



# East Norriton Township

Issues

Winter 2007/2008

## East Norriton Township Little League All Stars Capture District 22 Crown

*At the October 23, 2007 Regular meeting, the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors recognized the East Norriton Little League 11-12 year old All Star team on winning the Little League District 22 Tournament.*

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## CENTENNIAL COOKBOOK

The East Norriton Township Centennial Committee is preparing a Cook Book as a part of the Township's Centennial Celebration in 2009. If you would like to donate a favorite recipe to be included in this book, please send it in along with your name, address and phone number to East Norriton Township Centennial Cook Book, 2501 Stanbridge Street, East Norriton, PA 19401.



## EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP CENTENNIAL

### East Norriton Township Centennial Committee Sub-Committees Members Sought

The East Norriton Township Centennial Committee is making plans to engage the community in the celebration of our township's 100 year birthday. Four sub-committees, Fundraising, Public Relations, Parade and Celebration Events have been established at this time.

If you are interested in getting involved with one of the sub-committees, please send a letter with your name, address, phone number, e-mail address and area of interest to East Norriton Township Centennial Committee, East Norriton Township Building, 2501 Stanbridge Street, East Norriton, PA 19401.

Some of the ideas being investigated for the Centennial include a Cook Book, Centennial (Historical) Book, Centennial/Friendship Garden, Dinner Dance, Parade, and Reenactment of the split of Norriton Township into East and West Norriton Township as well as other ideas.

### Old Pictures, Stories and Artifacts of East Norriton Township Wanted for Celebration

The East Norriton Township Historical Advisory Committee and Centennial Committee are 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.



*Pictured is William G. Detterer one of the original supervisors of East Norriton Township. Mr. Detterer served as Supervisor from 1909-1930 along with Joseph G. Nash Supervisor from 1909-1916 and A.L. Frame Supervisor from 1909-1914 who comprised the first Board of Supervisors for East Norriton Township. Pictures for Mr. Nash and Mr. Frame are not available. If anyone would have a copy of their pictures, we would appreciate a copy submitted to the Township for the Centennial Committee program.*

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## 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 and the beginning of 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.

Thursday, November 22nd . . . . . Thanksgiving Day  
 Friday, November 23rd . . . . . Day after Thanksgiving  
 Monday, December 24th . . . . . Christmas Eve  
 Tuesday, December 25th . . . . . Christmas  
 Tuesday, January 1st, 2008 . . . . . New Year's Day  
 Monday, January 21st, 2008 . . . . . Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
 Monday, February 18th, 2008 . . . . . President's Day

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

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

### Montgomery County

Radio Room . . . . . 610-275-1222

### PECO Emergency Power

Outage Emergency . . . . . 800-841-4141

### East Norriton Township

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

### Hospitals

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

### PA Game Commission

Regional office . . . . . 610-926-3136 or 610-926-3137  
 Fax . . . . . 610-926-8835

## PECO ENERGY EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

PECO Energy has an emergency number to call anytime you face an electrical or natural gas emergency. This would include power outages, smell of natural gas, loss of gas pressure, or electrical wires being down. The phone number to call for emergencies is:

**1-800-841-4141**

## Vacancies on Township Boards and Commissions

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

Individuals who are interested in serving their community in any of the above capacities are encouraged to send in a brief resume. Please indicate in your letter of introduction, which Board or Commission may be of interest to you and send to: Helmuth J.H. Baerwald, *Township Manager*, East Norriton Township, 2501 Stanbridge St., Phone: **610-275-2800**

## Distinguished Citizen Award Nominations

The Board of Supervisors will also be accepting nominations for **The 2007 Distinguished Citizen Award**. Applications are available at The Township Building during regular hours of service and must be received at the Township by December 28th, 2007. The award will be presented at the Regular Board of Supervisor's meeting in January 2008. Please send applications to: Helmuth J.H. Baerwald, *Township Manager*, East Norriton Township, 2501 Stanbridge St., Phone: **610-275-2800**

## EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP MAILBOX POLICY DURING SNOW PLOWING

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

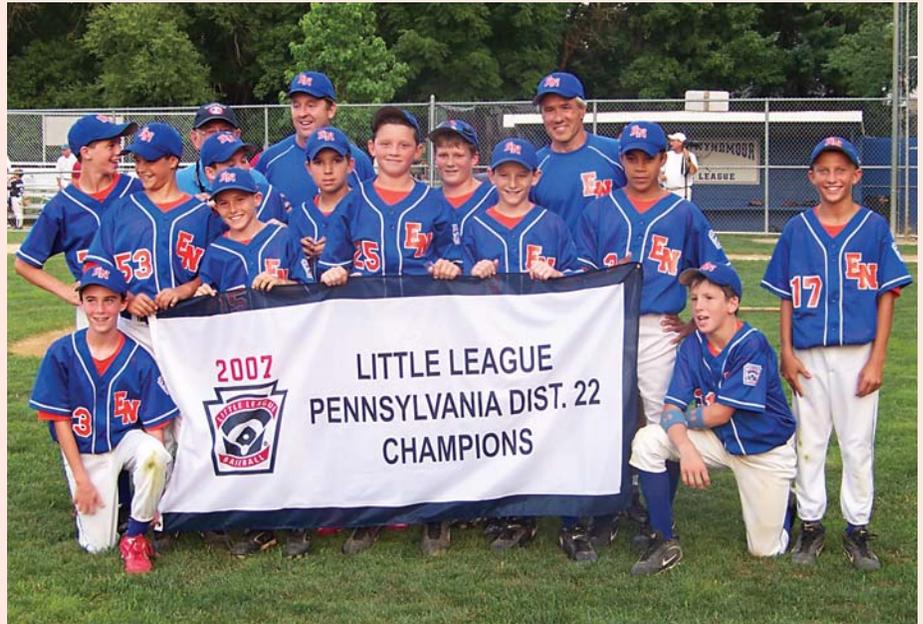
## Little League All Stars Capture District 22 Crown

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The East Norriton Little League 11-12 yr. old All Star team recently came home with the Little League District 22 championship with a hard fought 3-1 win over Horsham Little League in the championship game. Pitcher Patrick Campion went 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings to get the win, with Evan Grimes getting the save in relief. Campion also contributed on offense with a first inning home run. Brett Harner's home run to centerfield in the bottom of the second inning proved to be the game winning hit for East Norriton.

The East Norriton All-Stars completed district play with an 8-1 record with wins over Whitemarsh, Cheltenham, Hatboro, Upper Moreland, Plymouth and Hatfield. Zach Jancarski proved to be the ace of the pitching staff with a 4-0 record in the tournament, yielding just 4 runs in 21 innings of work.

The East Norriton team advanced to the Section 8 tournament at Newtown Edgemont Little League where they defeated Levittown



**EAST NORRITON LITTLE LEAGUE 11-12 YR. OLD ALL STAR TEAM:** *Kneeling from left: Nick Higgins, Brett Harner; Second row: Ryan Frederick, Tommy Nardelli, Patrick Campion, Danny Watson, Jake Harris, Evan Grimes; Third row: Gerard Fox, Chris Santori, Patrick Owens, Zach Jancarski; Back row: Pete Varakas (District 22 Tournament Director, Mark Harner (head coach), Brian Nardelli (assistant coach); Missing from picture: assistant coaches Greg Campion, Ken Grimes, and Frank Harris.*

Continental and Aston-Middletown before falling to a very talented Berwyn-Paoli team in the championship game. Pitcher Nick Higgins earned the win over Levittown while Patrick Campion picked up the

victory against Aston-Middletown.

In the past three years, this group of East Norriton Little League players has compiled a stellar 19-2 record in the Little League District 22 Tournament.

## PUC Complaint Procedure

Oftentimes, residents encounter problems with public utility company (i.e. water company, electric company, telephone company) that are not resolved to the resident's satisfaction. At that point, resident are left with no other choice but to file a complaint with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Company which acts as the regulatory agency for these public utility companies.

As found on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's (PUC) web site ([www.puc.state.pa.us](http://www.puc.state.pa.us)), residents may file an informal complaint directly to the PUC either by phoning 1-800-782-1110 or writing to the PUC, Bureau of Consumer Services, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265 and explain the problem. Before you file an informal complaint, you must first deal directly with your utility company. If the company is unable to resolve your problem, you may then file an informal complaint.

## Pennsylvania American Water Co.

East Norriton Township officials are working with representatives from the Pennsylvania American Water company to establish a better communication system when issues arise with public water service.

The Water Company has advised that they utilize a Rapid Alert Automated Dialing System to alert property owners of any emergency situations with regards to the water service provided. However, the Water Company has asked that every property owner call the following phone number and provide important contact information which will be inputted into this Rapid Alert Automated Dialing System. The phone number to call is: **1-800-565-7292.**

## New Pedestrian Bridge



*Pictured above is the newly installed pedestrian bridge on Germantown Pike which connects the PECO right of way (proposed Liberty Bell Trail) to the sidewalk in front of the car wash on Germantown Pike owned and operated by Pete's Express Car Wash (MRA). As a part of the development of this site, Pete's Express Car Wash constructed and donated this pedestrian bridge to the Township. This bridge is a vital link for the safe crossing of pedestrians at the traffic light on Mill Road and the continuation of the Liberty Bell Trail in East Norriton Township.*

## News from the

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY – NORRISTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

We are taking this opportunity to remind you of some of the wonderful services available to you with your **Library Card**.

Just visit our web site [www.mc-npl.org](http://www.mc-npl.org) and you will be able to view our entire catalogue from your home or office computer and request books, cassettes and CD's. We will then deliver them to the Bookmobile stop in your neighborhood or your local library.

Free **Digital Audio Books** are available on your computer through the library's digital collection website. This service allows Montgomery County residents to download digital audio books to their PC, portable device or burn a CD.

Also, don't forget about our **Books by Mail Service**. This is a free service for any resident of Montgomery County, who is a short term or long term convalescent or permanently homebound. Please call 610-278-5100 Ext 123 for further information.

The **Bookmobile** is in your area on alternate **Mondays at the Swede Square Shopping Center**. Check our web site for times and dates.

## REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Fourth quarter sewer bills are to be mailed on December 31st, 2007. This bill is for water consumption for the periods June, July and August of 2007.

### Tax Collection

Current Real Estate Tax Bills are payable prior to December 31st, 2007. Following this date, a tax lien will be filed against all delinquent properties. There are two (2) additional Interim Real Estate Tax bills issued to property owners for newly constructed homes. The tax bills are issued by Berkheimer Associates for the Norristown Area School District and by the East Norriton Township Tax Collector for Montgomery County and East Norriton Township. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Kevin McDevitt at 610-476-7087 or William Scurry, Finance Officer at 610-275-2800. For information about all other Township taxes, please contact Berkheimer Associates at 800-360-8989.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Berkheimer Associates 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.

Wednesday	1/23/08	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday	3/27/08	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7/23/08	12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	10/23/08	9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

# NORRITON FIRE ENGINE COMPANY REPORT



## Norrison Fire Engine Company History

*(Continued from the Spring/Summer 2007 Newsletter)*

On March 1, 1917 after ordering the initial equipment the treasury had \$15 which had been collected at the initial meeting. Thus even back in 1917 it was necessary to appoint a committee to solicit the neighborhood for contributions. A committee of the messers Brush, Jones, Wolf, Rodgers, Matthias, Ottinger, Rittenhouse, Murphy, Cassel, Haines and Hamilton was appointed to this task.

On March 7, 1917 the charter was closed. On May 2, 1917 the equipment started to arrive; and payments of \$25 for a smoke helmet and \$542 for chemical equipment and \$29 for miscellaneous items was approved.

The first recorded fire occurred on January 7, 1918 when the barn of Mrs. Sarah E. Meyers was destroyed but her home was saved.

May 18, 1918 was selected for the housing of the new apparatus and a parade. A parade was arranged with the route which led up Germantown Pike to Potshop Road to Shultz Road to Sunset Avenue to Township Line Road to Dekalb Street and then to the race track (yes back then we had a race track in East Norriton). A fire was ignited in the middle of the race track and everyone then heard the clanging of the silver bell from the direction of Charlie Bauer's garage and presently a little red Ford fire truck with Charlie Bauer driving and Link Frame sitting at his side arrived to bring the flames under control. A great time was had by all.

In September of 1918 a building fund was created.

Early in 1924 the fire company saw the need of adding a pumper to their equipment to properly safeguard the community in times of fire. Thus plans to purchase a Reo Truck with a Hale Fire Pump to be delivered in November of 1924.

A financial report from that date showed:

Cash on Hand . . . . .	\$ 876
Donations . . . . .	\$ 1051
Bazaar Committee. . . . .	\$ 618
Building Fund . . . . .	\$ 1945

With expenses of \$3762 to Hale Pump Co., \$113 to Insurance Company and \$20 in miscellaneous expenses.

This new piece of equipment was housed on November 15, 1924 and addresses were given by the Rev. Charles Furman, Hiram Ganser (Norrison Hose Co.), William Muldrew, Jimmie Cresson, Ross Rile (Centre Square Fire Co.); and a luncheon was held at Bauer's.

On August 3, 1927 the first building committee was appointed consisting of George Bullen, Maurice Benner, Theodore Gey, A.L. Frame, and Dick Hynes. Mr. Benner and Mr. Gey resigned and T.V. Nicholas and Harry Wolf were appointed in their place.

*(To be continued in following Newsletters)*

## Norrison Fire Engine Company Fund Drive 2007

The Norriton Fire Engine Company has sent out a second reminder requesting the support of the East Norriton community in order to continue to provide the essential fire and rescue service to East Norriton Township.

The Norriton Fire Engine Company has sent a fund drive reminder for financial support to all those East Norriton residents who have not contributed to the initial 2007 fund drive.

The Norriton Fire Engine Company officials reported that as of October 1st, only 24% of our total coverage population has contributed to our 2007 Fund Drive. We hope that our second mailing has reached all those that have not contributed and hopefully they can see a way to assist us.

To those that have taken the time to donate, we say "thank you". In the event that someone receives a second request reminder for a donation and has already donated for 2007, please discard it.

A further breakdown of those responding shows that 28% of the individual residents responded and 10% of the apartment residents and non resident property owners contributed. Of particular concern, is that only 10% of the business community has contributed.

The Norriton Fire Engine Company looks forward to your response to the second reminder plea for financial support to bring us closer to our 2007 Fund Drive goals.

# EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Department has undergone many changes in the past several months. Sgt. Ryan Stinson left the Department in October to pursue a career as a Special Agent with the F.B.I. The Chief's Secretary, Ms. Diane Hagner retired after six years. Both will be missed by the police family.



*Diane Hagner and Chief McGowan*

## POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1) Snow will soon be in the forecast. Remember that vehicles must be off the Township roads when there is two or more inches of snow on the road surface. Pay attention to weather reports and move vehicles off the road when snow is expected. Leave the cars off the roadway until its been plowed curb to curb.
- 2) Now is the time to winterize your vehicle.
- 3) School is back in session. East Norriton Township Police Officers would like all drivers to be extra careful when driving through posted school zones. Speed limits are strictly enforced.



*Police Chief John McGowan with newly promoted Police Sergeant Brandon Pasquale and his family after swearing in Sgt. Pasquale at the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 25, 2007.*

Two East Norriton Officers received promotions or moved into other Divisions. Officer Brandon Pasquale was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

The Police Department would like to remind parents of juvenile children (under 18 years) of the Township's curfew ordinance. From Sunday through Thursday the curfew hours are 10:30 p.m. till 6:30 a.m. On Friday and Saturday the curfew is 12:00 a.m. till 6:00 a.m.

### 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.*

## Congratulations!

East Norriton Township congratulates Sergeant Ryan Stinson who on October 1, 2007 accepted a position as an agent with the FBI. Ryan was hired on July 1, 1994 as a patrol officer and his professionalism and dedication to his duties earned him a promotion to rank of Sergeant in 2005. During his 13+ years of service, Ryan was honored as Officer of the Year for 2003 and received a Unit Commendation in 2001 for actions leading to the arrest of a bank robber. The Board of Supervisors recognized Ryan with a proclamation at a public meeting on September 25, 2007.



*Pictured (left to right): Sgt. Ryan Stinson and Police chief John J. McGowan.*

# Police Department Merit Awards Presentations



*Police Chief John McGowan (center) presents Officer Matthew Cover (left) and Officer Dave McDermott (right) with Merit Awards for assistance given to West Norriton Township Police, capturing a robbery subject.*



*Police Chief John McGowan presents a Merit Award to Mark Ross, Security Director of Mercy Suburban Hospital, for his assistance which led to the apprehension of a subject who was being pursued for criminal activity.*



*Police Chief John McGowan presents a Merit Award to Officer Cristie Soto for her capture of a subject wanted for several residential burglaries.*

## Homeowners Sanitary Sewer Backup Coverage

This is a reminder of the importance of purchasing a rider on your homeowner's insurance policy for sanitary sewer line backup coverage. The Township's insurance carrier averages over 40 sewer line backup claims a year for all of its clients, and in the majority of cases, the property owners do not have the sewer line backup coverage. Under the PA Torts Claims Act, East Norriton Township is only responsible for paying the uninsured portion of each loss, if the Township was negligent. A prime determinant of negligence is prior notice, and without prior notice, East Norriton Township is not responsible for the loss. Therefore, the best protection for a property owner is to purchase broad-form coverage that protects their own possessions against as many risks as possible.

## Reporting a Pollution Incident

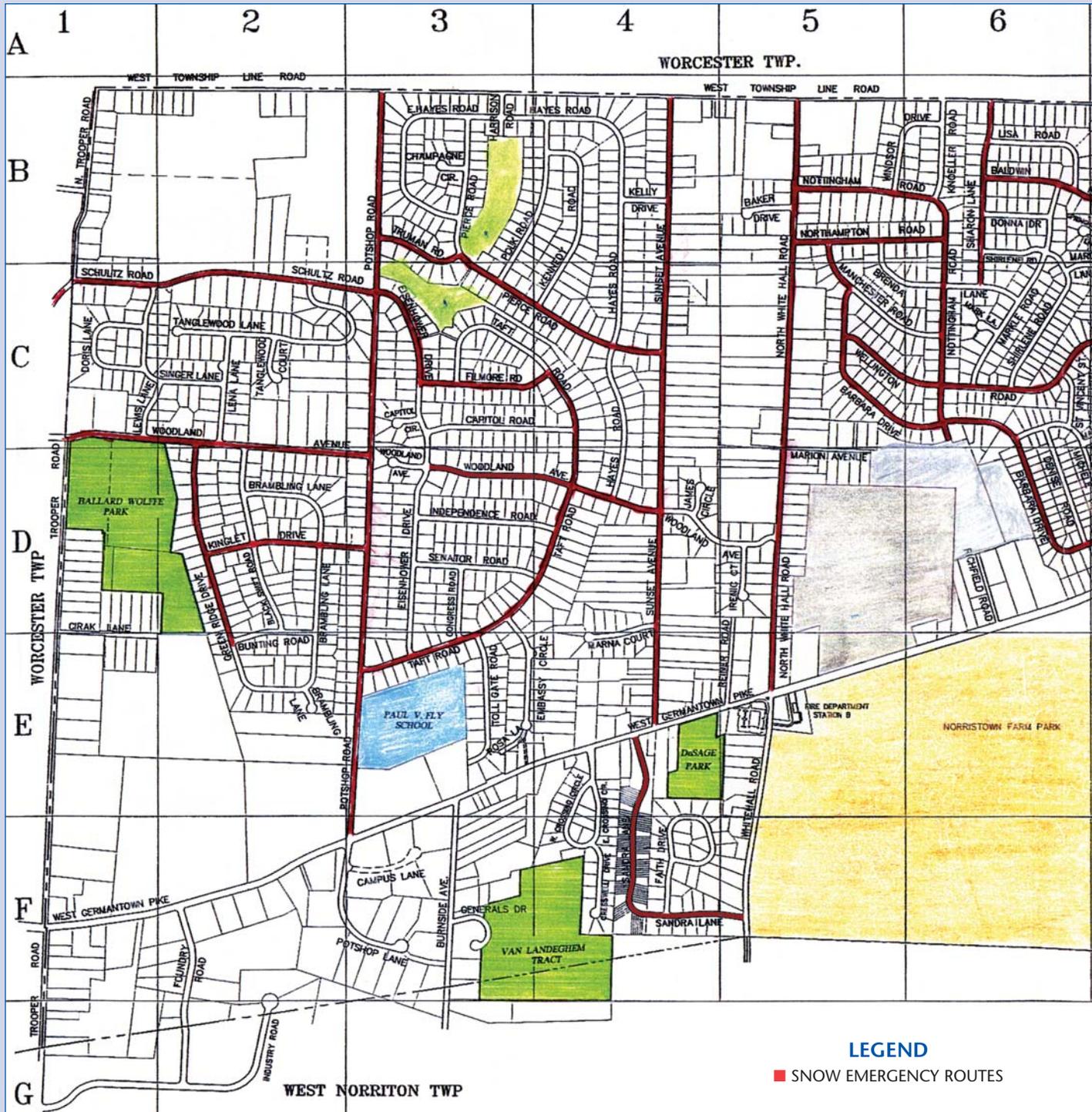
Please contact East Norriton Township if you witness a pollution incident that is impacting a storm sewer system or surface waterway or even if it threatens a storm sewer system or waterway (such as if you see an oil spill that could enter the storm sewer if it rains). We can be reached at:

East Norriton Township  
2501 Stanbridge Street  
East Norriton, PA 19401  
Phone: (610) 275-2800  
Fax: (610) 277-1879  
Email: [info@eastnorritontwp.org](mailto:info@eastnorritontwp.org)

## THE LOCAL PAGES 2008 COMMUNITY DIRECTORY IS COMING TO EAST NORRITON!

The Local Pages Directory is a new full color community guide and telephone directory serving East Norriton. The high quality directory will contain local community information such as township history, school information, parks and recreation, youth sports, local government and municipal services plus much more. The publisher is a township resident with over 20 years experience in publishing directories and guides. Full white page and yellow page listings for East Norriton will be included. Local Pages is currently reserving yellow page ad

space – so call today to get your business listed before the deadline. Home based businesses can use their home or cell phone number in this directory but must call the publisher to be listed. The directories will be direct mailed via the United States Postal Service to residents and businesses in January. Please feel free to call the publisher at 610-579-3809 with any suggestions, comments or questions about the publication. Businesses call 610-228-4723 for listing information.

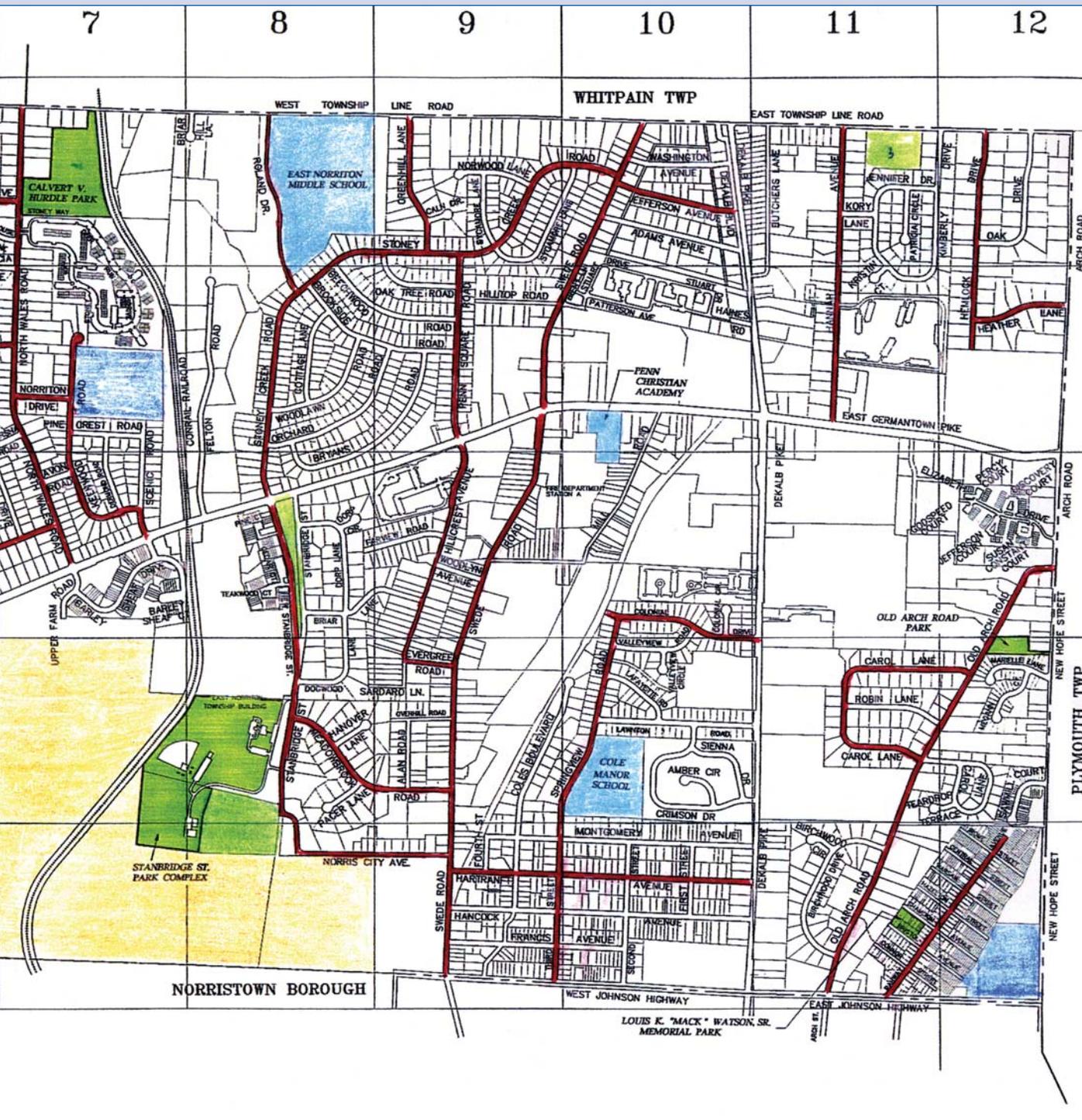


## PARKING REGULATIONS DURING SNOW EVENTS

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

numbered calendar days. Please note parking in cul-de-sacs during snow storms is also prohibited. Any vehicles parked on the street during a snow storm may be towed and fined.

The Township's snow removal procedure calls for snow emergency routes to be salted and cindered first. This is to ensure that all developments in the township can be accessed by emergency vehicles (fire, police, and ambulance). During heavier snow storms, snow emergency roads will be completely cleared the



entire cartway prior to equipment starting to plow on secondary roads. All snow emergency roads are noted on the above map.

Should you have a non-medical emergency during a snow storm, please contact the East Norriton Township Police Department at 610-272-0748. For medical emergencies, please dial 911.

Property owners are reminded that sidewalks are required to have at least a 30 inch path cleared within 24 hours after a snow. Residents are also reminded not to throw snow from your side-

walks and driveway onto the roads. **Throwing snow onto a roadway is a violation of township ordinance and punishable with up to a \$300.00 fine.** Your cooperation is vital to keep snow and debris off the roadway and allow emergency vehicles to get to the emergency locations. Please check your mail boxes to make sure it is sound and at least 6" behind the face of the curb. Mailboxes which hang out past the curb might be damaged during snow plowing operations. East Norriton Township and the Norriton Fire Department also request that all fire hydrants that are located in front of your home also be cleared of snow.

## Cold Weather Preparation

- Please keep 36" of area around your furnaces and heaters clear of debris and storage.
- Make sure you never leave an electric space heater or kerosene heater unattended while in use.
- Use the proper fuel for a kerosene heater.
- Ensure your chimney flues are open during use. Have your chimneys sweep before the season starts.
- Please install and maintain a CO2 detector. Locate them in your living spaces. CO2 detectors save lives.
- Please test and maintain your smoke alarms monthly. Change out the batteries now. Free smoke detectors are still available to township residents at my office.
- During the holiday season keep natural Christmas trees watered daily. Do not let them dry out and become combustible.
- Check all of your Christmas decoration lighting for damage before you hang them. Discard any damaged lines and replace them annually with new lights.
- Always monitor any candle use.
- Remove snow from your driveways and walks immediately after a snowfall. Clearing these areas will assist emergency first responders to get to the citizens that need help.
- Open burning is illegal in East Norriton Township. Persons cited for open burning shall receive a fine of \$1000.

### Extreme Cold

Dangerous winter weather includes winter storms and blizzards. These storms can bring heavy snow, icy roads and sidewalks, and dangerous wind chills. One of the primary concerns is the winter weather's ability to knock out heat, power and communications services to your home or office, sometimes for days at a time.

#### *Winter Storms Can Be Deadly:*

- Extreme cold can cause hypothermia (an extreme lowering of the body's temperature) and death.
- Fireplaces, emergency heaters, and candles can cause household fires.
- Fumes, such as carbon monoxide, from heaters can cause asphyxiation (unconsciousness or death from a lack of oxygen).
- Hazardous road conditions can cause car accidents.

**Prepare for a winter storm before it hits.** This is the best way to keep your family and yourself safe. Plan now: prepare your house and car; stock up on emergency supplies.

Tips to help cope with extreme cold visit the Health Department's website: <http://health.montcopa.org>

## SHELTER IN PLACE

### Be Ready to Shelter in Place

**Shelter in Place means to stay indoors.** Whether you are at home, work or elsewhere, there may be situations when it's simply best to stay where you are and avoid any uncertainty outside. When evacuation to shelters is either inappropriate or impossible, officials may instruct you to stay where you are. This could be as simple as remaining at home while officials clear hazards from a nearby area. If you must Shelter in Place:

- Identify a room with few doors or windows to shelter in place. Ideally, the room should be above street level, allow enough room for everyone in your household, have access to water supply and bathroom facilities, and have a phone jack.
- Act quickly and follow instructions. Your main objective should be to get to a safe indoor location.
- Close and lock all windows and doors, and close fireplace dampers.
- Turn off all heating and cooling systems such as air conditioners and window exhaust fans.
- Listen to KYW 1060 AM radio for further instructions.
- Make use of your Shelter in Place Kit.
- Only seal doors and windows when instructed to do so by emergency officials. If instructed, cover cracks along doors and windows with tape, wet rags or towels.
- Keep your pets with you.
- If you are disabled or need medical attention, call 9-1-1 to let the Police and Fire Departments know you need special help.
- Follow all instructions that officials tell you to do, such as covering your mouth and nose with a wet cloth or handkerchief.

### Make a Shelter in Place Kit

Keep enough supplies in your home to get by on your own for at least three days. Keep your Kit in a special place in your home, where you can get to it easily.

Tell everyone in your house that these supplies are for emergencies only.

Check the expiration dates of food and batteries in your Shelter in Place Kit when you change your clocks for daylight-saving times.

# WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS 2007/2008

Parks and Recreation Department  
Larry L. Brown, *Director*  
Jane C. Delaney, *Assistant Director*  
2501 Stanbridge Street  
East Norriton, PA 19401-1616  
Phone: 610-275-2800  
Fax: 610-277-1879  
Website: eastnorritontwp.org  
Email: info@eastnorritontwp.org

## 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 (unless otherwise noted on schedule)
- Special school events are being held in the school

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

**Norristown Area School District school closing number is 304.**

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

## BOYS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

### 8-18 yr. olds

AT: East Norriton Middle School

ON: Saturdays – 8-10 & 11-13 yr. olds

Thursday evenings – 14-16 yr. olds

Wednesday evenings – 17-18 yr. olds

FEE: \$50 residents, \$60 non-residents

Basketball league for East Norriton residents 8-16 yrs. old. Registrant must be 8 by January 1st, 2008. Age for all other players is as of October 1st.

Deadline for East Norriton residents only is November 23rd. Non-residents and late resident registrations accepted on a space availability basis as of November 26th. League play begins in early January. Proof of age required for all new participants.

## YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

### 6-7 yr. olds

AT: Paul Fly School Gym

ON: Friday afternoons beginning

January 25th for 6 weeks

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

FEE: \$25.00 per child.

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

**Registration deadline January 18th.**

## FOUL SHOOTING CONTEST

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

AT: East Norriton Middle School Gym

ON: Monday, February 4th

TIMES: 6:30 p.m. – 8-10 yr. olds

7:15 p.m. – 11-13 yr. olds

8 p.m. – 14-16 yr. olds

8 p.m. – 17-18 yr. olds

Boys and girls will each receive 15 shots; best score determines winner. Awards given to top three male and

female shooters in each age group. Sign-up prior to your age group time at gym night of event.

## WINTER BASEBALL CLINIC

### 9-18 yr. olds

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

ON: Monday evening beginning  
February 11th for 5 weeks

TIMES: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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

Three classes of baseball instruction for the serious player of the game. Hitting, fielding, pitching, and throwing skills will be covered by several qualified instructors. Resident only registration accepted until February 1st. First-come, first-served registrations from Feb. 4th – 8th based on space availability. 9-10 yr. olds will meet from 6-7 p.m., 11-12 yr. olds will be from 7- 8 p.m. and 13-18 yr. olds will meet from 8 – 9:30 p.m.

## KARATE

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

AT: Paul Fly School Gym

ON: Monday nights beginning  
January 7th for 8 weeks

TIMES: 5-12 yr. olds – 6-7 p.m., 13 yrs. to Adults – 7-8 p.m.

FEE: \$35.00 per participant

A basic introductory of TaeKwon-Do style karate. The class teaches block techniques and self-defense; while teaching self-discipline and motivation; while having fun and utilizing games. Instructor Master Harry Plichta, 6th degree black belt. Register at first class or at the Parks and Recreation Office prior to January 4th.

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## EAST NORRITON KARATE CLUB

5-12 yrs. olds & 13 yrs. – Adults

AT: Paul Fly School

ON: Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning January 7th

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

FEE: \$25.00 per person per month

An internationally certified TaeKwon-do school. The classes cover all aspects of this defensive art, with opportunities to advance to black belt. The classes are open to beginners or advanced, male or female. Instructor Master Harry Plichta, 6th degree black belt. Sign up at first class.

## BABY SITTING FOR A JOB

Suggested for 9-13 yr. olds

AT: East Norriton Middle School

ON: Monday evenings beginning February 11th for 8 weeks

TIME: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

FEE: \$10.00 per person

Program will teach youths the proper skills needed to be a responsible babysitter. Class is taught by a certified Red Cross Instructor. Class is limited to first 20 registrants. *Deadline to register is Wednesday, February 6th.*

## 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.

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](http://www.umdgc.com). You may register for any UMDGC class that is offered through East Norriton Parks & Recreation Department.

## GYMNASTICS CLASS

3-4 yr. olds

ON: Sunday afternoons, February 3rd to April 6th

TIME: 1:15 p.m. – 2 p.m.

FEE: \$155

A fun-filled introduction to gymnastics, with the assistance of an adult if necessary. Over the course of the session, a sense of self-confidence and body awareness will be instilled through skill repetition on age-appropriate equipment. Additionally, preschool children will learn crucial skills such as independence from parents, waiting for turns, and following directions in a nurturing atmosphere.

## GYMNASTICS CLASS

4-16 yr. olds

ON: Sunday afternoons, February 3rd to April 6th

TIME: 3-4 p.m.

FEE: \$155 per participant

Designed for beginner to advanced beginner gymnasts. The coaching staff will provide a fun, progressive introduction to all of the men's and women's events, as well as tumbltrak and trampoline. These activities increase the essential physical attributes common to all sports: coordination, balance, discipline, and self-esteem. Groups are split based upon skill level, age, and/or gender when appropriate.

## TUMBLING CLASS

5 yr. olds & up

ON: Sunday afternoons, February 3rd to April 6th

TIME: 2-3 p.m.

FEE: \$155 per participant

Focus is entirely on tumbling and trampolines. Ideal for cheerleaders. Tumblers may wear clean, dry cheerleading shoes. Instruction will center on basic tumbling skills and build towards standing back handsprings.

## CREATIVE DANCE & GYMNASTICS

3-5 yr. olds

ON: Thursday afternoons, January 31st to April 3rd

TIMES: 2-3 p.m.

FEE: \$155 per participant

The perfect introduction to dance and gymnastics. After a short warm-up, the class will split time in the gym and studio. Ballet shoes are not required; bare feet or socks permitted.

## TUMBLE TAPS

4-6 yr. olds

ON: Saturday mornings, February 2nd to April 5th

TIME: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

FEE: \$150 per participant

An introduction to tap and gymnastics. Participants will learn stomps, shuffles, and heel and toe stamps as well as how to keep a rhythm with tambourines and rhythm sticks. Tap shoes are required for this class; they may be rented from UMDGC or purchased.

## EAST NORRITON LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN-UP

### 5-15 yr. olds

AT: East Norriton Middle School  
Multi Purpose Room

ON: Friday, January 11th – 6-9 p.m.  
Saturday, January 12th & Saturday,  
January 19th – 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
(Snow date: Friday, January 18th –  
6-8:30 p.m. in the event of snow on  
the 11th or 12th)

Mark these dates for 2008 for boys'  
baseball and tee ball registrations.  
Check out our web site at [www.enlitleague.com](http://www.enlitleague.com)

## ENGAA SOFTBALL

### 5-15 yr. olds

The East Norriton Girls Athletic  
Association (ENGAA) will be holding  
registrations for the 2008 softball  
season for girls 5yrs. to 15 years old  
on the following dates and locations:

- **Paul V. Fly Elementary**  
Friday, January 18, 2008  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Eisenhower Middle School**  
Sunday, January 20, 2008  
3-4 p.m.

Registrations will also be accepted at  
the East Norriton Township Municipal  
Building and Parks and Recreation  
Office, Monday through Friday 9 a.m.  
– 4 p.m. until February 4th, 2008.  
The fee for girls 5-8 years old is \$50  
and girls 9-15 years old is \$60.  
Registration forms will be distributed  
through the schools and also available  
at the Township Building, and at gym  
the day of registration. Please contact  
Tom Tirpak at [tmtirpak@juno.com](mailto:tmtirpak@juno.com)

## BOYS LACROSSE

### 2nd to 8th graders

The Norristown Lacrosse program  
sponsors boys lacrosse teams in three  
age groups A (7th – 8th grade)  
B (5th – 6th grade) and BI (under 5th  
grade). Registration will be held at  
the Norristown PAL Center 10 a.m. –  
2 p.m. Registration fee includes entry  
in winterlax program. This is 6 week  
clinic style for all levels. For more  
information contact Jeff Calhoun  
at 610-630-6553 or e-mail  
[jbcalhoun1@comcast.net](mailto:jbcalhoun1@comcast.net).

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

### 15TH ANNUAL EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP CHRISTMAS PARADE AT HILLCREST PLAZA

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

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

### HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Once again this year, our committee will be traveling throughout the neigh-  
borhoods to judge the many beautifully decorated homes in our Township  
during this upcoming Holiday Season. If you want to be included in this  
year's event, please call our office at 610-275-2800 no later than December  
12th and leave your name and address. Only homes nominated will be  
judged so be sure to call in your name and address soon.

### SANTA VISITS THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the Norriton Fire  
Engine Company will once again be bringing Santa to the neighborhoods  
of East Norriton via fire truck. Mark the date Saturday, December 22nd  
beginning around 6 p.m. Tell the kids to keep their eyes and ears open for  
one of their last chances to see Santa prior to his visit on Christmas eve.

### DISNEY ON ICE TRIP: "High School Musical"

ON: Monday December 31st, 2007

FEE: \$37 per person, includes round trip school bus transportation and a  
lower level seat.

Forty-five lower level seats have been purchased for this show at the Wachovia  
Center. Bus departs from the Parks and Recreation Office at 9:15 a.m. for  
the 11 a.m. show. Limited seats are available and will be sold on a first-come,  
first served basis.

## SPRING TRIP

### DISNEY BROADWAY SHOW "The Little Mermaid"

ON: First show, Saturday, May 3rd; Second Show, Wednesday, June 4th

Two trips have been planned to see the new Disney Broadway Show "The  
Little Mermaid". Both trips include round trip motor coach transportation  
and an orchestra seat. Bus departs from the Parks and Recreation Office at  
7:45 a.m. providing you with plenty of free time for shopping, sight-seeing,  
and lunch on your own. Show time is 2 p.m. with doors for the theater  
opening at 1:30 p.m. Bus departs for East Norriton directly after the show  
with no dinner stop planned. Fee for the trip is \$155 per person. Limited  
number of seats are available for each show and will be sold on a first-come,  
first-served basis. For more information or to reserve your seat, call the Parks  
and Recreation Office at 610-275-2800.

## DISCOUNT SKI AREA LIFT TICKET SALES



Before heading to the slopes this year, call the Recreation Office at 610-275-2800 to check out the discounts available on lift tickets for many of the area ski areas. These are actually vouchers which can be turned in for a lift ticket at the slopes. They are not discount coupons. Vouchers are good the entire ski season for 2007-2008. Ski areas participating include The Big Two, (Jack Frost and Big Boulder) Blue Mt., Camelback, Elk, Bear Creek, Shawnee and Montage. Please call ahead to find out exact cost and set up a time for picking up your tickets.

## YOU SNOOZE... YOU LOSE

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

### 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.

# East Norriton Township Historic Properties

The East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors recently passed Resolution 2344 designating the following properties as East Norriton Township Historic Resources. This list was compiled by the East Norriton Township Historical Advisory Commission for the Board of Supervisors approval. Additional properties can be added to this list by sending documentation for review to the East Norriton Township Historical Advisory Commission, 2501 Stanbridge Street, East Norriton, PA 19401.

1. **Norriton Presbyterian Church – 1698**, Oldest standing Presbyterian Church. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Revolutionary soldiers buried in adjoining cemetery. The church also served as a military hospital after the Battle of Germantown.
2. **1056 W. Germantown Pike – 1755**, House and property used as a parsonage for the nearby Presbyterian Church
3. **1033 W. Germantown Pike – 1790, David Rittenhouse Farm**; home of Scientist, Astronomer and Statesman David Rittenhouse. He built his own observatory here.
4. **3105 Potshop Rd. – Beyers School**, original building ruins 1849, existing building 1888
5. **3101 Potshop Rd. – ca. 1830**, Farmhouse with springhouse and barn
6. **3032 Taft Rd. – 1778, Farmhouse, Hobby Horse Farm**, Farm house with bake oven and root cellar.
7. **835 W. Germantown Pike – 1770, Toll Gate Farm** (John E. Teller) During the 18th C., this farmhouse was a toll stop along Germantown Pike
8. **807 W. Germantown Pike – 1757 St. Clair Farm** (Has a substantial walk-in fireplace in basement). Home of General David St. Clair, a Revolutionary War hero
9. **800 W. Germantown Pike – 1894, Norritonville School**, a school existed on this property as early as 1771
10. **716 W. Germantown Pike – ca. 1800, DeSage House**, historic farm house and outbuilding
11. **529 N. Whitehall Rd. – Burr Meeting House** (Georgian Architecture), from 1841 – 1914 site used for worship, Sunday School, meetings of the Norritonville Total Abstinence Society and the Norritonville Literacy Society.
12. **2935 Whitehall Rd. – Weiss Home**, Built by Louis Khan
13. **523 W. Germantown Pike – 1856 date stone, Stem Home and Barn** has been in the Stem family since it was built
14. **420 W. Germantown Pike – mid 1700's, Barley Sheaf Inn**, Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Inn listed in 1806, later called the "Sign of General Jackson". Jacksonian Democrats met there. Also an assembly point for the troops of the Montgomery County Militia.
15. **3131 North Wales Rd. – 1826, Campbell/Stratton Farm with Springhouse**, Greek Revival Architecture. As early as 1748, there was a dwelling on this property. In 1826 the Yost family began to run the farm. Henry Nuding bought the farm in 1906 and kept it until 1922 when it was purchased by J. Henry Beale.
16. **313 W. Germantown Pike – pre-revolutionary, Bartle Bartleson Tavern**. On maps in 1759 and 1770. American Troops camped on property on June 19, 1778. British troops were also there. Widow Bartleson was awarded money for damages done in 1777-78.
17. **Norris City Cemetery – 1858**, Close to 200 veterans buried in this small cemetery with 142 Civil War Soldiers buried here. Prior to being a cemetery this is the original site of the Methodist Chapel and the Supplee School house.
18. **224 Orchard Lane – Dr. Robert Shannon Home**. George Washington slept there on June 19, 1778 on his way from Valley Forge to New Jersey.
19. **2400 Swede Rd. – Norman/Supplee Mill, Carding and Fulling Mill**
20. **2410 Swede Rd. – 1811**, Gothic Revival Architecture, listed as National Register Eligible with the State, probably associated with the Supplee mill complex
21. **3312 Swede Rd. – 1828, Ellis House**, Late Victorian, last of three homes built in this area by the Ellis Brothers
22. **102/104 Mill Rd. – Custer/Abbett/Gotwals/Wertsner/Brusch Mill**, Site of Grist Mill started by Samuel Custer as of 1798.
23. **101 Mill Rd. – 1874, Home of C. Wertsner** shown on old maps
24. **2939 Haines Rd.**
25. **3309 Dekalb Pike – Liberty Bell Trolley Station** (Power House) Montgomery County Traction Company – Liberty Bell Route
26. **2000 Dekalb Pike – 1850**, Colonial Revival
27. **2006 Dekalb Pike – 1850**, Colonial Revival
28. **2008 Dekalb Pike – 1860**, Greek Revival
29. **2012 Dekalb Pike – 1860**, Colonial Revival
30. **2016 Dekalb Pike – 1860**, Craftsman
31. **2230 Dekalb Pike – 1920**, Colonial Revival
32. **2315 Old Arch Rd. – 1809**, Federal Style
33. **2421 Arch Rd. – 1763**, built by Jacob Huguely, cordwainer
34. **3002 Butchers Lane – 1816, Plaster Mill** opened in 1816 by David Abbott and then purchased by John Butcher in 1823. It remained in the Butcher family until the twentieth century.
35. **628 Manchester Rd. – Farm House** built 1800 Federal Style

## 2007 TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Board of Supervisors . . . Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.  
*(normally the 4th Tuesday of each month)*  
 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.)

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

Watch the web site for  
 upcoming information:

**EASTNORRITONTWP.ORG**

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

*The Board of Supervisors will  
 announce the meeting dates and  
 times for 2008 at the Reorgani-  
 zation Meeting on Monday,  
 January 7th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.*

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

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See Santa Claus on Saturday, December 1st at the  
 15th Annual East Norriton Township Christmas Parade  
 at Hillcrest Plaza

*(Rain Date Sunday December 2nd)*

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



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