



# EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 2005

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### Letter from the Editor



Last January, heavy snow caused road crews to work almost nonstop for 48 hours to clear the snowdrifts. Doing this hard work takes its toll, especially on the heart of a 63-year old man. And so this past January, East Nottingham lost its roadmaster, Howard Wiley, to a heart attack. Although a lot was written in the papers about Howard, I would like to add my personal experience with him.

Howard and I got off to a bad start. The details are unimportant. Suffice it to say people make mistakes and things happen for a reason. But do to Howard's actions I became a concerned and active resident in the East Nottingham community.

When I starting working for the Township this past December we saw each other every day. In the beginning we would just say good morning, angry over what had happened, deciding to just not like each other. But you can't see someone every day and not gain a little insight into a person's heart.

Most people don't realize the responsibilities of the Roadmaster. Howard knew every road, corner and curve in the 61 miles of roads in ENT. He managed the road crew, as well as driving and repairing much of the equipment himself. It is more than a full time job.

But Howard was more than just the Roadmaster to the some ENT employees. He was a father figure to some of them, and made it a point to watch out for us all.

The day before he passed away he and I actually joked about the incident that led to our co-working status. It was a big step for both of us. I'd like to think we had started to become friends.

And so I'd like to dedicate this issue of the newsletter to Howard Wiley. A man who was human, filled with foibles like anyone else, but whose compassion for people was the driving force in his life. A man who couldn't stay mad forever and therefore broke down the barriers between us so we could become friends--A man who changed the course of my life.

### Getting to Know Your Local Government



This column continues to describe the roles and responsibilities of our township government. Volunteers are responsible for accomplishing essential services. In this issue we'll address the Planning Commission.

The structure and duties of the Planning Commission are outlined in the Municipalities Planning Code published by the state. The Commission must have at least three members and no more than nine. Ours has seven members, each sitting on the commission for a four-year term. Members must be residents of the township. On a commission of seven members, at least five shall be citizen members, meaning they can hold no other position in the township government. Members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. If you are interested, you may apply to join if a seat becomes available. Some of the powers and duties of the Planning Commission include:

- Maintain the comprehensive plan for the development of the township. The Commission is meant to guide uses of land and structures, type and location of streets, and public grounds.
- Prepare and maintain a zoning ordinance for the township. The ordinance describes the intended use of land, watercourses, density of population and even size, location, and use of structures.
- Recommend and administer subdivision and land development and planned residential development regulations.
- Prepare and maintain a building code and a housing code and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments.

Commission meetings are held every fourth Monday of the month. On the back of every newsletter there will be a list of the current and next season's Planning Commission meetings.

The documents referenced in this article are available for browsing at the township office or online at <http://www.psats.org/mpc>. But the best way to understand your government is to participate in your local meetings and get to know your representatives!



If you have a question or comment, please send your letter to the editor at [enteditor@zoominternet.net](mailto:enteditor@zoominternet.net)!

## Proposed Subdivisions & Land Developments

### In Preliminary Plan Process

1. Cook Brothers: **10** lots on 17 acres on Elk Creek Road.
2. Elizabeth Miller Farm: **124** lots on 80.5 acres on Twin House and Oaks Roads.
3. Elkdale Green: **85** lots on 69 acres on Little Elk Creek and Oxford Roads.
4. Jordan Manor/Tigue Farm: **165** lots on 250 acres on Little Elk Creek Road and Fifth Street.
5. Meadowview Estates: **47** lots on 28.5 acres on Wedgewood Road / bypass off of Locust Street.
6. Shepherd Farm: Twin House and Oaks Roads. **43** lots (original plan) – new plan to be provided soon.
7. Tom Swift: **4** lots on 9 acres south side of Wickersham Road.
8. Woods at Nottingham: **8** lots on 16 acres on Wilson Mill Road.
9. Ruth S. Coldiron: **7** lots on 6 acres on the east side of Wickersham Road, south of Market Street.
10. Woods at Nottingham: **7** lots on 16 acres on Wilson Mill Road.

### In Final Plan Process

11. Century Oak/Lawrlane Farms: **72** lots on 107 acres between Mt Pleasant and Waterway Roads.
12. Cooper Farms/Greenpoint Farms (Phase 2): **17** lots on 58.5 acres on Mt. Pleasant and Waterway Roads (55 total lots proposed).
13. Glenn Freese: **2** lots on 40 acres on Forge Road.
14. Hopewell Ridge: **29** lots on 65.7 acres on Forge and Lees Bridge Roads.
15. Lewis Tract: **14** lots on 16.7 acres on Reedville and Wilson Mill Roads.
16. Reserves at Dunlap: **111** lots on 74 acres on Barnsley and Twin House Roads.
17. Hickory Hill Road Tract: **211** lots on 88.5 acres on Wilson Mill, Frog Hollow & Oxford Roads.

## Open Space Update



As we know, the Open Space Referendum passed last November. ENT is developing an Open Space Task Force. Its objective will be to seek out farm owners who have a long-term investment in the township and do not wish to see their land turned into housing developments. ENT has signed the certification required by the county to participate in the County Challenge Grant Program. For every dollar the township is willing to put toward our open space, the county will match it up to \$12,000 total.

The task force will help farmers fill out the voluminous county paperwork. The county's goal is to have as much open, contiguous space as possible.

## Community Star



The community star for this issue is Marianne Russo, chair of the Planning Commission. Marianne and her family moved from Manhattan to Lower Oxford in 1965. This move provided them a wonderful teaching opportunity at Lincoln University, but transported the family from the hustle of Manhattan to the rural quiet of Southern Chester County. By 1969, the Russo family moved into their present house in ENT.

Marianne's first community involvement occurred with the ownership of their house. In 1969 the Army Corp of Engineers was planning to dam the Little Elk Creek. This dam would have flooded the entire valley, including the Russo's home. Marianne, her husband Paul and 300 concerned neighbors mobilized to stop the dam. By attending township meetings, asking questions and questioning the need for the dam, the citizens of the area got the Army Corp of Engineers to halt the project.

Over the next several years, Marianne and her husband, Paul, were involved in election campaigns and attended township meetings. During this time, Paul developed an interest in the history of the area around Lincoln University. He was told many family stories by a babysitter the family used. The little town of Hinsonville became more real with the research done by Paul and many of his students. Marianne, meanwhile, was involved with raising their three children and her own teaching at Lincoln. Unfortunately, Paul lost his battle with cancer in 1979.

Marianne stayed very involved with family and work over the next several years. In 1998, a housing development was planned near Marianne's home. This re-ignited her concerns about the development and preservation of land in ENT. She began to attend township meetings again, asked questions and eventually found herself on the Planning Commission and then chairperson of the committee. Her interest in preserving history also led to her involvement with the ENT Historical Commission. Marianne's wish for ENT is to preserve the family farms and open space that drew us all to this area, and save the physical history of our past by preserving the historic buildings found in our township.

You would think this would keep Marianne busy, but she found time to put together her husband's notes about Hinsonville. In April, *Hinsonville, a Community at the Crossroads*, will be published. The Oxford Historical Society will be doing a book signing in the Spring 2005.

**Thank you Marianne, for all you do for our community!**

## Open Burning

Now that spring is finally here, we will all be doing the usual outside activities, some involving the use of fire. Although ENT is in the process of developing its own ordinance, it is currently following the PA Department of Environmental Protection guidelines regarding open burning.

(a) *Air basins*. No person may permit the open burning of material in an air basin.

(b) *Outside of air basins*. No person may permit the open burning of material in an area outside of air basins in a manner that:

(1) The emissions are visible, at any time, at the point such emissions pass outside the property of the person on whose land the open burning is being conducted.

(2) Malodorous air contaminants from the open burning are detectable outside the property of the person on whose land the open burning is being conducted.

(3) The emissions interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of life or property.

(4) The emissions cause damage to vegetation or property.

(5) The emissions are or may be deleterious to human or animal health.

(c) *Exceptions*. The requirements of subsections (a) and (b) do not apply where the open burning operations result from:

(1) A fire set in conjunction with the production of agricultural commodities in their unmanufactured state on the premises of the farm operation.

(2) A fire set for the purpose of burning domestic refuse, when the fire is on the premises of a structure occupied solely as a dwelling by two families or less and when the refuse results from the normal occupancy of the structure.

(3) A fire set solely for recreational or ceremonial purposes.

(4) A fire set solely for cooking food.

Open burning is not illegal if it is done within the DEP Guidelines. For more information log on to <http://www.dep.pa.state.us>.

## Rural Living



Got some Junipers, Japanese maple, pines, evergreens, and arborvitae? Bagworms feed on over 100 species of plants, and if you get one or two of these on your evergreens, you have a serious problem. From mid-May through the end of June, larvae hatch from eggs and drop down from the bag on a fine silk. Swinging in the breeze, they come in contact with limbs or foliage and immediately construct miniature

silk lined bags. Larvae remain in their bags as they feed and move about.

Some people handpick individual bags. Handpicking should be completed by late April or early May before larvae hatch from their eggs. **A single missed female bag could result in a thousand new bagworm larvae.**



Once bagworm outbreaks have reached epidemic levels, an insecticide is required to eliminate bagworm larvae. Insecticidal control is most effective when larvae are in their early developmental stages—smaller larvae are more susceptible to insecticides. Given their small size, newly emerged bagworm larvae are practically undetectable. However within a week, their newly constructed bags will be 3 to 4 mm long. Bags will be brownish and will stand out in contrast to the surrounding foliage. It is imperative to apply a treatment when feeding begins, and a follow-up treatment two to three weeks later to kill worms that emerge later that were not killed by the initial treatment.

Thorough spray coverage is essential to reduce bagworm populations. Merely waving a sprayer nozzle and misting infested trees only kills bagworms feeding on tree peripheries. Insecticides must be applied with sufficient sprayer pressure, and in adequate amounts of water carrier to ensure penetration of dense foliage.

For further information on bagworms, visit <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu> for the publications by Robert J. Bauernfeind, Entomologist, Kansas State University, who was the source of this information.

## Join the Fight Against Cancer

The fourth annual Relay for Life of Oxford is being held from noon June 24 to noon June 25 at the Oxford Area High School track. This 24-hour team event raises money for cancer research, education programs, and services for cancer patients and their families. Teams consisting of 8 to 15 members set up a campsite and take turns walking the track relay-style as a healthy demonstration of their commitment to the fight against cancer. Friday's evening events include a survivor celebration, caregiver lap, the beautiful luminaria ceremony, contests and musical entertainment.

To participate, form a team or join a team and plan an event to raise money for this wonderful cause. For more information, contact Tara at 443-309-3672 or e-mail [twyatt@zoominternet.net](mailto:twyatt@zoominternet.net).



## Oxford Area High School Update

We have been hearing about it for many years and have had several setbacks, but the end is finally near! The new Oxford Area High School is nearly complete and the opening date is set for the first day of school this fall. Final cost is \$40 million.

A slight setback occurred when there was a break-in on the weekend of January 22 and 23. The damage was estimated at \$150,000. The library was one of the hardest hit rooms. A reward of \$3,000 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

Another issue was the misplacement of the utility poles along Waterway Road. As of this writing, no agreement has been reached for the payment of moving these poles to their correct position.

The school district plans on moving furniture into the new building the day after graduation, probably June 11. The community will be invited to an open house, most likely on graduation weekend. Also that weekend will be an opportunity for residents to view the old high school one last time before renovations begin. The old school will become a new middle school. Dedication of the new high school will take place in the fall. Watch your local newspapers for actual dates and times of all events.

## Census Time

Some households will receive the U.S. Census survey form this year. The U.S. Department of Commerce has asked municipalities to inform citizens that **response to the survey is mandatory**.

It is also recruiting permanent part-time workers to conduct interviews with those households that do not complete the forms. Interested persons can call the Census Bureau at 1-800-262-4236, extension 1 to obtain an application. Learn more about the American Community Survey online at <http://www.census.gov/acs/www>.

## Primary Election

A municipal primary election will be held May 17, 2005. The ENT offices for election and their candidates are:

ENT Supervisor	Samuel A. Goodley, Jr. (Dem) Leo M. Levandowski (Rep) John P. Coldiron (Rep)
ENT Tax Collector	Deb Thomson
Oxford Area SD School Board Region III	Richard Nelson (Dem/Rep)

Please remember you must be a registered Republican or Democrat to vote in the primary election. Independents cannot vote in PA primaries.

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2005 Meeting Dates	
Supervisors	Monday, April 11
Planning Commission	Monday, April 25
Monday, May 9	Monday, May 23
Monday, June 13	Monday, June 27
Monday, July 11	Monday, July 25
Monday, August 8	Monday, August 11
Monday, Sept. 12	Monday, Sept. 26
Township Clean Up Days: April 22-23, 2005	
at the Township Building	
No tires or hazardous materials.	
Possible charge for items with tire.	

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