



East Norriton Township

Issues

Winter 2008/2009

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP CENTENNIAL



East Norriton Township Fund Raising Committee

A very special thank you is being extended to the Fund Raising Committee for all their efforts in raising funds for our upcoming Centennial Celebration in 2009. The Fund Raising Committee had a goal of \$100,000 and has raised over \$87,000 through their hard work to date. The committee will be holding several other events which should put them over their goal. The monies raised will be used to defray the expenses of the many programs and events scheduled to celebrate East Norriton Township's 100th Anniversary during 2009.

The committee has worked on three events to date including the printing of a program/ad booklet which was sponsored by approximately 125 businesses. The program/ad booklet also contains the history of East Norriton Township from the days of William Penn until the present. This booklet has raised nearly \$67,000 through the purchase of ads in this 140 page booklet. The committee also sponsored a resident mailer to help with the costs of the events during 2009. To date, nearly 250 residents have responded with donations raising another \$6,800. The committee also recently sponsored a live and silent auction at Presidential Caterers which raised close to another \$14,000.

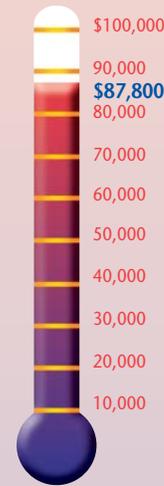
Members of the Centennial Fund Raising Committee include Anthony Taormina, Chairman, Charles Tornetta and Skip Oliver, Vice-Chairmen, Helmuth Baerwald, Treasurer, Larry Brown, Secretary, Lewis McQuirns, Donald Gracia, Kandy Heckman, James Serratore, James Staufenberg, Bud Denner, Joseph Gambone Jr., Gus Mandracchia, Geoffrey Brandon, Harry Mirabile Jr., Marc Salamone, Cherifa Howarth, and Joan Morello.

Centennial/Friendship Garden Dedication

The East Norriton Township Centennial/Friendship Garden was dedicated on Tuesday, October 21st, 2008. The Centennial Friendship Garden was constructed through donations and grants as a memorial of East Norriton Township's 100th Anniversary and the continuing relationship with our Sister City Treptow-Köpenick von Berlin in Germany which will be celebrating its 800th anniversary in 2009.

The Chairman of the Centennial Committee, Francis "Bud" Denner served as the Master of Ceremonies for the dedication ceremony. The invocation was

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CENTENNIAL FUND RAISING GOAL

At the time of publication of the East Norriton Winter Newsletter, the Township residents and businesses had raised \$87,800 dollars of the \$100,000 goal for the Centennial Celebration.



Pictured from left during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the East Norriton Township Centennial/Friendship Garden are Francis "Bud" Denner, Chairman of the Centennial Committee, Lewis McQuirns, Chairman Board of Supervisors East Norriton Township, Karin Zehrer, Deputy of the Treptow-Köpenick City Parliament and Marc Salamone of Philomeno and Salamone General Contractor for the construction of the garden.



Live and Silent Auction Held for Centennial Fund Raiser

The East Norriton Township Centennial Fund Raising Committee sponsored a live and silent auction at Presidential Caterers on Thursday October 2nd, 2008 from 6-9 p.m. Over 100 items were available to bid on for the event through the generous donations of area businesses, merchants and Golf Outing Productions. A station buffet and cocktail party was available for the participants to enjoy while they viewed and bid on the many items on display. Stations of food included pasta, antipasto, beef and ham carving and pastries.



Members of the East Norriton Township Live and Silent Auction Committee pictured from left Lewis McQuirns, Chairman Board of Supervisors East Norriton Township, Pat Owens, Commerce Bank, Anthony Taormina, Facenda Whitaker Bowling Lanes, Larry Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation, Gus Mandracchia, Presidential Caterers, Barb Augustine, Golf Outing Productions Cherifa Howarth, G&C Waste, and Scott Foster, Scott Foster Auctions. Missing at time of picture, Helmuth Baerwald, Township Manager, Jim Staufenberg and Kandy Heckman, East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors, Joe Tarantino, Continental Realty, Geoffrey Brandon, Commerce Bank, and Joan Morello, Penn Liberty Bank.

This event was made possible through the very generous donation of Gus Mandracchia (Presidential Caterers) who hosted the auction and provided the excellent buffet stations, as well as the disc jockey for music for the evening. Music was also provided by the Cole Manor Elementary School chorale group.

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ATTENTION COOKS!



East Norriton residents, former residents and employees have submitted their favorite recipes to be included in the East Norriton

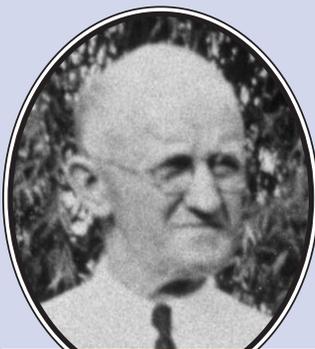
Township Centennial Cookbook, "Hometown Favorites". The padded 3-ring loose leaf binder and stand will have over 200 recipes including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and beverages.

The books costing \$8.50 will be sold at all of the Centennial events in 2009. They will also be available at the township building during business hours.

To reserve your copy in advance, please email Cindy Serratore at ccserratore@aol.com or call the township building at 610-275-2800.

Past Supervisors of East Norriton Township

The photos below are some of the past supervisors who served during the early years of the Township's history.



RICHARD TEMPLIN

Supervisor 1938 – 1945



CALVERT V. HURDLE

Supervisor 1946 – 1958



ELIAS KRIEBEL

Supervisor 1946 – 1949



HENRY K. STANBRIDGE

Supervisor 1948 – 1966



Upcoming Centennial Events

The Centennial Dinner Celebration will take place at Presidential Caterers located on Germantown Pike in East Norriton Township on Friday, February 20th. Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7:15 p.m. Guest speakers and other entertainment have been planned for this evening. Tickets will be available at the East Norriton Township Administration Building or through members of the Centennial Fund Raising Committee for \$50 per person. Governor Rendell has been invited to speak at this event.

The reenactment of the splitting of Norriton Township into East and West Norriton Townships will take place on the actual 100th anniversary Monday March 9th 2009 at the Montgomery County Court House in Norristown with the Supervisors of East Norriton Township and the Commissioners of West Norriton Township attending court with the Honorable Joseph Smyth presiding over this mock separation.

Plans for the Historic Home and site tour are well underway with the program being administered by the East Norriton Township Historical Advisory Committee. Nine historic places are already lined up with a possible addition of one or two more sites. The tour will run from 1-5 p.m. Tickets will be available in advance at the East Norriton Township Building or also can be purchased the day of the event at the Township Building. Cost for the tour will be \$5 per ticket.

Planning is also ongoing for the Centennial Parade which will be held on Saturday, May 30th, 2009. Organizations, businesses and individuals who would like to participate in this event should contact the Township Building to be placed on a mailing list as plans are completed and information disseminated about the parade details.

On July 4th, 2009, East and West Norriton Townships will join to sponsor a day full of events including a 5K run at the Norristown Farm Park scheduled for 9 a.m. This event will be followed by a children's bike parade at 11 a.m. also scheduled for the Farm Park on the trail starting across from the Norristown High School entrance and continuing to the new baseball field located just off of Sterigere Street in West Norriton. Events and refreshments will be held for the kids at the ball field site. Advanced registration will be necessary. Forms will be printed in the spring and will be included in the Spring/Summer Newsletter, as well as, sent out through township schools. The evening will feature a fabulous fireworks display at Stanbridge Street Park in East Norriton Township celebrating the Centennial for both Townships.

The Centennial Celebration will culminate with a two day Community Day Celebration on Friday, September 11th and Saturday, September 12th at Stanbridge Street Park. Food, rides and entertainment will be available both Friday evening and all day Saturday with fireworks planned for both nights.

Additional information will be forthcoming in the upcoming Spring/Summer Newsletter, the Township website www.eastnorritontwp.org and news articles printed in the local newspapers.

The East Norriton Township Centennial Committee has announced the following upcoming events during 2009:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

Centennial Celebration Dinner at Presidential Caterers

MONDAY, MARCH 9TH

Reenactment of Splitting of Norriton Township into East & West Norriton Townships

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

Historic Site & Home Tour

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH

Centennial Parade

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

5k Run, Bike Parade & Fireworks Run in Conjunction with West Norriton Township

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

East Norriton Community Days Celebration with Fireworks Both Nights



Lloyd Young Recognized



Lloyd "Lucky" Young was recognized by the Board of Supervisors for his many dedicated years of service to the Township serving on various Boards and Commissions. Pictured (left to right): James K. Staufenberg, James J. Serratore, III, Lewis K. McQuirns, Donald J. Gracia, Kandy Heckman, and Lucky Young.

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 a brief resume to the following. Please indicate in your letter of introduction, which Board or Commission may be of interest to you.

CONTACT: Helmuth J.H. Baerwald, Township Manager
East Norriton Township, 2501 Stanbridge Street
East Norriton, PA 19401-1616 • PHONE: 610-275-2800

2008 Distinguished Citizen Award

The Board of Supervisors will be accepting nominations for The 2008 Distinguished Citizen Award. Applications are available at The Township Building during regular hours of service and must be received at the Township by December 26th, 2008. The award will be presented at the Regular Board of Supervisor's meeting in January 2009. For more information, please call 610-275-2800 or fax 610-277-1879.

Helmuth J.H. Baerwald, Township Manager
East Norriton Township, 2501 Stanbridge Street
East Norriton, PA 19401-1616

Norristown Area School District — Homestead Exclusion Application

Homeowners who have not signed up for the property tax relief under Act 1 will receive a "homestead exclusion application" in the mail in late December. Homeowners will need to complete the form to be eligible for state-funded property tax relief. Anyone whose homestead exclusion application has been approved within the past three (3) years does not need to submit another application. If your application was approved over three (3) years ago, you will need to submit a new application.

Homeowners with questions about the status of their property can contact the School District's Business Office at 610-630-5006.

The form itself and instructions can be found at:
<http://boa.montcopa.org>

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 and the beginning of 2009. 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 27th Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 28th Day after Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 25th Christmas
Friday, December 26th Day after Christmas
(designated floating holiday)
Thursday, January 1st, 2009 New Year's Day
Monday, January 19th, 2009 . Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday February 16th, 2009 President's Day

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**.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1) **INCLEMENT WEATHER** — Snow will soon be in the forecast. Remember that your vehicles must be off the Township Roads when there is snow on the road surface. Pay attention to the forecast and move your cars off the roadway when snow is expected.
- 2) **WINTERIZE** — Winterize your vehicles now. Check the battery, windshield wipers and tires before you have to drive on icy or snow covered roads.
- 3) **SCHOOLS IN SESSION** — Remember children will be standing at bus stops and walking along roads to school during early morning and afternoon dim light. Watch for them!

The Police Department has remained busy during the last several months. Officers from East Norriton continually attend training to improve the quality of service provided to East Norriton residents.

Training included drug training for the officers involved with the Montgomery County Drug Task Force, and supervisor training for Sgt Pasquale, Brannen, and Off. Cover. Lieutenants Kates and Taboga and Sgt. Boyer attended Advanced Instructor Development. Offs. Caso and Myers

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

attended Field Training Officer (FTO) certification course.

East Norriton Township recognized four officers for exceptional work in apprehending a suspect who had committed a bank robbery. Sgt. Walters, Officers Thomson, Myers, and McDermott were given a Unit Citation for their professional action which resulted in the arrest of the robbery suspect an hour after the robbery.

East Norriton Township Police Department successfully underwent re-accreditation by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association in November. The department first received its accreditation in July of 2005. All departments must be re-accredited every three years to keep its certification. The accreditation process requires applying agencies to conform to over one hundred and thirty different standards of compliance. These standards are designed to make the agency more professional, efficient and responsive to its citizens. In short, accreditation is a progressive and time proven way of helping a department evaluate and improve performance. East Norriton Township is one of forty-seven departments statewide that have undergone the process. The department's Accreditation Manager, Lt. Kates along with her staff of Sgts. Walters, Ulmer, and Officer Brennan handled the difficult task of preparing for the assessment. The East Norriton Township Police officers and citizens can be truly proud of their police department. The East Norriton Township Police Department has a new School Resource Officer. Officer Karl Fischer has been designated the new SRO after undergoing an interview process of school district officials and East Norriton Police supervisors. Officer Fischer's duties will place a police presence at the East Norriton Middle school. This will provide a positive role model for the students as well as safety and anti-drug/alcohol programs.

East Norriton Township has installed three electronic speed signs on Whitehall, North Wales, and Potshop Roads. The Township has received complaints of speeders on these three roads and it is hoped that these signs will help deter speeding and remind drivers to obey the speed limit.

The annual softball game between Norriton Fire Company and the East Norriton Employees (Police, Administration, and Public Works Dept.) was held in October. The Fire Company was victorious in the hard fought contest, winning 15 to 14.

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.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Fourth quarter sewer bills are to be mailed on December 31st, 2008. This bill is for water consumption for the periods June, July and August of 2008.

Tax Collection

Current Real Estate Tax Bills are payable prior to December 31st, 2008. Following this date, a tax lien will be filed against all delinquent properties. There are two (2) additional Interim Real Estate Tax bills issued to property owners for newly constructed homes. The tax bills are issued by Berkheimer Associates for the Norristown Area School District and by the East Norriton Township Tax Collector for Montgomery County and East Norriton Township.

News from the

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – NORRISTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

We have added another wonderful online service for children to our website. **TumbleBook Library** is an online collection of animated, talking picture books that teach children the joy of reading in a format that they will love. **TumbleBooks** are created by adding animation, sound, music, and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book that can be read. Visit our website at www.mc-npl.org and take a few minutes to give your child a chance to experience reading in a new way or call 610-278-5100 ext 123 for assistance in accessing our latest addition.

Do you have a library card? Do you remember where it is? If your answer to these questions is "NO;" we can solve your problem. Stop by one of the Montgomery County Library Bookmobiles and we can replace your card. When viewing our website you have the ability to access the catalog and place requests for books, CDs and videos from the comfort of your own home to have ready for you at your bookmobile location. Library materials throughout the nation are at your finger tips. The library card also gives user access to powerful research engines that are only available to library card holders. For further information and our Bookmobile schedule please visit our website www.mc-npl.org or call us at 610-278-5100 ext 123.

The bookmobile is in your area on alternate Mondays at the Hillcrest Shopping Center.

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. We are extremely appreciative for the timely payment of the Real Estate Taxes. The average annual collection rate of these taxes is approximately 98%. Thank you for your continued support.

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	1/21/09	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday	3/26/09	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7/22/09	12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	10/28/09	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WINTER CHECKLIST FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL

The Fire Marshal's office would like to remind residents of East Norriton Township to review the following check list of items to take care of prior to and during the upcoming winter weather.

1. Please check CO detector(s).
2. Please store fire wood away from your residence.
3. Have chimneys swept, inspected for leaks and or be sure to have flue open before using.
4. Use caution if using kerosene heaters and don't leave them unattended when using them.
5. Please remove snow from your driveways, sidewalks and entry to your residence. Please help first responders to emergencies, help you.
6. Please clear snow from all fire hydrants and fire department connections.

Please check the townships website regarding READY NOTIFY and the SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY.

New Scheduling Procedure for Yard Waste Recycling

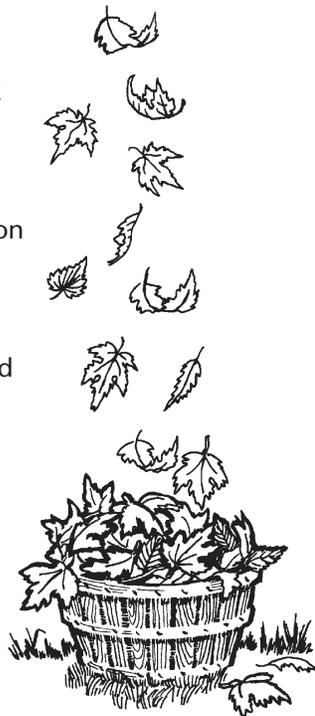
In order to more effectively manage the yard waste recycling program, the Township has decided to change the method in which collections are scheduled. Instead of contacting the collection contractor directly, residents are asked to call the Township's administrative offices at 610-275-2800, choose option 0 to speak to the receptionist or to leave a message regarding scheduling. **This change will become effective as of January 1, 2009.**

The Township's website is currently undergoing a redesign and in the near future residents will be able to schedule collections through our website by visiting the Public Works Page and clicking on the appropriate link under Yard Waste Recycling.

All other aspects of the yard waste recycling program remain the same. These collection guidelines are summarized below and are also listed on the Township's website for your convenience.

- Collections take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month
- Residents must schedule collection at least 7 days in advance
- Yard waste includes shrubbery, branches, bundled limbs and garden residue
- Not included are stumps, weeds, grass or leaves
- Materials must be bundled or placed in 32 gallon cans clearly marked for yard waste recycling
- Must be placed on your lawn within 5 ft. of curb w/cut ends facing street (not in the street)
- Size limitations: Bundles – max 2 ft. diameter and Individual branches – max 5 in. diameter
- Total quantity limits: 2 cubic yards per property per collection day (approximately ten 32 gallon cans or six bundles of material)
- Materials not properly prepared (in plastic bags, unacceptable materials, etc.) or excessive quantities of materials will not be collected.

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



EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP MAILBOX POLICY DURING SNOW PLOWING

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

Mailboxes Rules:

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

Christmas Tree Collections

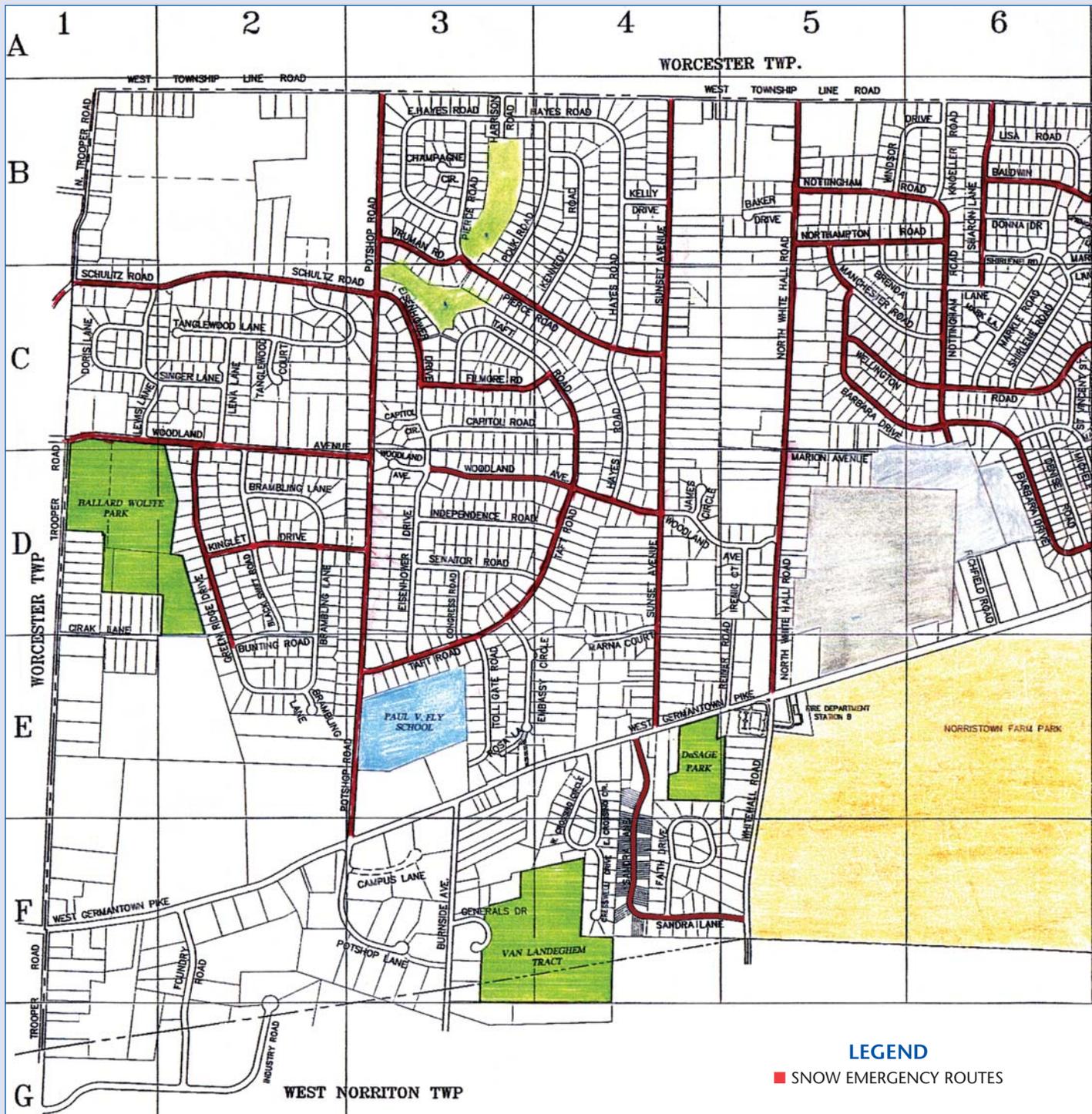
For the convenience of our residents the Township has scheduled 2 separate dates, **Monday January 5th and Monday January 12th**, for the collection of Christmas Trees. Please mark your calendars. Trees will be picked up Township wide on both of these days so there is no need to call in advance to schedule your collection.

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

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

Norristown Farm Park Deer Hunt

The Norristown Farm Park will be holding a one day antlerless deer hunt on **Wednesday January 21st, 2009**. This hunt is being conducted to help balance the park's deer herd. The hunt will follow the same procedures as previous years with the exception that all participants, except those with physical limitations, will be required to hunt from a self-provided climbing tree stand. For more information contact the Norristown Farm Park at 610-270-0215.

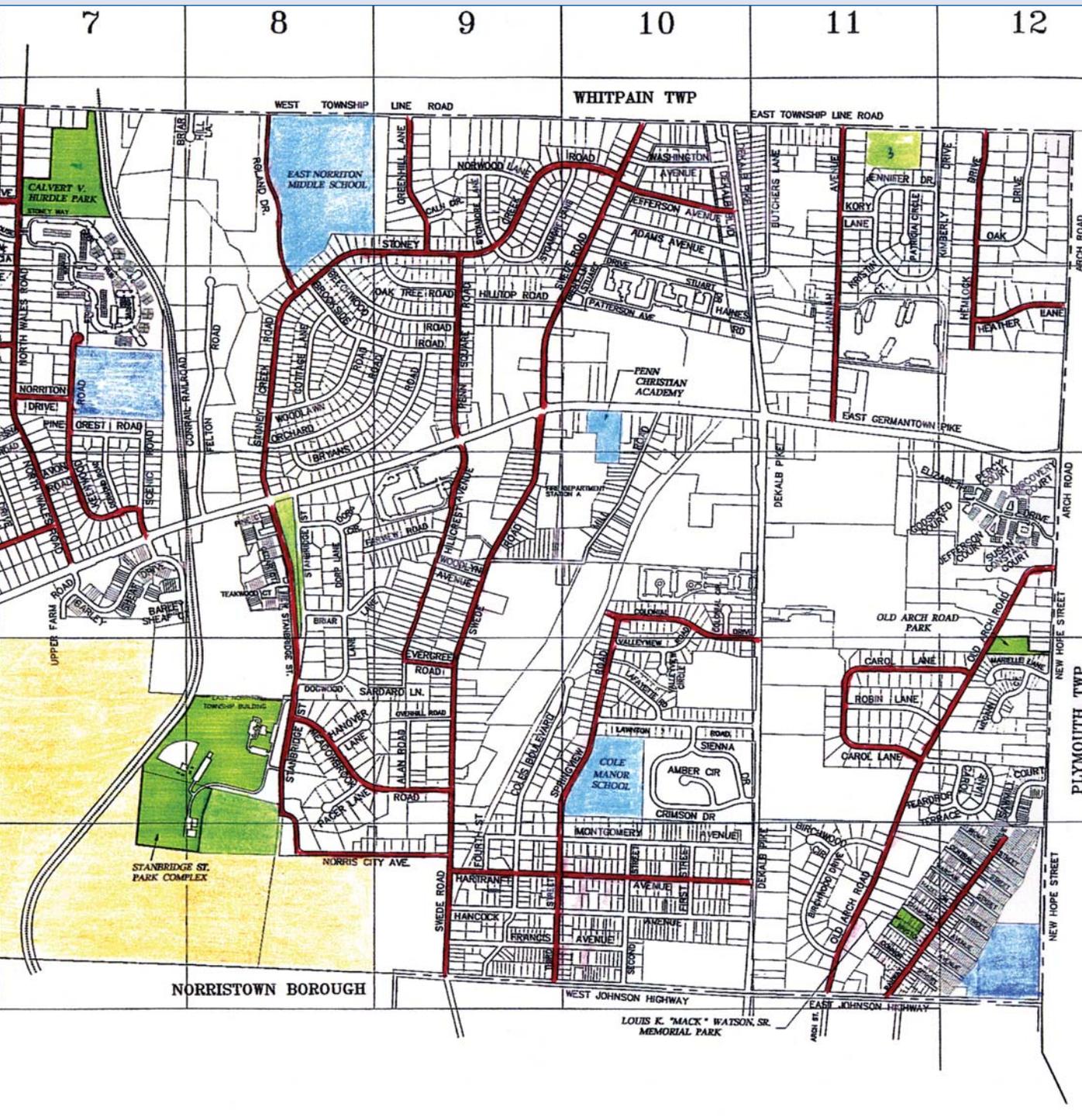


PARKING REGULATIONS DURING SNOW EVENTS

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.

WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS 2008/2009

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

Basketball league for East Norriton residents 8-18 yrs. old. Registrant must be 8 by January 1st, 2009. Age for all other players is as of October 1, 2008. Deadline for East Norriton residents only November 26, 2008. Non-residents and late resident registrations accepted on a space availability basis as of December 1, 2008. 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 23rd 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 16th.

FOUL SHOOTING CONTEST

Boys & Girls 8-18 yrs. old

AT: East Norriton Middle School Gym

ON: Monday, February 2nd

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 23rd 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 13th. First-come, first-served registrations from Feb. 16th – 20th 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 evenings beginning
January 12th for 6 weeks

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

FEE: \$35.00 per participant for
6 weeks

A basic introductory of TaeKwon-Do style karate. The class teaches block techniques and self-defense; while teaching self-discipline and motivation; while having fun and utilizing games. Instructor Master Harry Plichta, 6th degree black belt. Register at first class or at the Parks and Recreation Office prior to January 9th.

EAST NORRITON KARATE CLUB

5-12 yrs. olds & 13 yrs. – Adults

AT: Paul Fly School

ON: Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning January 5th

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 through advanced, male or female. Instructor Master Harry Plichta, 6th degree black belt. Sign up at first class.

TAI CHI

16 yrs. & up

AT: Paul Fly School

ON: Wednesday evenings beginning January 14th for 6 weeks (minimum to run class 10 participants)

TIME: 8-8:45 p.m.

FEE: \$50.00 per person

An introduction to the Chinese Martial Art of Tai Chi. Many health benefits can be gained using the slow calming fluid motion and deep breathing exercises. Tai Chi is a healthy workout using the patterns and its self defense movements. Loose clothing and light footwear should be worn. Please call the Recreation office by January 9th to reserve your space.

BABY SITTING FOR A JOB

Suggested for 9-13 yr. olds

AT: East Norriton Middle School Multi-purpose Room

ON: Monday evenings beginning February 9th 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 baby-sitter. Class is taught by a certified Red Cross Instructor. Class is limited to first 15 registrants. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, February 4th.**

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

16TH ANNUAL EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP CHRISTMAS PARADE AT HILLCREST PLAZA

ON: Saturday, December 6th (Rain date Sunday, December 7th)

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 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Once again this year, our committee will be traveling throughout the neighborhoods to judge the many beautifully decorated homes in our Township during this upcoming Holiday Season. If you want to be included in this year's event, please call our office at 610-275-2800 no later than December 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 20th beginning around 5 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: "World of Fantasy"

ON: Friday December 26th, 2008

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

45 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 11:00 a.m. show. Limited seats are available and will be sold on a first-come, first served basis.

SPRING BROADWAY SHOW TRIP

"SHREK"

ON: Saturday, May 2nd, 2009 FEE: \$150.00 per ticket

East Norriton Township has planned a trip to see the Broadway Show "SHREK". The trip includes round trip motor coach transportation and an orchestra/front mezzanine seat for the matinee show. 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 2:00 p.m. with doors for the theater opening at 1:30 p.m. Bus departs for East Norriton Township directly after the show with no dinner stop planned. Limited number of seats are available for this 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.

DON'T MISS THESE REGISTRATION DATES!

EAST NORRITON LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN-UP

5-15 yr. olds

AT: East Norriton Middle School
Multi-purpose Room

WHEN:

Friday, January 9th, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 10th &

Saturday, January 17th, 10-2 p.m.

(Snow date: Friday, January 16th –
6-8:30 p.m. in the event of snow on
the 9th or 10th)

Mark these dates for 2009 for boys'
baseball and tee ball registrations.
Check out our web site at www.enlitttleleague.com

BIKE HELMETS FOR SALE:

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

ENGAA SOFTBALL

5-15 yr. olds

The East Norriton Girls Athletic Association (ENGAA) will be holding registrations for the 2009 softball season for girls 5yrs. to 15 years old on the following dates and locations:

- **Paul V. Fly Elementary**
Friday, January 16, 2009
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Eisenhower Middle School**
Sunday, January 18, 2009
3:30 – 4:30 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 6th, 2009.

The fee for girls 5-8 years old is \$60 and girls 9-15 years old is \$70.

Registration forms will be distributed through the schools and also available at the Township Building, and at the gym the day of registration. Please contact Tom Tirpak with any questions at tmtirpak@verizon.net

BOYS LACROSSE

Kindergarten to 8th graders

The Norristown Area Youth Lacrosse Association will be holding registrations for boys in grades K-8 and girls in grades 5-6 in December. Registrations will be held at the PAL center. Check

the web site at www.norristownlax.com for exact dates and times or call Jeff Calhoun at 484-620-0570.

EAST NORRITON YOUTH WRESTLING

Grades 1 through 8

*New & Experienced
Wrestlers Welcome!*

All registrations will be held in the Norristown Area High School remedial gym, which is located on the second floor of the gymnasium building.

**WHEN: Tuesday, December 9th,
2008, 7-8 p.m. & Thursday,
December 11th, 2008, 7-8 p.m.**

FEE: \$20 resident, \$30 non-residents

*All checks payable to
"East Norriton Township"*

No experience is necessary. In both practice and competition, wrestlers are matched up according to age, weight, experience and ability level. All practices will take place at Norristown Area High School. Each Child will practice two nights per week. Each Saturday our wrestlers will compete against other clubs in the Intercounty Wrestling League.

Contact: Mark Harner,
Program Administrator
Phone: 610-584-8529
Email: harner13@comcast.com

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 2008-2009. 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.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Resident of East Norriton Township (Yes or No) Payment method: _____ Payment date: _____

Parent/guardian or participant if over 18 years old:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Night Phone: _____

Cell: _____ E-mail Address: _____

(Note: For use by the Parks and Recreation department only. Email addresses will not be shared.)

Special accommodations requested: _____

Emergency Contact: *(if different from above)*

Name: _____ Relation: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

East Norriton Township reserves the right to cancel any program, trip or activity due to insufficient participants, inclement weather or for any other reasonable cause. Should such a cancellation occur, a refund of fees will be provided. Participants who are unable to attend a program should notify the park and recreation department 48 hours before the event in order to qualify for a refund of registration fees. Refunds will not be provided for participant cancellations less than 48 hours before an event. There is a \$25.00 fee on all returned checks. Trip refunds will only be made if a replacement can be found. All refunds due to participant cancellation will result in a \$5 administrative charge.

PARTICIPANTS NAME	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	PROGRAM NAME	FEE

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP – PARK AND RECREATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANT LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE

All participants (or their legal guardians if the participant is under age 18) must review and sign the liability waiver and release below.

In consideration for being permitted to use East Norriton Township "Township" and/or Norristown Area School District facilities under the jurisdiction of East Norriton Township Recreation programs and/or to participate in Township-sponsored programs, I agree, for myself and/or for any minors in my care, to fully and completely release Township, its employees, boards, departments, agents and affiliated entities from all claims, liabilities or actions for any injuries to me, injuries to minors in my care and/or any loss or damage to my personal property or the personal property of any such minors arising from our use of Township facilities or participation in Township-sponsored activities and programs.

I agree to hold harmless and defend Township, its officials, employees, successors and assigns from any and all personal injuries and property damages sustained by others by reason of our use of Township facilities or participation in Township-sponsored activities or programs.

I understand that no health and/or accident insurance is provided by the Township. I also understand and agree, for myself, and/or for any minors in my care, that I am solely responsible at any sole cost and expense for furnishing medical or other insurance to cover any expenses related to any such personal injuries or property damage.

I hereby give Township staff permission to secure emergency medical care for minors in my care who may suffer an injury or illness while in the temporary care of Township representatives.

I agree, for myself and/or for any minors in my care, to comply with all

Township rules and regulations, including any rules and regulations governing any programs for which I, and/or any minors in my care, have registered, and understand and agree that noncompliance with any such rules and regulations by me, or any minors in my care, may result in termination of the privilege to use Township facilities and/or participate in Township-sponsored activities and programs. In the event of such a termination for cause, I understand that I will not be entitled to be reimbursed for any registration fees.

I further agree, for myself and/or for any minors in my care, that I will furnish a certified birth certificate or proof of birth upon request by the Township, as may be required for participation in Township activities and programs.

I grant the right to use my/our name, image, photograph and video, including composite or modification, representations in publications, brochures, newsletters, reports, website and any other material relating to Township parks and recreational programs, activities and facilities. I waive the right to inspect or approve versions of my/our image used for publication or the written copy that may be used in connection with the image. I fully release, indemnify and hold harmless Township for any liability for actions taken on our behalf as well as for use of my/our name or image as set forth herein.

Intending to be legally bound hereby, and with full authority, I acknowledge, agree to and accept the terms of this Liability Waiver and Release on behalf of myself and/or on behalf of any minors in my care.

Print Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Names of Minor(s) *(if any)* _____



The East Norriton Township Centennial/Friendship Garden dedicated October 21st, 2008.

provided by the Rev. Byron L. Craig of the Macedonia Baptist Church. Also participating in the dedication ceremony were the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors with Supervisor Chairman Lewis K. McQuirns providing an introduction of the memorial and acknowledged the assembled guests who included, Donald J. Gracia, Board Vice Chairman, Supervisors Kandy Heckman, James J. Serratore, III and James K. Staufenberg, Dr. Janet Samuels, Superintendent of the Norristown Area School District, Representative Jay Moyer, Lyndsay O'Herrick of Representative Mike Vereb's office, Karin Zehrer, Deputy of the Treptow-Köpenick City Parliament and her daughter Sophia. Karin and Sophia Zehrer read a statement for the dedication on behalf of Bürgermeisterin Gabriele Schöttler. The East Norriton Middle School band and chorus participated in the event by playing and singing the respective national anthems of the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany. The ribbon cutting ceremony included Lewis K. McQuirns, Supervisor Chairman, Francis "Bud" Denner Centennial Committee Chairman,



Pictured from left at the dedication of the Centennial/Friendship Garden: Lewis K. McQuirns, Chairman Board of Supervisors, Rev. Byron L. Craig of the Macedonia Baptist Church, Karin Zehrer, Deputy of the Treptow-Köpenick City Parliament, Francis "Bud" Denner, Chairman of the Centennial Committee, James Serratore III, Supervisor, Kandy Heckman, Supervisor, Donald J. Gracia, Vice-Chairman Board of Supervisors, Shirley Jording, Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager, and James Staufenberg, Supervisor.

Karin Zehrer of Treptow-Köpenick and Marc Salamone of Philomeno & Salamone.

The garden, constructed with boulders natural stones, consists of a central sitting area includes benches made from an East Norriton Township oak tree approximately 100 years old, a bubbler fountain, and three granite plaques (to be installed) one with a short history of East Norriton Township another with the history of Treptow-Köpenick von Berlin and a third with acknowledgements.

The garden which was designed and engineered collectively by the Arro Group and Gilmore Associates was constructed through the generous efforts of Philomeno and Salamone of Plymouth, Turning Leaf Landscaping and Design of Horsham and Stonehenge Landscaping Building Materials of East Norriton.

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



EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP VETERANS COMMITTEE

The East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial Committee will be continuing its fund-raising throughout 2009 with two ongoing fund raisers.

The Veterans Memorial Committee is selling U.S. flags, Pennsylvania flags, military flags, MIA/POW flags, Eagles, Phillies flags and many more. A detailed flyer is available along with an order form to purchase your flag at the East Norriton Township Administration Building as well as the Parks and Recreation office.

The Veterans Memorial Committee is also 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. Over 446 bricks have been purchased to date and placed on the walkway to the Veterans Memorial. Forms can be picked up at the Township Building or call the Parks and Recreation Office.

All proceeds from the sale of these flags and the purchase of the engraved bricks will be used for the continued upkeep of the East Norriton Township Veterans Memorial.

Einstein Land Development Update

Representatives from the Albert Einstein Healthcare Network appeared before the East Norriton Township Planning Commission on October 1, 2008 and again on October 8, 2008 to present their preliminary land development application and plans for the construction of a hospital and medical office building on the Wood's Golf Center property at Germantown Pike and Whitehall Road. Upon completion of the second meeting the Planning Commission members voted unanimously to recommend approval of Einstein's preliminary land development plan to the Board of Supervisors.

Issues raised by both Planning Commission members and members of the audience included roadway and intersection improvements, traffic volumes on both Germantown Pike and Whitehall Road, site landscaping, future growth and expansion of the hospital, water main extension costs, stormwater management, helicopter flight path and noise issues, the location of the loading dock and the economic and tax impact upon the Township, among others.

Revised preliminary plans were submitted to the Township on October 27, 2008 and distributed to our consultants for review. Copies of these plans and all associated documents are available for public review at the township building during normal business hours. Copies of any and all documents and plans associated with the application are also available for a nominal fee.

As of the time of this writing, the Supervisors have scheduled a special meeting to review Einstein's preliminary land development application at the East Norriton Middle School on November 19, 2008 beginning at 7:00 p.m. It is anticipated that Albert Einstein Healthcare Network representatives will be present at the Board of Supervisors regular December meeting, scheduled for December 23, 2008, to ask the Supervisors to consider their preliminary land development plan.



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



Live and Silent Auction Held for Centennial Fund Raiser *(continued from page 2)*

Silent auction tables closed at 7:30 p.m. with the live auction held at 8:00 p.m. Items for the live auction included a dome hockey game, a Wii system, a Florida vacation, 37" TV, a ride on the Fire Truck for the Centennial Parade in 2009, naming of the interior roadway of the East Norriton Township Municipal Complex for a year, and obtaining the services of the East Norriton Township's Manager, Helmuth Baerwald for a day. A special thank you is extended to the auctioneer, Scott Foster who did a fabulous job getting the people involved in this event.

The live and silent auction netted over \$14,000 for the event. The proceeds from this event will be used to help defray the costs of the many programs and events planned for the Centennial Celebration during 2009.

2008 TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES AND TIMES

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

The Board of Supervisors will announce the meeting dates and times for 2009 at the Reorganization Meeting on Monday, January 5th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Watch the web site for upcoming information:
EASTNORRITONTWP.ORG

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please

contact the Township Administration Building for exact times and dates. **610-275-2800**

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

2008 EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

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**See Santa Claus on Saturday, December 6th at the
16th Annual East Norriton Township Christmas Parade
at Hillcrest Plaza**

(Rain Date Sunday December 7th)

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



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