The Parks and Recreation Department is selling bike helmets at the Parks and Recreation Office Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at a discounted price. These helmets are CPSC and SNELL certified. Helmets are being sold to promote bicycle safety and help in compliance with the state law which requires all bike riders under the age of 12 to wear helmets. Helmets cost \$12.00 each.

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 2008

GENERAL INFORMATION

The East Norriton Township Parks and Recreation Department will open its 2008 Summer Playground program on Monday June 23rd and continue for six weeks until Friday August 1st. 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 Paul Fly 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,

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 2008 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.

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 30th, 2008 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 30th is as follows: first child \$200, two members per family \$350, three or more members in a family \$500. Registrations received on or after the June 2nd will be accepted on a space availability basis at Paul Fly playground. East Norriton Township residents will be assessed \$210 for first child, \$370 for two children, and \$530 for three or more children in a family. Non residents may also register at this time and will be assessed the following fees: \$275 first child, \$500 for two children per family and \$675 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 13, 2008.

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.

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.

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Public Works Department employees pictured left to right: (kneeling) Gary Franklin; Brett Stephens; Michael Teliha; Scott Mathe; (standing) Thomas Basile; Ronald Burgess; Joseph Sorgini, Public Works Director; Timothy Bradbury; Anthony Venezia; Christopher Scott; John "Jack" Tyler, Highway Supervisor; Edward White, Sanitary Sewer Supervisor.

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining the infrastructure of East Norriton Township. This includes the maintenance of township roads, sanitary sewers, and buildings, as well as, assisting the Parks and Recreation Department with major projects. Some of the everyday tasks performed by the department are street sign maintenance, traffic light maintenance, pump station maintenance and repairs. The department also provides services to the residents such as collecting leaves in the fall, snowplowing in the winter, and street sweeping in the spring time. During the summer months township roads are repaired and paved on a rotating schedule.

Beside the everyday tasks performed by the department, many major projects were undertaken and completed in 2007. The Sanitary Sewer department undertook a massive I&I Project to address the excess water infiltration which occurs during heavy rain storms. The department was involved in the televising and inspections of the sanitary sewer laterals from the trap in the lawn to the house in the western end of the township. The procedure was done to view the conditions of the laterals and if any repairs were needed. This has been an ongoing project and will be completed during spring 2008.

Also, the Timberlake Pumping Station had two of its sewage pumps upgraded to increase the capacity of the station. The township has nine pump stations consisting of 3 major pump stations and 6 smaller pump stations located throughout the township. These stations are maintained on a daily basis and repairs are completed as needed by the department.

During the winter of 2007 the Highway Department undertook a major storm water project on Whitehall Road. Over 2,000 feet of pipe and 15 storm sewer inlets were

installed from Township Line Road to Northampton Road to control the water run off which was occurring on Whitehall Road. This water run off caused major icing during the winter months and road flooding during other times of the year. The project was completed in April 2007.

The department also milled and paved five roads during August 2007. These included W. Hartranft Blvd., Cottage Lane, Washington Avenue, Brenda Lane, and part of Whitehall Road. The department also sealed cracks in the roadways on Norris City Avenue, Stanbridge Street, Swede Road, Old Arch Road, Arch Road, Whitehall Road and Burnside Avenue.

The Township Engineer and Public Works Director have prioritized the following roads for overlay in 2008; Hayes Road (Pierce to Pierce), Pierce Road (Sunset to Hayes), Taft Road (Potshop to Woodland Ave.), Polk Road, Independence Road, Eisenhower Drive (Taft to Woodland), Kennedy Road, Senator Road and Congress Road. These roads will be completed as funding in the 2008 budget permits.

During 2007 the department started construction of a new six bay garage to house equipment. This building will be completed in the spring of 2008. The garage will house highway department equipment as well as Parks and Recreation maintenance equipment.

In January 2008 the department started a bank stabilization project, which alleviated severe bank erosion behind properties located on Stony Creek Road. The work consisted of the construction of five 30 ft. long J-Hook walls to divert the creek back to its natural path. This process will help keep the creek bank from eroding further towards the sanitary sewer interceptor which runs along Stony Creek. The bank stabilization project was completed in February 2008.

Sanitary Sewer System I&I Lateral Repairs Update

As of this writing, the Township's contractor, Abbonizio Contractors, has completed the dig-option lateral repairs for all 204 of the properties that paid the Township for this work. In addition, there were 37 properties that completed the repairs utilizing a private contractor. Abbonizio Contractors still has to complete the final restoration work for most of the properties which will begin in the spring. This work includes yard and concrete restoration. As part of the 2008 paving program, East Norriton Township (instead of Abbonizio Contractors) will be making the necessary street repairs and performing a curb to curb overlay on some of the more damaged streets. The Township Engineer and Public Works Director are reviewing the streets as well as the available funding and will provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Township is striving to perform this work in late spring when Abbonizio Contractors has completed the other restoration work.

There are still twelve (12) properties that have not responded to the Township which require repairs. The Township will proceed with performing these repairs and liening the properties for the actual expenses incurred for the repairs and the legal expenses to lien the properties.

After The Storm

What is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is Stormwater Runoff a Problem?

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

The Effects of Pollution

Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

- Sediments can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and

The Township has already notified all of the affected residents of the Reimbursement Program. Thanks to Representative Moyer, East Norriton Township was able to secure a grant from DEP for capital sanitary sewer work performed by the Township. This grant enabled the Township to provide a 50% reimbursement to the properties that were required to perform these repairs. The first batch of reimbursements is being processed as the Township receives the signed receipt forms back from the property owners. This first batch of reimbursements is based on actual work performed and expenses incurred to date. Once all of the final restoration work is completed, the final reimbursements will be paid to the affected property owners.

As of this writing, there are still approximately 45 property owners who have not received a reimbursement from the Township. Those property owners are encouraged to sign and submit the receipt forms to the Township as soon as possible since the books for this reimbursement program must be closed by June 30, 2008. After that date, only those who have already submitted for reimbursement will receive any appropriate adjustments or additional reimbursements, if necessary.

other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.

- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris – plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts – washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous waste like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

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.



2008 TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Board of Supervisors . . . 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
(except April 29th)

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.)
(Except June 2nd for the May meeting date)

All meetings are held at the
Municipal Building,
2501 Stanbridge Street,
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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
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JUNE 7th

The Martin Family
Band

JUNE 21st

Zydeco-A-Go-Go Band

JUNE 28th

Mike Beck & the
Men of Leisure

JULY 12th

Journey Band

JULY 19th

Barbone Street Jazz
Band

AUGUST 2nd

Paddy's Well

AUGUST 16th

Dean Garofolo
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AUGUST 23rd

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